

# Knights of Columbus

December 2025 Newsletter

ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL 13404, 511 CHEAPSIDE STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO, N5Y 3X5

## Grand Knight's Comments: Mel Imbroll



**Peace be with you Brothers**

As we enter this sacred season, I would like to wish each of you a **Happy New (Liturgical) Year!** I am truly grateful for all that you have contributed over the past year.

We launched our **Bingo Night**, continued our **Hospitality Weekends**, and **Strengthened our parish community in meaningful ways**. None of this would have been possible without your dedication, time, and effort. Thank you, Brothers. We have many more activities planned for 2026, and with God's grace, we will continue to grow in serve together.

(Bingo Volunteers)



As the Church moves into the season of **Advent**—from the Latin *ad-venire*, meaning “to come”—**we begin a new liturgical year on November 30**. Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, is a time of preparation as we await both the celebration of Christ's Nativity and His second coming. The readings of this season call us to stay alert, spiritually awake, and not distracted by the worldly noise around us—especially the commercialization of Christmas. We are called to remain focused on Christ.

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## Themes of the Four Sundays of Advent:



- **First Sunday:** Hope — (*John 3:16–17*)
- **Second Sunday:** Faith — (*Luke 2:1–7*)
- **Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday):** Joy — Priests wear rose-coloured vestments (*Luke 2:8–12*)
- **Fourth Sunday:** Peace — (*John 14:27; Luke 2:13–14*)

### Reflection:

**Dorothy Day** once shared a striking insight. She said she was grateful that Jesus chose to be born in a humble, filthy stable over 2,000 years ago. Why? Because, she said, *that is what my heart is like*. Not perfect, not orderly, not spotless—filled with struggles, failings, and shortcomings. And yet, Jesus chose to enter *that* kind of place. He came then, and He desires to enter the “stable” of our hearts now.



During this Advent, let us reflect on this. Perhaps we feel unworthy, distant from Christ, or away from the sacraments. Perhaps we've wandered spiritually. Still, Christ knocks. He desires to enter. None of us is ever fully ready—but He comes anyway. *Adventus*—He is arriving. Let us open the door and welcome Him as Lord of our lives.

I wish you and your families a **prayerful Advent** and a **Merry and Blessed Christmas!**

Yours in Christ,  
Mel

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## Remember

## Your Membership Fee Is Due December 31st

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**Remember in your prayers  
those who are ill especially:  
Nathan Marchand  
and pray for the repose of  
the deceased souls.**

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## Deputy Grand Knights Comments: Michael Wojtak



*I'm writing this article with my laptop sitting on my knees. Next to me is our Christmas tree with the twinkling lights reflecting off my laptop's screen. The sparkling effect is bringing back childhood memories of lying on the living room floor under the tree. I'd squint my eyes as I imagined the gifts I'd be getting off my impossibly long list.*



*Our family usually pulled the tree out of the basement in early December. The empty space under the tree was filled with anticipation of the gifts we knew would be coming. As kids we'd be particularly excited about the parcels we'd be getting from our aunts and uncles in England. The gifts, although small, always seemed extra special because of the distance they had travelled.*

*Each of us has special traditions with family and friends that are so much a part of this wondrous time of year. In Bishop Fabbro's Christmas letter to us he says "Hope and Joy are infectious. They bring strength to those already with us and will bring to us people who are searching for community...". It is a beautiful sentiment that truly reflects what it means to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.*

***I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and joyous New Year!***

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Our **Pizza Night** at Tony's Restaurant was great! We had a large turnout and the pizzas were the very best, as always at Tony's.

Many thanks to Roger Khouri for organizing this event and bringing the delicious cake. Note photos below.

