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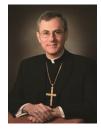
Serving the communities of St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Catholic Community, St. Michael's Parish, and St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023



Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B. Bishop of London

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Are We Ready and Prepared?

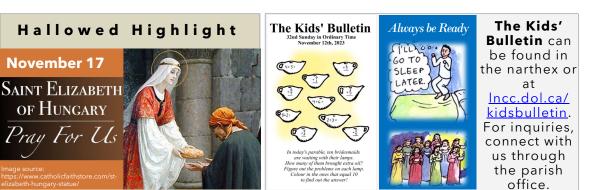
"In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows а series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

In the chapter preceding

Keep awake for you know neither the day nor the hour.

this parable, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?"

> Excerpt from the Sunday Connection, Background on the Gospel Reading, Loyola Press https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/



Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, **November 16th** in St. Josemaria room at St Michael's from 7:00 pm 'til 8:30 pm. All crocheters and knitters are welcome. Janice Vollmer 519-690-0802

St. Michael's CWL & K of C Family Trivia Night

You are invited to join the CWL and Knights of Columbus for a Family Trivia Night on Saturday, **November 18th** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. There will be games and questions for young people also, so we encourage you to bring your children (12 years and up). Pizza, snacks, pop and juice will be available. And there will be prizes, too!

Tickets are \$10 per adult or \$30 for a family. Tickets available from the parish office or Dorothy Solomon 519-204-2931 or Marty McAllister 519-870-1859.





St. Michael's CWL Updates

Membership Drive. November is CWL Membership Renewal month. St. Michael's CWL meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room, (Sept.-Dec. & Feb.-June), and offers a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and friendship. Renewal is easy! Pay by electronic transfer to <u>CWLstmichlon@gmail.com</u>, or drop your own envelope in the collection basket. Be sure to include your full address, phone number and the \$40.00 membership fee. We are encouraging new members to join, so spread the word!

Christmas Baking & Craft Sale–November 25-26 after All Masses. Baking, candy, toonie table, preserves, silent auction and more! We are looking for your support through donations and purchases of baking and crafts. The funds raised will be used to help the many organizations that have come to count on the Catholic Women's League for support. Craft donations may be dropped off at the church office. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church hall before each Mass. Shoppers, come early to Mass to take a look and remember to bring cash!

*** St. Peter's CWL Christmas Bazaar & Treat Trays

Need a great Christmas hostess or staff appreciation gift?

St. Peter's CWL Treat Trays are being offered, minimum 35 pieces for \$30.00 Place your order by contacting Marian Strom, 519-872-5502 / <u>mstrom55@gmail.com</u>.

Order deadline: **Nov 26th**. Pickup: **Dec 9th** from 9:30am to 10:30 am. at St. Michael's (room to be announced).

Reminder: St. Peter's CWL Bazaar donation drop offs will be at St. Paul's this Sunday and next **Nov 12th** and **19th**, AFTER the 9:00 am Mass and before 1:00 pm. Thank you in advance. This week we are highlighting donations for the Toonie Table. Item suggestions: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand/foot cream, bag of candy, etc.



Permanent Diaconate Ordination Saturday, November 18, 2023

With great joy, the Diocese of London announces the Ordination of David Ducharme, Edward Czilli, Joel Beneteau, Jim Van Lanen and Jeffrey Sylvestre to the Order

of Deacons through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, Bishop of London. All are invited to attend in person or watch by livestream. Date: Saturday, **November 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m**. at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 196 Dufferin Avenue, London Livestream link: <u>youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=BkgjXeOy hc or tinyurl.com/dolpdordination</u>

Confessions will be available at St. Michael's parish only, 9:00a.m.–10:00 a.m. on Sat. November 18.

Seventh World Day of the Poor, November 19, 2023

"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7) In 2017, Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor, when the Catholic Church would set aside a Sunday every year and "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." His Holiness named this observance the World Day of the Poor, and it is celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each liturgical year.



Next weekend is the Seventh World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis's message for the day can be found <u>here</u>.



2023-2024 Sunday Missal Now Available!

The 2023-2024 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year is now available. Get your copy today! Cost is \$5.00 each. Contact the parish office for inquiries.

Advent Reflection Books

Advent Reflection Booklets are available at all entrances of the church to guide you in your Advent Journey. Get your copy today!





You will notice a *BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE* near the sanctuary where we are invited to inscribe the names of our deceased sisters

The Book of Remembrance

and brothers. Please take time to write the names of a loved one in this book as we will remember them at each of the Masses we celebrate during the month of November. It is a beautiful way to remember and honour our loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.

