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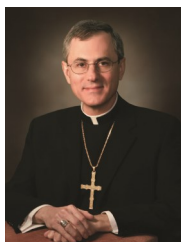
PARISH BULLETIN

Serving the communities of
St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean
Catholic Community, St. Michael's Parish, and
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



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The Work of Christmas Begins

As we move into the short season of Ordinary Time before our Lenten Season begins in 4 weeks, what did we learn from our yearly celebration of the Christmas Season, the celebration of the miraculous birth of Christ over 2000 years ago? A beautiful litany by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader helps to put into perspective our call as disciples of Jesus to not only celebrate this Christmas miracle but our role and responsibility to live out the glorious Christmas message.



"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...
and to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do
and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins."

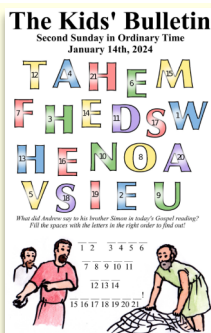
Adapted from "The Work of Christmas" from "The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations", Howard Thurman.

Daily Mass Change at St. Michael's

Beginning **Tuesday, February 20th**, the daily Mass on Tuesdays at St. Michael's will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Daily Mass, Wednesday-Friday will remain at 8:00 a.m.

"God does not call all
of us to very
important jobs... but
each of us should
follow Jesus and be
ready to do His will."

Get a copy of **The Kids' Bulletin** in the narthex or at lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin.



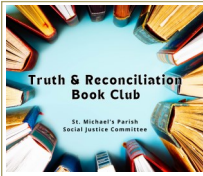
PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (P.A.G.) PLAN

A convenient way to make an offering via auto-debit

In 3 easy steps, you will be able to set up your PAG:

1. Complete the PAG enrolment form. Ask us how to obtain a copy!
2. Determine the amount of your monthly pledge.
3. Send in a VOID cheque.

For more information: lccc.dol.ca/donate or contact the parish office.



St. Michael's Truth and Reconciliation Book Club

"Education got us into the mess and education will get us out of it."

-Senator Murray Sinclair

St. Michael's Social Justice Committee invites you to join a book club. In keeping with the theme of Truth and Reconciliation, the committee has selected three books:

- 1) They Called Me Number One by Bev Sellers (to meet in February)
- 2) Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga (to meet in April)
- 3) Our Voice of Fire by Brandi Morin (to meet in June)

Discussion questions will be provided, and a Social Justice committee member will lead each group.

The committee welcomes you to this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Indigenous experience and discuss our thoughts and feelings on this important topic.

The parish website provides more information, including a [synopsis](https://www.lncc.dol.ca/infoboard) of the books. Visit www.lncc.dol.ca/infoboard.

If interested, please contact Carole Murphy at 519-679-3584 or by email at carolemurphy@rogers.com by **January 15th**.



St. Peter's Prayer Shawl

Happy New Year to All! The January meeting of Prayer Shawl Ministry will be **January 18th** {Thursday} between 7-830 pm in room St. Josemaria at St Michael's. Anyone who knits or crochets are welcome to come along. Any questions call Janice V. at 519-690-0802.

St. Michael's Rosary Guild Welcomes You!

Be part of the joy in crafting Rosaries for Our Lady. New members are warmly welcomed. Please reach out to Monica at 519-666-0590 for more information or inquiries and to get started.

MAiD Presentation

Compassion, Suffering and Medical Assistance in Dying: In the Context of Faith

Presenters: Marleen Van Laethem, BSc, MHSc, Clinical Ethicist, St. Joseph Health Care, London; and Fr. Jason Kuntz, Bioethics Professor, St. Peter's Seminary

Medically assisted death is a serious moral issue facing our society and raises important questions for people of faith. Known as MAiD, it is a process that allows someone, who is found eligible, to receive assistance from a medical practitioner to end their life.

Informed by a theology of suffering, we will reflect on what the Church teaches about medically assisted death and end-of-life care.

