

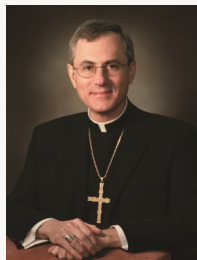


PARISH BULLETIN

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



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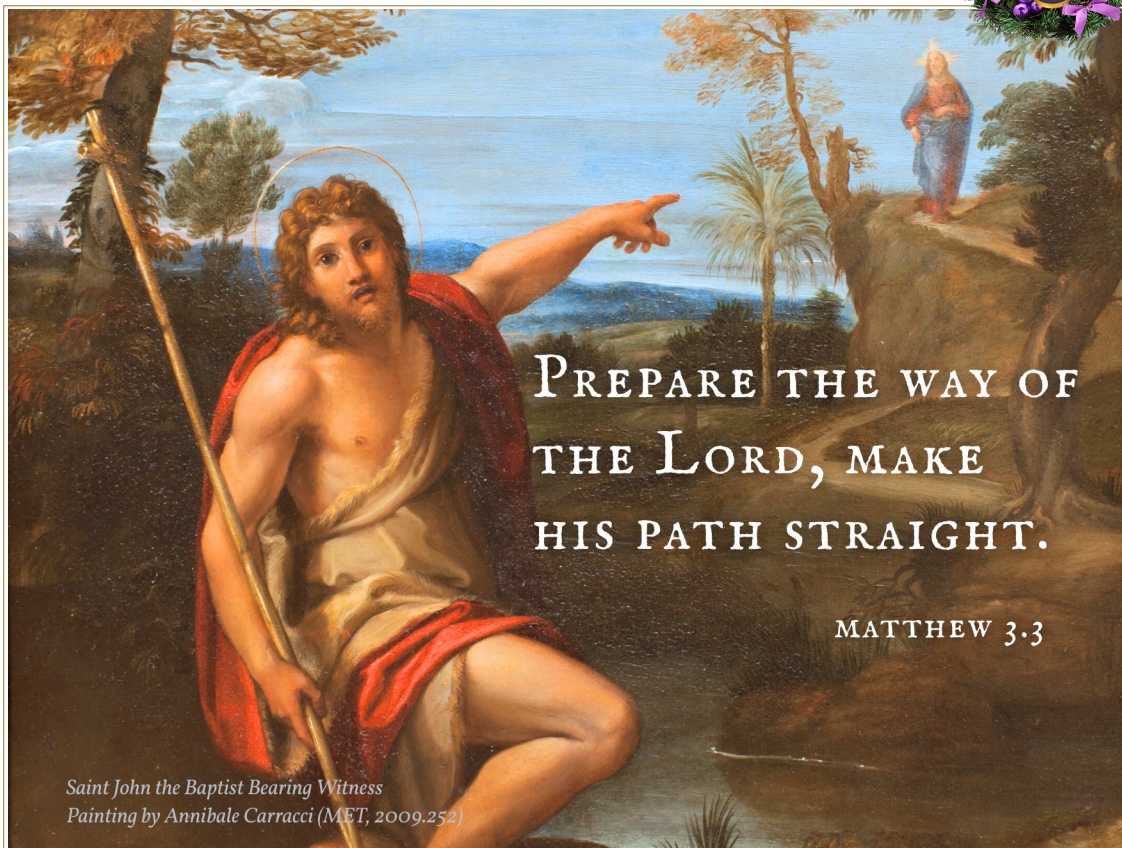
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Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness
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PREPARE THE WAY OF
THE LORD, MAKE
HIS PATH STRAIGHT.

MATTHEW 3:3

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

St. Michael's Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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Or by appointment.

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Please direct all mail for our three parishes
to St. Michael's Parish mailing address.

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!



Hour of Grace—December 8 at 12 PM

All are invited to the Hour of Grace on Monday, December 8 at 12 noon at St. John the Divine Church (390 Baseline Rd W). This devotion to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception includes Psalm 51, the Rosary, silent reflection, and singing of the Immaculate Mary hymn.

Click [here](#) to view or print a copy of the program.

More information can be found here:

<https://catholic-church.org/~grace/marian/mystical-rose.htm>



Journey Through Advent—2nd Sunday in Advent

The video series "Journey Through Advent" - Second Sunday of Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, is now available on the CCCB website. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent. Click [here](#) to view the video for the 2nd Sunday of Advent or visit www.cccb.ca.



