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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 of Lent

March 3, 2024



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The Power and Wisdom of God

"The Gospel presents a dramatic scene where Jesus shows himself as Lord of the Temple. It does not seem in character to see Jesus with a small whip of cords physically driving out the traders in cattle, sheep and pigeons (animals to be used in sacrifices) and the money-changers. They were needed because only Jewish money could be offered in the Temple. Roman coins had the image of Divus Augustus (the 'divine Augustus') and so were regarded as idolatrous; they had to be exchanged for Jewish coinage.

Jesus objected not to the trade as such, which was quite legitimate, but to its being done in the Temple precincts, "my Father's house": But Jesus was speaking about another sanctuary, another 'Temple' where God lived - his own body. Through this event we are reminded during Lent of what we are preparing to remember and celebrate - the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is the very heart of our faith. But, as Paul explains, writing to the Christians of Corinth, Jesus' death was: ...a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles...

It was a scandal, an insurmountable obstacle. It was impossible for them to accept that the Messiah, their Saviour and King, could suffer such an ignominious death at the hands, not only of Israel's enemies, but even more, of his own people. That just could not be; God could not allow it.

To the Gentiles, the pagans, it was meaningless. Power and domination and influence were what counted in their world. The idea that someone executed like and with common criminals should be worshipped as Lord was nonsense. It was something to be ignored and laughed at and rubbished - as it still is by many in our own society today.

But to those who have been called and who answer the call - be they Jews or Gentiles, men or women, slave or free - it is the power and wisdom of God. The death of Jesus to any objective observer seems like utter failure, to believe in such a Lord seems stupid, but those with the eyes of faith can see the power of love in that death."

Excerpt from Living Space, Commentaries on the Daily Readings, 3rd Sunday of Lent. <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/lb031/>

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd, 2024



Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?

"Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always remember that **Jesus is really there in the tabernacle.**"

The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at lnc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin.

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2024 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

LNCCFP Lenten Food Drive



Our Family's Lenten Food Drive begins this weekend, **March 2/3**, and continues next weekend **March 11/12**. All proceeds go to support St. Paul's Social Services Fellowship Centre and Foodbank.

Food items most needed:

Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fish & Meat
Tea Bags & Coffee
Mac & Cheese (Kraft Dinner)
Pasta Noodles
Peanut Butter

Cash and grocery store gift cards are gratefully accepted.

Food Donations can be dropped off in the narthex at both parishes. Gift card and financial donations can be placed in the collection baskets marked "Food Drive" or by e-transfer to basilica@dol.ca.

Thank you for your support for our brothers and sisters in need in our community.



Catholic Women's League

St. Peter's CWL Lenten Lunches—Ongoing until March 20th. St. Peter's CWL is hosting Lenten Lunch

after the noon Mass every Wednesday throughout the Lent season. Soup and sandwiches are served in the Fellowship Centre at St. Paul's Cathedral, entrance off the Clarence Street door. All are welcome. Cost is free-will offering.

St. Peter's Cathedral CWL General Meeting—March 9 at 11 am St. Michael's JP II room. Please plan to attend as we will finalize the distribution of our discretionary funds. Don't forget to 'lug a mug' and a snack plate. Reminder to bring info regarding Human Trafficking. Please direct any questions to Marian Strom at 519-872-5502 or mstrom55@gmail.com.

St. Michael's Truth and Reconciliation Book Club

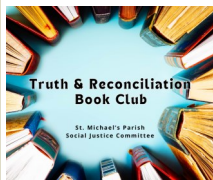
"Education got us into the mess and education will get us out of it." - Senator Murray Sinclair

St. Michael's Social Justice Committee invites anyone interested to its Book Club Initiative.

In keeping with ongoing education on the theme of Truth and Reconciliation, the committee has selected the book, *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga. The committee welcomes you to this opportunity to collectively deepen our understanding of the Indigenous experience and to discuss our thoughts and feelings on this important topic. The date to meet for this book discussion is mid to late April.

Discussion questions will be provided and a Social Justice Committee member will lead the conversation. Anyone who is interested in participating in this initiative is most welcome.

The parish website provides more information, including a synopsis of the book. Visit www.lncc.dol.ca/infoboard.



If interested, contact Carole Murphy at carolemurphy@rogers.com / 519-679-3584 by **March 21st**.



"Preparing for Holy Week" A Day of Reflection Saturday, March 23, 2024

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this Day Retreat, we will prepare our hearts and minds to enter this sacred week as we meditate on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. There will be times of led reflection and personal time for prayer and contemplation. The day retreat is from 9am to 3pm and includes lunch and coffee/tea. Cost is \$55 per person, includes lunch and beverages.

The retreat will be led by Deacon David Ducharme of the Central Essex County Catholic Family of Parishes and Director of Holy Family Retreat House.

For more info visit www.hfrh.ca and click on "Upcoming Group Retreats."

