

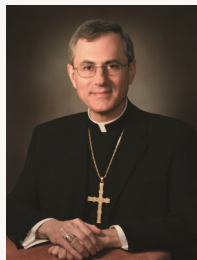


PARISH BULLETIN

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

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



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CHRISTMAS SEASON

AT THE LONDON NORTH CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, December 24

St. Michael's Parish	4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 12:00 MN
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 11:00 PM*

Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25

St. Michael's Parish	10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 27 / Sunday, December 28

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM* <i>Closing Mass-Jubilee Year</i>
St. Josephine Bakhita Community	Sunday 2:30 PM (St. Michael's Parish)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 / Thursday, January 1

St. Michael's Parish	Wednesday 5:00 PM Thursday 10:00 AM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	Wednesday 5:00 PM* Thursday 11:00 AM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 / Sunday, January 4

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5 PM Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral	Saturday 5 PM* Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 10 / Sunday, January 11

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5 PM Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral	Saturday 5 PM* Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM

DAILY MASS

Tuesday, December 30

St. Michael's Parish 7:00 PM

Friday, January 2

St. Peter's Cathedral 12:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday, January 6 - 9

St. Michael's Parish Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM

*Mass is live-streamed on YouTube @LondonNorthCentralCatholicFoP

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

196 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 1K8




St. Michael's Parish

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(St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community)

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Or by appointment.

ADVENT MISSION

Sunday, November 30 - Monday, December 1

7:00 PM | St. Michael's Parish

with Fr. Patrick Bénéteau

St. Joseph: A Pilgrim of Hope

*As we conclude our Jubilee Year,
come and explore this Advent
how St. Joseph can teach us
to be a Pilgrim of Hope.*

Advent Mission—This Sunday & Monday!

As we conclude the Jubilee Year, step into Advent with peace and renewed faith. Join Fr. Patrick Bénéteau as he leads our Family of Parishes in reflecting on how the humble witness of St. Joseph can teach us to be pilgrims of hope.

Click [here](#) to view the event poster.



Advent Concert: Emmanuel, God with us— This Sunday!

St. Peter's Cathedral Adult and Children Choirs presents *EMMANUEL, God with us*. One hour of Reflection with Scripture and Song following the tradition of Advent Lessons and Carols. **November 30, 2025** at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 2:30 PM. All welcome! See the event poster [here](#) (also available on the bulletin boards).



Journey Through Advent—CCCB

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025. Click [here](#) (www.cccb.ca/) for the reflection on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Join our Family of Parishes as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, principal Patron of the Diocese of London.

Monday, December 8 at 7:00 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

All are welcome!



ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday, December 17

St. Peter's Cathedral 9:30 AM–11:30 AM & 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
St. Michael's Parish 10:00 AM–1:00 PM & 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Several priests will join Fr. Daniel and Fr. James at both churches.



Disciples in Action: Worship That Welcomes

Liturgy is the heartbeat of our parish. Through music, hospitality, and prayer, we gather as the Body of Christ. Our plan calls for full, conscious, active participation.

*What helps you feel spiritually nourished at Mass?
What helps you feel at home?*

Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup— The Cup Returns this Weekend

The church has always taught that Christ is fully present in the Eucharist in the form of the consecrated bread (host) OR consecrated wine. Communion by the Cup was a common practice in both parishes prior to the pandemic. Over the last week, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have participated in some ministry formation and re-training to prepare to reintroduce the cup this weekend. Thank you to those who have served in this ministry and to all those new individuals who have come forward to serve their brothers and sisters.



"Baptism and Eucharist – birth and food – are closely related. Once we are born into the Christian life, we need to be nourished regularly so that we may live and work as God's beloved family. Each time we take part in the Eucharist and receive Communion, we are given a deeper share in the life and love of Jesus, our brother and our Lord. We are nourished with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We share in Jesus' promise of everlasting life, and we have a first taste of the glorious banquet that Jesus will give us when we join with him at his table in heaven. Communion from the cup helps us to have a fuller experience of the joyful banquet to which Jesus is inviting all his brothers and sisters." (CCCB, Communion by the Cup, 2019).

