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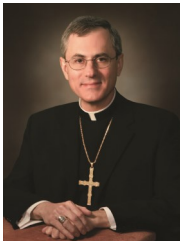
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# PARISH BULLETIN

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024



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## Remain in my Word (John 8.31) Sunday of the Word of God

"Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter at the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, desired that "every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (Misericordia et misera, 7). With the Apostolic Letter Aperuit illis, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, arranging its celebration on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.



It should not be overlooked that the Sunday of the Word of God takes place at a time when the Church celebrates the Day of Dialogue Introduction between Jews and Catholics and the Week of Christian Unity, giving it great ecumenical and communion significance. Indeed, Sacred Scripture has always been a bridge of dialogue and important contact with other Christian denominations and religions as well. In addition, the Gospels on this Sunday, in all three liturgical cycles, relate the beginning of the ministry and preaching of Jesus, the Word made flesh. It is a profoundly pastoral initiative with which Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign.

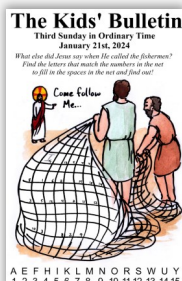
The Sunday of the Word of God allows Christians to reinvigorate once again Jesus' tenacious invitation to listen to and cherish his Word, in order to offer the world a witness of hope that will enable them to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment. In the journey Pope Francis is asking the whole Church to take toward the Jubilee of 2025, whose motto is *Pilgrims of Hope*, the Sunday of the Word of God becomes a crucial step. Indeed, the hope that flows from this Word prompts every community not only to proclaim the same faith as always, but above all to communicate it with the conviction that it brings hope to those who hear and welcome it with a simple heart."

Taken from *Sunday of the Word of God, Pastoral & Liturgical Handbook, 2024*  
Dicastery for Evangelization; <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/it.html>

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

On the next 2 Saturdays, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will only be celebrated at one parish in the family.

**Sat. Jan. 27, 9am-10am-St. Peter's only • Sat. Feb. 3, 9a.m.-10 a.m.-St. Michael's only**



"If God asked you to **come and follow Him** right now, would you be ready to **drop everything and follow?**"



The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at [lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).

## Hallowed Highlights

January 24 Memorial of St. Francis de Sales  
January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
January 26 Memorial of St. Timothy & St. Titus

All you holy men of God, intercede for us...



### St. Michael's Catholic Women's League

**Social Evening.** Beat the mid-winter blues! Join us for a social evening, Tuesday, **January 23**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall. Geraldine Peters from Jim Anderson Flowers will be demonstrating a variety of simple flower arrangements that you may want to try out at home in time for Valentine's Day. There is no cost for this event, but her arrangements will be for sale at cost at the end of the evening. Refreshments and time for socializing will be offered after the demonstration. Bring a friend! All are welcome.

### Installation of New Executive & Welcome New Members.

Please join us to welcome our new CWL Executive and new CWL members. Installation of Officers with Fr. Felix will take place in the church on Saturday, **February 3rd** at 1:00 PM with coffee and cookies to follow. Everyone is invited, especially spouses and families of executives and new members.

**General Meeting.** All women of the parish are invited to the first CWL meeting of the New Year, on Monday, **February 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. Come and join other CWL members to hear about plans for the coming months and discuss the proposed 2024 budget. All women of the parish are welcome to attend this evening of faith and friendship in our common goals.

### 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**

### Cursillo! Are You Interested?

From the London and Area Cursillo movement: *Cursillo* is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins on a Thursday night to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend. If you need something to boost your faith and spirit, consider joining us on **Feb. 1-4, 2024** for the **men's** weekend, or **Feb. 8-11, 2024** for the **women's** weekend. Call Eileen and David Sleightholm at 519-524-9400.



**St. Peter's KofC Karaoke Night** is happening next Saturday, **January 27th** from 7pm-12am at St. Michael's Parish Hall. No registration required. 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! Bring your family/friends and together we'll *karaoke* away the January blues!

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass-- Next Weekend!

St. Josephine Bakhita Community monthly Mass is taking place next Sunday, **January 28th** at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish. All are welcome!



### Women of Grace Study: OREMUS, a Guide to Catholic Prayer January 30th to March 19th



Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM

John Paul II Room at St. Michael's Parish

OREMUS, an eight-week program will teach you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life.

Learn to talk to God and hear back His voice. Become aware of His presence. Overcome distractions and dryness. Accept desolation and consolation as normal prayers experiences. Grow closer to God and also to all around you.

All from our Family of Parishes are invited to this program to help you grow spiritually this Lent.

Space is limited so sign up now! Please contact Veronica Solis at 519-488-6265 / [versolis@hotmail.com](mailto:versolis@hotmail.com). Registration is FREE. First come, first served.