Laudato Si' Chapter 5: Lines of Approach and Action

This month we explore *Laudato Si' Charter 5: Lines of Approach and Action*. The way forward begins and is sustained by dialogue and thus Pope Francis outlines the major paths of dialogue which are so desperately needed.

To read more about these paths of dialogue, click [here](#).

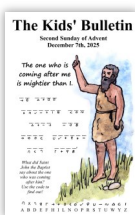
To see all previous chapter summaries and for more information about *Laudato Si'* follow this [link](#).



Prayer Shawl—December 11

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 PM in the St. Anthony Room (2nd floor) at St. Michael's Parish for our monthly Prayer Shawl gathering and Christmas social. Please bring food to share; refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Please contact Janice 519-690-0802.

The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother



"Immaculate Conception" means Mary had no sin from the moment her life began. Why do you think God chose this for her?

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

'Tis the Season! Help Us Reach You Online

Share your email to receive Fr. Daniel's Christmas message.



Contact the parish office by email / phone or scan the QR code.

IMPORTANT: Add basilica@dol.ca and stmichlon@dol.ca to your Contacts so our emails don't end up in your Junk folder.

Already confirmed?
Thank you - you're all set!

No email? Don't worry! We'll reach you through print.



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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.



Diocese of London Land Acknowledgment

Earlier this Fall, Bishop Fabbro released a letter to the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese with respect to his decision to have a common land acknowledgement for the Diocese of London. In consultation with the Truth & Reconciliation Committee, a new land acknowledgement has been created to be used across our Diocese at four particular weekend Masses throughout the year and the opening meeting of the pastoral year for groups and committees.

This weekend we will pray this land acknowledgement in advance of the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples which falls on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

*Out of deep respect for those who have cared
for these lands since ancient times,
and those who guard and care for them still,
we are committed to tread lightly on the land,
respect water and all living things as gifts of the Creator,
and affirm our desire for right relations with all peoples,
especially the Indigenous peoples,
who share our common home.*

Communion by the Cup



Last weekend we reintroduced Communion by the Cup at all weekend masses. The church has always taught that Christ is fully present in the Eucharist in the form of the consecrated bread, the host OR consecrated wine, the Precious Blood. By offering both the consecrated host and precious blood more fully expresses Jesus' command at the Last Supper to take and eat and take and drink.

Thank you to all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those who have come forward to join this ministry. With the increase in ministers needed now at each mass we are in great need for more ministers at all masses. Please contact Cathryn Hall at chall@dol.ca if you feel called to this ministry.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION: Walking Together



Leadership in the Church is shared. Our pastoral plan affirms co-responsibility, transparency, and discernment. Through councils, committees, and communication, we walk together.

Your voice matters. Your gifts matter.
Let's build the Church together.

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* *Closing Mass-Jubilee Year*
St. Josephine Bakhita 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

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*Mass is live-streamed on YouTube @londonnorthcentralcatholic

Click [here](#) to download a PDF copy of the schedule.

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.



Courses at St. Peter's Seminary

Did you know that you could take courses at St. Peter's Seminary? Courses are offered for anyone interested in growing in knowledge of the Catholic faith. Unless otherwise indicated, all courses are taught in-person, and may be audited or taken for credit.

A few of the courses offered during the Winter Semester:

- Christology & Soteriology with Dr. J. Dool (Tues AM)
- Ecclesiology & Mariology with Dr. H. Cho (Wed PM)
- The Letters of Paul with Dr. Meyer (Thurs AM)
- The Pentateuch with Fr. H. Tremblay (Fri AM)

Offered Online:

- Introduction to Catholic Liturgy with Fr. P. Robitaille (synchronously each Tues PM, Zoom)
- Spiritual Theology II with Fr. S. Wlusek (Fri AM, Zoom)

Full details can be found here:

stpetersseminary.ca/master-of-divinity/#TheologyCalendar

Contact Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars at bgketela@uwo.ca or 519-646-7152 for more information & registration details.

Celebrate the Season of Giving



**Ways to Give to
Your Parish this Christmas**

- ✦ Pre-Authorized
- ✦ Offertory Envelopes
- ✦ Pllenty
- ✦ QR Code
- ✦ Cheque / Cash
- ✦ E-transfer



ST. MICHAEL'S QR CODE

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Thank you for your generosity this Christmas.