Our guest speakers will also give us a clear understanding of how MAiD works. We will learn the current legal requirements to access an assisted death. As well, we will explore how requirements to qualify for MAiD have changed since 2016 and what further changes are planned for March 2024. The ethical guidelines for Catholic hospitals and doctors will be discussed.

All are welcome to St. Michael's Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:00 - 9:00PM



St. Peter's SSVP Updates

The generosity of St. Peter's parishioners continues to amaze. Your prayers and financial help made it possible to distribute \$5,060 to 118 people at 79 households while making our regular calls during the months of November and December of 2023. In addition, we were able to provide our neighbours with 23 vouchers for furniture and clothing at our St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.



Christmas Programme 2023



As reported in last week's bulletin, on the morning of Dec. 16 our volunteer visitors were met with many smiles and genuine appreciation. You may be delighted to know, as we were, that 174 homes were gifted with cards for groceries and retail goods totalling \$17,175.00. You made our task a true joy. **THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.**



Knights of Columbus Updates

St. Michael's K of C Parish Breakfast. This Sunday, **January 14th** after the 8 AM & 10 AM Masses, Parish Hall. Suggested minimum donation: \$5/person | \$20/ family. Donations support the K of C community & parish projects. See poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Christmas Poster Winners. Congratulations to the following students in Mrs. Elgie's Grade 3 class at St. Mark's School who won prizes from the Knights of Columbus Council #12820 "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest:

First Place - Callie & Sophia

Runner Up - Evana, Ivan, Daniel Q., Jewel, Alodia

Thanks to all who submitted a Christmas poster this year!

St. Peter's K of C Karaoke Night.

Saturday, **January 27th** from 7pm-12am at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Tickets at door: \$10/adult; children under 12 y.o. are FREE. Enjoy some light snacks, drinks, and our exciting 50/50 draw. Cash only event. Support the cause and projects of our parish's Knights! Tag along your family & friends!



Membership Drive. CATHOLIC MEN! Feeling the call to live out your Catholic Faith in service to the Church and your community? Come find out about the Knights of Columbus! As a Knight you would be part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values--and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. Being a Knight lets you get support from Catholic men in your own neighbourhood. Additionally, as a Knight you will have the opportunity to engage in Charitable activities, faith formation activities and social activities within the parish community.

An information table will be in the Narthex following each Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on the weekends of **February 3-4 and 10-11**. Stop by for a chat!

January 18-25, 2024

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.” Luke 10:27

“The materials for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN). Burkina Faso is located in West Africa in the Sahel region, which includes the neighbouring countries of Mali and Niger. In religious terms, approximately 64% of the population is Muslim, 9% adheres to traditional African religions and 26% is Christian (20% Catholic, 6% Protestant). These three religious groups are present in every region of the country, and in virtually every family.

Burkina Faso is currently experiencing a serious security crisis, which affects all the communities of faith. Christian churches have been expressly targeted by armed attacks. Christians can no longer openly practice their faith in these areas. Because of terrorism, the majority of Christian churches in the north, east and north-west of the country have been closed. There is no longer any public Christian worship in many of these areas.

Despite the efforts of both the state and religious communities, the country is becoming increasingly unstable as extremist groups become more widespread. Nevertheless, a degree of solidarity is emerging between the Christian, Muslim and traditional religions. Their leaders are working to find lasting solutions for peace, social cohesion and reconciliation. Following the government’s calls for prayers for peace, social cohesion and reconciliation, individual churches continue to organise daily prayers and fasting. Action by the various Catholic and Protestant churches has intensified to assist displaced persons.

The invitation to work together on the texts for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 challenges the different churches in Burkina Faso to walk, pray and work together in mutual love during this difficult period for their country. The love of Christ that unites all Christians is stronger than their divisions and the Christians of Burkina Faso commit themselves to walking the path of love of God and love of neighbour. They are confident that God’s love will overcome the violence that currently afflicts their country.”

Taken from the [Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 2024](#).