St. Michael's SSVP Angel Tree 2023

Please find it in your hearts to make a monetary donation for an 'Angel Tree' child this Christmas. St. Vincent de Paul members will then purchase food and gift cards to distribute to families in need within our parish boundary. Cash or cheques may be placed in the envelope and dropped off in the SSVP baskets at both entrances of the Church before and after each weekend Mass beginning the weekend of **Nov. 18/19**, or at the parish office weekdays, or donate electronically through Pllenty by **December 3**. Tax receipts will be issued for cheque and electronic donations.

Your generous donations are so very much appreciated to lift the spirits of our children in need during this Christmas season.



Veritas Series For Faith and Culture

King's University College welcomes Rev. Dr. Grace Ji -Sun Kim, editor and professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion on **November 16, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. in the Kenny Theatre. Her lecture is entitled "Healing our Broken Humanity". This lecture will offer Christian practices that can bring healing and hope to a broken world such as lament, relinquishing power and reinforcing agency. Embodying these practices enables us to be the new humanity in Christ, so the church and world can experience reconciliation, justice, unity, peace, and love. Some of her books will be available for signing and sale at the end of the lecture (cash only). More details regarding this lecture are available <u>here</u>.



One-Time Screening of *"Nefarious"*

Full of Grace Productions presents a one-time screening of the Hollywood 2023 film Nefarious at the Hyland Cinema, (240 Wharncliffe Road South), on Sunday, **November 26th** at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 and available online at <u>hylandcinema.com/movie/nefarious</u>.

Nefarious is highly endorsed by church leaders such as Cardinal Raymond Burke and Exorcist, Father Carlos Martin from the Order of the Companions of the Cross.

Get your tickets ASAP before they sell out. Suitable for 14 years of age and older. For further information contact: 519-702-2678.

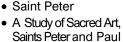
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DOUR parish has FORMED subscription.Our parish has FORMED subscription.Visit formed.org/signupWeek of November 12Family's name. No cost to sign up!

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. *Paul the Apostle* is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



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First Reconciliation/Communion 2023–2024



Registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are ongoing. If your child is in Grade 2 or up and has been baptized (Roman Catholic), please sign up online by clicking <u>here</u> or visiting <u>Incc.dol.ca/</u> <u>firstreconciliationandeucharist</u>.

Last day of registrations is **November 30, 2023.**

For inquiries, please reach out to our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, at <u>lduckworth@dol.ca</u>.

We keep in our prayers the parents/guardians and the candidates preparing to receive the sacrament.

D&P–Create Hope: Stand for the Land Campaign

For Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Create Hope : Stand for the Land campaign, our partner ERIC-Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector



have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. To find out more, visit devp.org/campaign.

"Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources." –Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at <u>devp.org/en/campaign/stand-for-the-land/act/</u>



To get involved in the parish, contact parish representative for D&P Michael Loebach <u>michaelfloebach@gmail.com</u> / 519 671 6670 or SW Ontario Deanery representative Gord Smith <u>gosmit@execulink.com</u> / 519 672 2497.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 5, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 6,011.00	\$ 4,532.50
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 2,243.00	\$ 1,842.37
Weekly Pre- Authorized Giving	\$ 3,914.00	\$ 3,115.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,168.00	\$ 9,489.87

Thank you for your support and generosity! To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit <u>www.lncc.dol.ca/donate</u>.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

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Tuesday, November 14 St. Michael's at 8:00 AM Tom Lewis Albert & Angeline Lalonde Berte Grandv

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon Intentions of Father Chris Pietraszko In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of Prague In Thanksgiving to St. Thomas Aguinas

Wednesday, November 15

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM Mary Rykhoff Tom Leckie Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family

> St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon Joe Murphy Joe and Mary Anne Dewan Joe Allevato and Frank & Maria Allevato Family

Thursday, November 16

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM Robert Murphy Deceased Members of the VanderVloet & Meeuwssen Families Intentions of Earl Wright

> St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon Father Stephen Bodnar Joe and Kay Dewan In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

Friday, November 17

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM Richard Zientara Tom Leckie Rodolfo Ventura

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon Don Douglas **Betty Smithyman** Valerie Cox and Deceased Family Members

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Patricia Garrett, sister of Irene Kennedy. We also pray for those who have died including Marguerite Gray; Mary Briglia; Mary O'Reilly, sister of Sr. Colleen & Sr. Maureen O'Reilly; Reno Aube, brother-in-law of Lucie & Jerry Sollazzo; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Louise Trapp, Parish Nurse; Line Stallard, Pastoral Minister; Deacon John Doomernik; Rev. Pedro Zúñiga, F.M.M.; Rev. Dariusz Lewandowski, C.S.M.A.; Rev. John Betkowski; Rev. Steven Eckert

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

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31 Responsorial - Ps 128.1-2, 3, 4-5 (R.1) R. Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord. Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6 Gospel - Matthew 25.14-15, 19-21

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

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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)

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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. Profile info change? Connect with us!

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