ST. PETER'S QR CODE

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 lncc.dol.ca.

Knights of Columbus

St. Peter's KofC

Hospitality Weekend – December 13/14

After all Masses in St. Peter's narthex. Join us!

St. Michael's KofC

Pre-Christmas Breakfast – December 14

After 8 AM & 10 AM Masses. \$7/person · \$25/family · Interac now available. Contact Marty at mfmcallister63@gmail.com.



Catholic Women's League

St. Peter's CWL

Christmas Bazaar—Thank You! St. Peter's CWL

extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's successful All Under One Roof Bazaar. From the businesses who generously donated items, to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to help the event run smoothly, to the parishioners who attended—your support made all the difference in making this year's Bazaar every bit as successful as last year.

Treat Trays Pick Up. Reminder to all who ordered Treat Trays that pick up is on **Saturday, December 13** at St. Michael's Parish Hall between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Payment can be made by e-transfer to stpeterslondoncwl@gmail.com, cash or cheque.



London Region Advent Prayer Service & Social Tea

All women of the Family of Parishes are invited to the CWL London Region Advent prayer service and social tea in the parish hall on **Saturday, December 13** from 2-4 PM. St. Michael's and St. Peter's councils are jointly hosting this special event. Please RSVP to Dorothy Solomon at dorothysolomon41@gmail.com by December 10. Thank you.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 9

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Beatrice Kinahan
Jesús Martín Romo
Tom Leckie
Jean Haley

Wednesday, December 10

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Nick Castrilli
Ted Johnston
Joan Duffy
Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of Nathan Marchand

Thursday, December 11

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Steve Morgan
Obiora Paschal Ojukwu
Mike & Salvina Said
Audrey McIlwain
Lucia Cavaliere

Friday, December 12

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Philomena Chand
Elvira & Felice Caranci
Ernesto Alviar & Mirasol Alpuerto Alviar
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 Philip McHugh, husband of (late) Pat, father of Kevin; Diana Ruggeri, wife of Phil, mother of Julianna & Makayla; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Deacon Bryan Chevalier; Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister;
Deacon Fred Eade; Rev. Steve Wlusek;
Alida Dance, Pastoral Minister

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

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Isaiah 35.1-6

Responsorial - Ps 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. see Isa 35.4)

R. Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading - James 5.7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11.2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 8

1:00 PM—StM CWL SMUGlees (JP II)
5:30 PM—Hospitality North (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
6:30 PM—StP SSVP (JP II)
7:00 PM—Mass: Immaculate Conception (St Peter's Cathedral)

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 PM—StM Social Justice Committee (St Anthony)
7:00 PM—Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM—Choir Practice for 5 PM & 8 AM Masses (St. Cecilia)

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

1:00 PM—StP SSVP (JP II)
1:00 PM—Young at Heart Cards (St Josemaria)
6:15 PM—StP Children's Choir (St Peter's Our Lady Chapel)
6:30 PM—Rosary Guild (St Josemaria)
7:00 PM—StP Adult Choir (St. Peter's Our Lady Chapel)
7:00 PM—Prayer Shawl (St Anthony Room)
7:00 PM—Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM—StM Choir Practice for 10 AM Mass (St M Church)
7:30 PM—StP KofC General Meeting (JP II)

Friday, December 12

10:00 AM—Chaplet of the Diving Mercy (St M Chapel)
4:00 PM—StP CWL Treat Trays Pickup (Parish Hall/Kitchen)

Saturday, December 13

9:00 AM—StP CWL Treat Trays Pickup (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
9:00 AM—StP SSVP Deliveries (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM—Yarning with Love (St Josemaria)
12:30 PM—StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)
2:00 PM—StM CWL Advent Tea (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM—StP KofC Hospitality (St Peter's Narthex)

Sunday, December 14

9 & 11 AM—StM KofC Parish Breakfast (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
9:00 AM—StP KofC Hospitality (St Peter's Narthex)

REMINDER: The parish will be closed for scheduled meetings from Monday, December 22nd until Monday, January 5th.

PARISH *Support*

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 30, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$3,764.10	\$5,486.10
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,162.55	\$1,556.05
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,677.92	\$4,308.75
TOTAL	\$9,604.57	\$11,350.90

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