



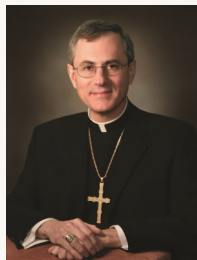
# PARISH BULLETIN

*"Being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus."*



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 27, 2025



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## POPE FRANCIS

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*"On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas! For all of us are children of God! I would like us to renew our hope that peace is possible!"*

*"The light of Easter impels us to break down the barriers that create division and are fraught with grave political and economic consequences. It impels us to care for one another, to increase our mutual solidarity, and to work for the integral development of each human person."*

-Pope Francis, Easter Message - April 20, 2025



**Memorial Mass for Pope Francis  
Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00pm  
St. Peter's Cathedral**

Bishop Fabbro will celebrate a Memorial Mass honouring the life of Pope Francis. We welcome those across our city and Diocese to join us. To watch the Mass via livestream, visit [www.youtube.com/@LondonNorthCentralCatholicFOP](http://www.youtube.com/@LondonNorthCentralCatholicFOP).



**THANK YOU!**

Together we celebrated the Sacred Triduum and began our Easter journey. We have celebrated Christ's great victory over sin and death and the gift of eternal life. Together let us use this Easter Season to inspire those around us with Easter joy in the Resurrection. We are an Easter people!

Our Family of Parishes celebrated the Sacred Paschal Triduum with amazing wonder and awe. We celebrated the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord with great reverence and solemnity. The Triduum celebrations; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday were beautiful celebrations of our faith. The Church (God's people) can do wonderful things that make a real difference in people's lives. That is exactly what happened in our Family of Parishes this year.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks to our many volunteers and those who gave of their time, talent and treasure during this year's celebrations. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, our Hospitality Ministry, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Decorators, Video-streamers, Collection Counters, St. Michael's K of C who tended the Easter Fire, and St. Peter's CWL & K of C. Your prayers and selfless dedication continue to make our Family of Parishes the faith-filled, vibrant community it is.

As we celebrate the Easter Season may our hearts and voices continue to sing and shout Alleluia and may the light of the Risen Christ be with you and your family and friends today and always.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Fr. Daniel*

Fr. Daniel



**Holy Thursday Collection**

Our Holy Thursday collection this year was in support of St. Joe's Café. For over 40 years the Sisters of St. Joseph have been providing the community with sit-down breakfast and lunch services from Monday to Friday and lunch on Saturdays. Formerly St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, in 2022 they moved from their Dundas St. East location to Queens Ave. and opened under a new moniker, St. Joe's Café in a newly created community hub along with other social service organizations serving those in need.

Due to your generous contributions we will be presenting St. Joe's Café with a cheque in the amount of **\$2,627.20!** Thank you for your support of the Sisters of St. Joseph in their ministry providing nourishment and hospitality to our neighbours in need.

**Bishop Fabbro's Statement on the Death of Pope Francis**

"News of the death of Pope Francis has been received with great sadness. Catholics, and non-Catholics around the world, have a profound appreciation for his papacy and his outstanding leadership. We mourn his loss and thank God for the humble witness he gave all of us.

Pope Francis boldly proclaimed that God's mercy is the heart of the Gospel and that it is offered to everyone. In this Jubilee Year, he called us to be pilgrims of hope. He was a true pastor, a shepherd who cared for the flock, especially those who were poor and on the margins. In his own ministry, he constantly demonstrated the message he gave priests that they needed to have the "smell of the sheep".

The pope was admired worldwide for championing the rights of immigrants and refugees, for promoting world peace and ecological justice, and for his courageous commitment to bring an end to clergy sexual abuse and to put in place the preventative measures necessary to create safe environments in the Church.

I was very grateful to meet Pope Francis on two occasions. Both these encounters left a deep impression on me. My first meeting with the pope occurred at the last ad limina visit to Rome of the Canadian bishops. At the time, I was President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and was expecting to give a presentation. At the outset of our meeting, however, the pope said that he did not want any speeches but wanted to listen to the bishops. I was inspired by his genuine concern for us as bishops and the personal insights he shared with us on the pastoral challenges we were facing in our dioceses. He encouraged us to be close to our people.

My second meeting with him occurred in Quebec during his Apostolic Journey to Canada in July of 2022. I was moved by his apologies to the Indigenous Peoples, the respect he showed them and the sorrow he expressed for the pain caused by the residential schools. I went to Quebec with a small group of Indigenous who were serving on our diocesan committee. They spoke to me of how moved they were by the pope's words and of the healing it brought them. The incredible witness the pope gave us on his penitential pilgrimage to Canada has been instrumental in our diocesan commitment to journey with local indigenous communities on the path of truth, reconciliation and healing.

The pope has had a huge impact on me and my episcopal ministry. In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, he calls us to be a missionary Church that is an authentic witness to the Gospel in our culture. My vision is that our Families of Parishes be welcoming and that they form our people to be disciples of Jesus who, by their joyful witness, invite others to experience the joy of meeting Jesus in their lives. The pope's other documents, such as Amoris Laetitia, Christus Vivit and Laudato Si, have shaped the pastoral outreach of our diocese to families and young people and our commitment to environmental stewardship. Following the recent direction given by the pope that we must listen to the voices of our lay people, our diocese is taking steps to be a more synodal Church.

In the days ahead, the people of our diocese will join in prayer for Pope Francis. We thank God for his witness to the Gospel and for the faithful service he gave the Church as our shepherd. May he rest in peace."