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: Denouncing Oil Pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

For more information, please contact our parish representative Michael Loebach at michaelfloebach@gmail.com 519-671-6670 or Deanery representative Gord Smith gosmit@execulink.com 519-672-2497.



St. Michael's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul collection for the needy within our parish boundary is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.

Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVP on the memo line, or select SSVP from the drop-down list on Pllenty. www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels

Easter Flowers



We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Easter celebrations. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Easter Season. To make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your name, address and phone number as well as the name of the person you are honouring and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail in to the office. Donations can also be made by e-transfer to basilica@dol.ca or stmichlon@dol.ca, memo line- *Flowers for Easter*. Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

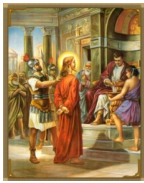
Thursday, March 28; Thursday of the Lord's Supper
St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m., St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00 p.m. *

Friday, March 29; Friday of the Passion of the Lord
St. Michael's Parish:
 Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross: 10:00 a.m.
 Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Cathedral:
 Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m.
 Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.*

Saturday, March 30; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Vigil
St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m., St. Peter's Cathedral: 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday
St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.*, 1:00 p.m.

*Livestreamed at www.lncc.dol.ca or click [here](#).



Stations of the Cross for Vocations

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, one of the practices our Family of Parishes participates in is the Stations of the Cross. As this year has been designated as a Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, you are invited to consider including the options of praying the *Stations of the Cross in particular for Vocations*.

There are two resources available, the first option is a resource crafted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which can be accessed [here](#). Alternatively, you may also explore the Stations of the Cross for Vocations provided by Serra International, available at this [link](#). May this Lenten season, marked by the Year of Prayer, be a time of deep spiritual reflection and abundant blessings for all. (Invitation from Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Diocese of London)



Sacrament of Confirmation— Registrations Now Open!

Our Family of Parishes is now accepting Confirmation registrations for Spring 2024 (March–May). This program is open to youth Grades 8–12, baptized Roman Catholic. All sessions will be held every Tuesday at St. Michael's Parish (511 Cheapside Street).

The session dates are as follows:
Saturday, March 23 Parent Information (2:00 pm)



Journey Through Lent, 2024–CCCB Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' Lenten video series, Journey through Lent continues this week. This year's presenters are the Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert, and the Most Reverend Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of Saskatoon.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on freedom from false gods.

Click [here](#) to view this week's reflection.

Day of Confessions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

CONFESSION LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

St. Michael's Parish
 (511 Cheapside Street)

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. &
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

St. Peter's Cathedral
 (196 Dufferin Ave.)

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. &
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

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Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT.

Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Each week, Sr. Miriam will lead you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and sacrifice. *Click on the Restore image to watch.*



Lent with Brother Francis: 4-Part Series.

Learn about Lent and pray with Br. Francis in this 4-part series available on Formed.

Episode 1: A Time to Repent

Episode 2: A Time to Give Things Up

Episode 3: A Time to Wash Someone's Feet

Episode 4: A Time to Cry

To start watching, click on the image or visit

watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis/season:2

Tuesday, April 9

Parent & Youth (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, April 16

Youth (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, April 23

Youth (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, April 30

Youth (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, May 7

Youth (7:00 pm)

If you wish to sign up your child, please visit our website: www.lncc.dol.ca/confirmation for more information. Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth lduckworth@dol.ca, for any further inquiries.

We keep in our prayers the parents/guardians and those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, March 4

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Rosa Castrilli; Intentions of Lucas Stock; In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 5

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Anna Kovacic; Robert Latella; Renato Gasparotto

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine; Anthony & Mary Pinto;
Deceased Members of the Carson & Munday Families

Wednesday, March 6

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Matteo & Pasqualina De Vincenzo;
Christl Weber ;
Intentions of Lawrence Charles Morley

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Ruth Cowan;
Eileen Hogan

Thursday, March 7

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Owen Davey; Rosa Castrilli;
Deceased Members of the Hollo Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Joe Murphy; Walter Ostafijczuk;
Harvey Rennie

Friday, March 8

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Louise Murphy; Concepcion Climaco;
Adres Bello

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

George Brunton; Mike Lyons;
Leo White

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Andrea Ripepi; and Ofelia Vasquez; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. John Pirt; Deacon Paul James; Deacon Dominic Vu;
Rev. Phil Guimaraes; Rev. Christopher Gillespie;
Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith; Deacon Andre Dedecker

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



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!

READINGS FOR MARCH 10, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23
Responsorial - Ps 137.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R. 6)

R. Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!
Second Reading - Ephesians 2.4-10
Gospel - John 3.14-21

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays During Lent

St. Michael's: Monday & Tuesday 7 pm

Wednesday–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.

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: February 25, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 5,811.00	\$ 3,796.70
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,601.85	\$ 1,715.98
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,825.66	\$ 3,018.75
TOTAL	\$ 11,237.81	\$ 8,531.43

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

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