For those who choose to receive from the Cup, the proper reception is as follows:



"After responding with Amen, we take the eucharistic bread as usual in the hand or on the tongue, and eat it with reverence. Then we approach the minister with the cup. This minister gives us the cup, saying *The blood of Christ*. We answer *Amen*, and take it with both hands, one on the base, the other on the stem or bottom of the cup. We lift it gently to our lips, drink a small amount, and return the cup to the minister, who wipes the cup carefully and thoroughly." (CCCB)

Our custom of a sign of reverence through a bow is done before receiving both the consecrated bread and wine.



St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Pre-Christmas Breakfast: December 14

Celebrate the season with a warm breakfast after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in St. Michael's parish hall. All are welcome! Bring your family or invite a friend. Cost is \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Interac now available! Please contact Marty via email at mfmcallister63@gmail.com.

Be Part of Something Big

St. Peter's Cathedral is hiring a Project Manager to support the Cathedral Interior Restoration project. Visit <https://dol.ca/employment> for details.



The Nicene Creed

The Jubilee Year of 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the original Creed of Nicaea. It was drawn up by the bishops and theologians who gathered at the first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea (modern-day Turkey) in 325 to settle a dispute about Jesus, since some were saying that he was only a special human being but not God. The Scriptures, of course, were clear about how Jesus revealed himself as human and divine, son of Mary and Son of God, but the Church needed to find the right words to explain this mystery. At the Council it was declared that Jesus is consubstantial with the Father. The next Ecumenical Council, held at Constantinople would add to the Creed and made it clear that the Holy Spirit is also God, of the same substance. The expanded Creed would come to be known as the "Nicene Creed."



This weekend, Pope Leo XIV will visit the site of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. In advance of his journey, he has written an apostolic letter *In Unitate Fidei*—In The Unity of Faith to mark this significant anniversary of the Creed and to provide a renewed appreciation and meaning of our profession of faith. Click [here](#) to read the letter.

For Advent and the Christmas Season we will be praying the Nicene Creed at all Masses.



Catholic Women's League

St. Michael's CWL Membership Drive & Apple Pie Sale

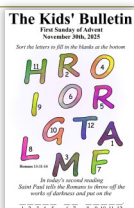
Our 2026 membership drive and apple pie sale takes place after all Masses **this weekend**. Membership is \$40. Pay by cash/cheque at the membership drive, by envelope placed in the collection basket (indicate name/phone/due), or by e-transfer CWLstmichlon@gmail.com.

General Meeting. All women are welcome to the CWL general meeting & Christmas Social on **December 6** at 2 PM, with holiday treats, caroling, and a \$10 gift exchange. Please bring a baby gift for London Pregnancy and Family Services. *Note: No Monday evening meeting in December.*

St. Peter's CWL Treat Trays

We are delighted to offer our 'famous' Treat Trays for \$30.00 each. **Order until Wednesday, December 3.** Pick up: Friday, December 12; 4–6 PM, and Saturday, December 13; 9:30–10:30 AM, in St. Michael's Parish Hall. To order please contact Marian Strom 519-872-5502 or mstrom55@gmail.com. Payment can be made via e-transfer to stpeterslondoncwl@gmail.com, cash, or cheque.

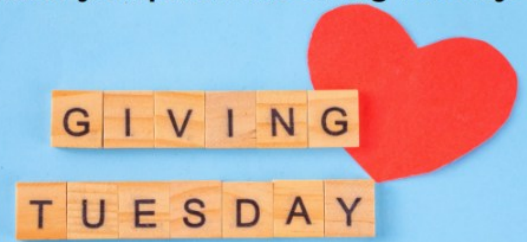
General Meeting & Christmas Social. Saturday, **December 6** at 10 AM in the Parish Hall at St. Michael's. Lunch provided, RSVP to Marian Strom at 519-872-5502 by December 3. This month, we will collect donations for *My Sisters Place*. There is a need for shaving razors and deodorant. Your support brings light and hope to those who need it most this season. Gift cards let individuals choose what they need most. Thank you.



It's Time to get Ready for Christmas! Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to prepare.

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

Remember your parish this Giving Tuesday.



DECEMBER 2, 2025

Giving Tuesday is a global day dedicated to generosity and gratitude. This year, we invite you to remember our parish community through a gift of any size. Your support helps sustain our ministries, care for those in need, and maintain our parish home.