## Congratulations to Our New Catholics

Our Family of Parishes welcomed 8 adults into the Church at our Easter Vigil at St. Michael's and St. Peter's. Congratulations to those who were received into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist: **Mark Brine, Lucas Brown, Nadeem Hirji, Jacob Ogbonna**; those received into Full Communion with the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist: **John Bertelsen, Kaitlyn MacLeod, Sam Nelson**; and through Confirmation: **Myrka Sanchez**.

*May God continue to bless them in their journey of faith.*

## Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

### The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:  
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:  
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times:  
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



## A Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Faith Sharing

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a faith sharing series exploring the 6 sub-themes of the Jubilee Year.

Our Family of Parishes will host this beginning **Thursday, May 1st through Thursday, June 5th** from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. For more information and to register please contact Teresa Ford at [tford4000@gmail.com](mailto:tford4000@gmail.com) or 519-282-9442.



## Rosary for Peace: Saturday, May 3rd

All are welcome to gather with Bishop Fabbro to pray for peace on **Saturday, May 3rd** at 1:00pm at the St. Peter's Seminary front lawn at the Grotto of Our Lady. As Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope, all groups, parishioners, and friends are welcome! Bring rosary beads, a folding chair, water, and an umbrella. Free parking.



## St. Peter's Cathedral - East and West Tower Work Update

**Phase 1** of the work on the West tower is almost complete. This work started in November 2024 and involves building stairs to the tower. Because of the limitations in access, the majority of the materials to build the stairs had to be carried by hand up several flights to the work area.

**Phase 2** of the project involves replacing the existing roofs on both the East and West towers. The contractor mobilized a large crane in the south parking lot on Tuesday, April 22nd to lift the required materials onto the roofs. The projected timeline to complete this work is 1 week, weather permitting. The crane used for this work will remain in the south parking lot of the Cathedral until the work is complete.

Both phases of this project are necessary to maintain the aesthetic and structural integrity of the Cathedral.



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



### 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care: Friday, May 2nd 8:00am - 8:00pm

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00am until 4:00pm, followed by prayers throughout the day.

To have someone present with Jesus throughout the day there will be a sign-up sheet (in half hour increments) on the welcome desk, or email [marilyn.morgan@sympatico.ca](mailto:marilyn.morgan@sympatico.ca) to indicate a specific time. For those unable to be at church, we hope you will sign up to join us in prayer at home, especially between from 4:00pm - 8:00pm, in order to have prayers for the entire twelve hours.

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### Crowning of Mary & Membership Meeting

All parishioners are invited to join us in the church on **Monday, May 5th** at 6:30pm as we gather for readings, music, and prayer to venerate our Blessed Mother. The ceremony will be followed by our regular CWL membership meeting at 7:00pm in the Saint John Paul II Room.

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### Save the Date! Spring Friendship Luncheon

Save The Date! On **Friday, May 16th** the CWL is hosting our Spring Friendship Luncheon from 12:00pm - 2:00pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your grandmother, mother, neighbour or daughter out for tea and fellowship. Please sign the guest list in the narthex before May 12th.

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## Francis: The People's Pope

On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?



[Click here](#) to watch the 53-minute video.

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, April 29

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Intentions of St. Michael's & St. Peter's Volunteers  
Silvério Paradinha  
Berfalia Tobar

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of St. Michael's & St. Peter's Volunteers  
Peter Neary  
Dr. Petroczi Ferenc

### Wednesday, April 30

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Mary Moir  
Theresa Bombardier  
Jose & Maria Mendonca

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Sheldon & Tanya Marchand & Family  
Intentions of Bob & Mary Marchand  
Intentions of Bob & Mary Ann Marchand

### Thursday, May 1

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Mike & Salvina Said  
George Knab, Jr.  
Mary Moir

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar  
Rose Hehir  
Intentions of Ashley MacDonald & Dennis Ashley

### Friday, May 2

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Theresa Bombardier  
Johannes (Joe) Overmars  
Intentions of Alexander Fayomi

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Claudette Tanyag  
Cheryl Stefanko  
Intentions of Agnes

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Pope Francis; Fr. Louis Rivard and comfort those who mourn.

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

Dcn. Dennis Kosokowsky; Rev. Jason Perumaden, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Peter Keller; Dcn. Joseph Ryu; Rev. Jan Burczyk, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Thomas Janisse; Rev. Matthew Bedard.

**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 MAY 4, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading - Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41  
Responsorial - Ps. 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b (R.1a)  
*R. I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*  
Second Reading - Revelation 5.11-14  
Gospel - John 21.1-19

## PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Monday, April 28

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)  
7:00 PM - St. Michael's CWL Ukulele Practice (JP11)

### Tuesday, April 29

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### Wednesday, April 30

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)  
6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)  
7:00 PM - Pope Francis Memorial Mass (St. Peter's Nave)

### Thursday, May 1

1:00 PM - Young at Heart Cards - Bridge (St. Josemaria)  
2:30 PM - St. Peter's CWL Executive Meeting (St. Anthony)  
7:00 PM - Jubilee Faith Sharing Session (Hall)

### Friday, May 2

8:00 AM - 12 Hours Prayer for Palliative Care (Nave)

### Saturday, May 3

11:00 AM - St. Peter's CWL General Meeting (JP11)

### Sunday, May 4

12:00 PM - St. Peter's Knights' Exemplification (St. Peter's Nave)  
1:00 PM - St. Peter's Knights' Social (St. Peter's Narthex)

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

### St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday through Friday: 12:00pm  
Saturday: 5:00pm (livestreamed)  
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

### St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm  
Wednesday & Friday: 9:30am  
Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community (at St. Michael's):

4th Sunday of the month: 2:30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturday: 9:00am to 10:00am

### St. Josephine Bakhita Community (at St. Michael's):

4th Sunday of the month: 2:30pm

## PARISH OFFICE

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Or by appointment.

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