Image Source: christianunity.va

How can you, as an individual, family, or parish group participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity? **Eight Days of Prayer** found [here](#), provides biblical reflections and prayers for the 8 days to guide you in your prayer for the week.



Deacon Gaston is Retiring– February 1, 2024

Deacon Gaston was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 2011. His first assignment was at St. Michael’s Parish and St Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Catholic Community. From 2014 to 2017, he was assigned Administrator at St Marguerite d’Youville. In 2017, Dcn Gaston returned to St. Michael’s parish and has been serving at St. Michael’s and now the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes since. Dcn Gaston has been active with our Social Justice Committee, Knights of Columbus, Bible Study, Transition Team for the Family of Parishes as well as his liturgical and sacramental ministry of serving at Mass, preaching, and celebrating Baptisms.

Having served over 12 years in diaconal ministry, Dcn Gaston has made the decision to retire from active ministry with our Family of Parishes. Over the next few weeks, Dcn Gaston will be at both parishes and the St. Josephine Bakhita community to bid “adieu”.

Thank you to Dcn Gaston for your service to our community and Family of Parishes.

2024 Offertory Envelopes. For St. Michael’s Parishioners this is the last weekend to pick up your envelopes in the narthex. If you are unable to pick-up your envelopes this weekend please call the office. For St. Peter’s, please call the office to arrange pick up.

St. Michael’s Parking Reminder

Now that school has returned parking during the week in St. Michael’s School parking lot is limited to parking along the fence. Please do not park next to the school. With the completion of the bike lanes on Cheapside St, there are now only 2 parallel parking spots on the south side of the street in front of the church. There is no parking on the north side of Cheapside St. across from the church as identified by the City of London parking signs. Thank you in advance for observing the parking to allow our teachers full access to their parking lot.

Young at Heart–Bridge Players Wanted!

St. Michael’s Parish - every Thursday 1-3 pm
No partner needed! Casual & fun!
Just drop in! Bring 1 loonie
Tea & coffee provided
For more info: call Jean 519-660-0193 or Mary 519-433-3763



SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 7 , 2024

	St. Michael’s	St. Peter’s
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 3,558.00	\$ 3,357.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,874.00	\$ 1,627.49
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 3,011.25
TOTAL	\$ 9,316.00	\$ 7,995.74

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REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, January 16

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Anna Kovacic

Fr. Rob Brennan

Intentions of the McManus & Beretta Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar

Fred Bombardier

Deceased Members of the Harvey Gleason Family

Wednesday, January 17

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Augusto Garcia

Gar Pennell

Linda Tawse

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Patrick Harnett

Ernie Matchett, Sr.

Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Catholic Women's League

Thursday, January 18

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Pauline Geiger

John Killian

Jack Putnam

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Angie Juarez

Mary Kay Butler

Peter Buck

Friday, January 19

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

John Paul Rau

John Killian

Intentions of Shamsheea Manages

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Mary O'Reilly

Ed Wyatt

In Thanksgiving to Mary, Our Mother

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Maria de Trindade Furtado, grandmother of Doris Amaral; Angela Currado, wife of Antonio; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

A.J. Barrows, Coordinator of Family and Youth Ministry; Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp.; Deacon Thomas MacLeod; Rev. Martin Nyland; Deacon Reginald Quesnel; Deacon Mark Castanier; Rev. Sebastian Pakiyathan, C.R.

Offer a Mass for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading -Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Responsorial - Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R. 4)
R. Lord, make me know you ways.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Gospel - Mark 1.14-20

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday-Friday 8 am

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica: Tuesday-Friday 12 pm

Weekends

St. Michael's: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm

St. Peter's Cathedral: Saturday 5 pm*; Sunday 9 am, 11 am

*Live-streamed Mass

St. Josephine Bakhita Community:

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 pm (at St. Michael's)



Sacrament of Reconciliation at both Parishes

Saturdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Or contact one of our priests for an appointment.



Are you new in the community? Register at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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