To give, please visit lccc.dol.ca/ways-to-donate or contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Flowers for Christmas

We are accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of our Christmas flowers. You may donate in honour of a deceased or living loved one. Their names will appear in the parish bulletin and be remembered in prayer throughout the Christmas Season.

Please submit your donation with your name, phone/email & address, and the name of the person you're honouring (indicate living or deceased). Drop it in the Sunday collection, mail it in, or e-transfer to stmichlon@dol.ca or basilica@dol.ca, please type in the memo box: "Flowers for Christmas in honour/memory of, parish name..." Email the office the same information as above.

Donations are accepted until Monday, December 15. Thank you for your generosity.



Donations for 2025

Please Remember... to make your charitable donations to your parish before **December 31** to be eligible for your charitable receipt for 2025! Call the office 519-433-6689 or visit our parish website at lccc.dol.ca.

2026 Offertory Envelopes. Offertory envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick-up in the narthex for parishioners who donate by weekly envelopes.

Newly Registered Parishioners. Welcome! If you registered and received our notification email, your Welcome Envelopes are ready in the narthex in the basket labelled "Newly Registered Parishioners." Offertory envelopes for the remainder of 2025 are included if requested. Please remember to pick it up. Thank you!



St. Peter's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree Program

Please become a Christmas Angel to a family in need. We are collecting **\$10 gift cards** and cash/cheque donations **this final weekend** after all Masses.

On December 13, volunteers will deliver food and gift cards to 200 families in our parish area. You may also give through Pllenty by choosing "St. Vincent de Paul" in the drop down menu to direct your donation to our cause. Click [here](#) to donate online. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20+. (See the flyer [here](#).)



REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 2

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Lawrence Hamilton

Elizabeth Mathew

Ted Johnston

Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family

Wednesday, December 3

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar

Ted Johnston

Stephanie Martinovic

Deceased Members of the Venditti's Families

Intentions of Bob & Mary Ann Marchand

Thursday, December 4

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Bart Martin

Elizabeth Mathew

Shirley Troupe

Jim McLandress

Intentions of Sheffield Poernomo

Friday, December 5

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Arlene Lindsay

George Champagne

Joan Duffy

Christina Odili

Josephine Spiteri

Intentions of Nathan Marchand

We remember in prayer all those who are sick including Leo Dodds, Mary Quigley, and Bert Killian.

We also pray for those who have died including James William "Jim" McLandress; Grace Wren, wife of Ken, mother of Michelle (Stephan) and Steve (Tamara); Boris Golf; Mary Hagan; and Sr. Nancy Wales, CSJ.

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

Deacon Fred Truchon; Rev. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.; Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Robert Champagne; Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam; Rev. Robert Weaver

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

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Michael's

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

St. Josephine Bakhita Community

4th Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Confessions at Both Parishes

Saturday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 1

5:30 PM—Hospitality North (Parish Hall/Kitchen)

7:00 PM—StM CWL General Meeting (JP II)

7:00 PM—Advent Mission (St M Church)

Tuesday, December 2

1:00 PM—StM SSVP Angel Tree Preparation (St Josemaria)

7:00 PM—StM KofC General Meeting (JP II)

7:00 PM—Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)

7:00 PM—Choir Practice for 5 PM & 8 AM Masses (St. Cecilia)

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 PM—Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

Thursday, December 4

10:00 PM—Seniors on the Move Christmas Lunch (Parish Hall)

2:30 PM—StP CWL Executive Meeting (St Anthony)

6:15 PM—StP Children's Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)

7:00 PM—StP Adult Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)

7:00 PM—Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)

7:30 PM—StM Choir Practice for 10 AM Mass (St M Church)

Friday, December 5

1:00 PM—StM SSVP Delivery of Teddy Bears (St Josemaria)

Saturday, December 6

8:00 AM—StM SSVP Distribution of Gift Cards (St Josemaria & Narthex)

10:00 AM—StP CWL Appreciation Lunch (Parish Hall)

12:30 PM—StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)

1:30 PM—StM CWL General Meeting & Social (JP II & Hall)

Sunday, December 7

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PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 23, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,641.45	\$3,898.65
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,668.45	\$1,293.65
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,677.92	\$4,308.75
TOTAL	\$11,987.82	\$9,501.05

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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