**Income Tax Receipt.** Income tax receipts can be issued legally for contributions received in 2023. Official tax receipts will be mailed out by the end of February 2024. If you have inquiries or questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

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

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

1. Complete the PAG enrolment form. Ask us for a paper copy or click on your parish for an e-copy: [St. Peter's](#) or [St. Michael's](#).
2. Determine the amount of your monthly pledge. This will be the amount to be deducted from your bank account as your regular offertory. (E.g. weekly amount x 52 weeks / 12 months -- \$5 weekly offering = \$22 monthly; \$10 weekly = \$43 monthly; \$20 weekly = \$87 monthly)
3. Mail in a VOID cheque to the parish office or take a photo of it and upload via the online PAG form.

More information here: [lcc.dol.ca/donate](http://lcc.dol.ca/donate) or contact the parish office. Thank you for your support!




# CALLED BY NAME

The Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese began last year, Pentecost 2023. One of the initiatives is the Called by Name process that stresses the role of the Christian community in calling forth men to consider this vocation. Parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to consider who in their midst might serve well as a priest.

What should one look for in a candidate to Priesthood? The following qualities are desirable in persons identified as potential candidates:

- A person of prayer who loves the Lord*
- A person who considers a personal relationship with God as an important part of life*
- A person who has an ability and willingness to take about his faith life*
- A person who is will willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church*
- A person who is actively involved in the life of the Church*
- A person who has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people's lives*
- A person who is successful in life, including school, work, relationships*
- A person who engages others, is approachable, enjoys life, people and has a sense of humour*
- A person who has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages*
- A person who forms and maintains healthy relationships with men and women*
- A person with personal integrity, honesty, generosity*

After prayerful consideration and conversation with a potential candidate please submit their name and contact information to Cathryn Hall at [chall@dol.ca](mailto:chall@dol.ca). The Pastoral Team will review all names submitted and will submit these names to Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations. Submission deadline is **Feb. 4, 2024.**



**National Catholic Health Care Week: Feb. 4-10, 2024**

The fifth annual National Catholic Health Care Week will be celebrated from February 4th through February 10th with focus on "Signs of Hope." This year, it falls on the week leading into The World Day of the Sick on February 11th, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers and reflections for those who are ill and for all those who care for them. Daily Reflections and other resources are available at [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca) or on our diocesan [website](http://www.lccc.dol.ca).

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024  
January 18-25, 2024**

*"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" Luke 10.27*

Make known in us, O Lord, the abundance of your mercy and, in the power of your Spirit, remove the division between Christians, that your Church may appear more clearly as a sign raised high among the nations and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit, may believe in the Christ whom you have sent. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

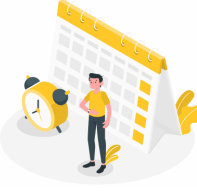
Amen.

*Opening Collect, Mass For the Unity of Christians, Roman Missal*

**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.



**Pope Francis Fund - Application Process is Open**

The Pope Francis Fund application process is now open for grants that will be distributed in 2024. Last year, ten organizations received a total of \$48,000 in funding. The process, criteria and past recipients are at [www.dol.ca/pff](http://www.dol.ca/pff). Parishioners are asked to share this with any groups who could benefit from this funding and use it to help the poor in our communities. The application process closes on **February 28.**

**Truth and Reconciliation Video Series**

The Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Committee has heard many people ask, "What can I do?" The first answer to this question is to begin learning more. The Committee hosted a series of educational presentations over the past two years for all staff and clergy and they are [available](#) to everyone. They are rich and powerful and make for a wonderful learning experience. You are welcome to make your parishioners aware of them using a poster at this [link](#). Very soon, information will be provided about inviting parish groups and/or educators to use these videos as a learning opportunity. A summary of the presenters, the topics they discussed and reflection questions is at this [link](#).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 14, 2024**

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 3,174.00	\$ 2,347.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,281.40
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 3,011.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,618.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,639.65</b>

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit [www.lccc.dol.ca/donate](http://www.lccc.dol.ca/donate).

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, January 23

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Frank Chiavetti

Jim McInnes

Intentions of Jill Marie Elabd

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Mary Briglia

Teresa Palmieri

Eva Tonkovic

### Wednesday, January 24

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Marie-Paule & Jean Guy Faucher

Lorne & Dorothy Williams

Intentions of the Ross Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Anne Fortin

Intentions of Ana Paula Fernandes

Intentions of Jacqueline Nsor and Raphael Ezike

### Thursday, January 25

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Anna Kovacic

Maureen Murphy Fricker

Jim McInnes

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Amy Wang

John Meren

Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, January 26

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Steve Morgan

Johanna Kiewiet

Bob Latella

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Intentions of Karl and Rita

Intentions of Richard Dwyer

Intentions of Thomson Family

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Frank Robert Casaceli, husband of (late) Rose-Mary Casaceli; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. John Comiskey; Rev. Paul Kim; Rev. Paul Nicholson; Deacon Richard Heath; Alexandria Fung, Pastoral Minister to Families and Youth; Rev. Michael Dwyer; Ursuline Sisters of Chatham

**Offer a Mass** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit [www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests).

### READINGS FOR JANUARY 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Responsorial - Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

R. O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.

Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel - Mark 1.21-28

## 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.



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Your donations support the activities which enrich and nourish the spiritual life of the parish. The donations you give go to the collections of the specific parish that you select. Charitable tax receipts are issued in the new year following.

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