



London North Central
Catholic Family of Parishes



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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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



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2023 Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

In support of St. Paul's Social Services
Food Bank and Fellowship Centre

**SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1
AND OCTOBER 7 & 8**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Tuna	Canned Meat
Mayonnaise	Peanut Butter
Hot or Cold Cereal	Tea Bags & Coffee
Mac & Cheese (KD)	Onions & Potatoes
Spaghetti Sauce	Pasta

*CASH & grocery store GIFT CARDS
to buy supplies are especially welcome.*

Please ensure to check expiration dates. • Put donations in a reusable bag. •
Place envelope marked "Food Drive" in the offertory collection basket or
drop off at LNCCFP parish office (511 Cheapside Street).

Item donations may be dropped off in the narthex of
St. Michael's Parish or **St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica** at Mass.

**We appreciate your generosity and support
for our brothers and sisters in need.**



Hallowed Highlights

Sept 25	Memorial of Sts. Cosmos & Damien	Sept 28	Memorial of St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Sept 26	Feast of Sts. Jean de Brébeuf & Isaac Joques and Companions	Sept 29	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, the Archangels
Sept 27	Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul	Sept 30	Memorial of St. Jerome



Celebrating the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel—*This Weekend!*

September 29th is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels. In commemoration, all are invited to join us this weekend, **September 23rd and 24th**, after each Mass for a social gathering in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Mass times at St. Michael's are: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am, and 12 noon. We thank the Social Committee for organizing this event.

In a special way, we keep in our prayers St. Michael's Parish of the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes.

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.*

*Be our defense against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,*

*O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.*

Amen.

Thank you!

This weekend we say good-bye to **Joshua Rosedale**, who has led Music Ministry at St. Michael's at the 12 p.m. (formerly 12:30 p.m.) Mass for over 7 years. Josh's contemporary style and musical skills on both piano and voice has prayerfully led our assembly in song, praise, and worship.

Next weekend we say good-bye to **Tyler Bulley**, who has served at St. Peter's Cathedral the last two years in a support role in custodial and sacristan duties at our weekend Masses. Tyler ensured doors were open, the sanctuary was set-up, and was a friendly and welcoming presence for parishioners and all ministries.

Thank you, Josh and Tyler, for your service to our community and best wishes to you both in your future endeavours.



St. Peter's CWL Membership Drive

Come to St. Peter's Cathedral narthex or in front of the church (weather permitting) this weekend through **October 7/8, 2023 at all Masses**, to support our CWL 2024 membership drive. Discover how our Parish Council fosters faith growth and shares God's love through ministry. We hope to see you!

St. Michael's CWL Updates

St. Michael's CWL General Meeting will be on Monday, **October 2nd, 7 pm**, St. John Paul II Room. All parish women are welcome for faith, conversation, and a special self-defense demonstration by Tammy Bernardo from Bernardo Karate and Cardio Kickboxing. As well, we're hosting a Christmas Baking and Craft sale on **November 25-26**. Sign up in the foyer to participate. Contact us for inquiries!

National Day for

Truth and Reconciliation—

Saturday, September 30, 2023

The Indian Residential School system operated across Canada between the 1870s and the 1990s. Indian Residential Schools were created to separate Indigenous children from their families and communities, and to systematically strip away their traditions, cultural practices and languages. More than 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis children from across the country were forced to attend Indian Residential Schools, which were often located far from their homes. Many never made it home.



Inaugurated in 2021, the federally recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Recognizing this day was one of the first steps in a long journey towards understanding and meaningful reconciliation.

Our faith reminds us that we are disciples of Jesus, "the way the truth and the life," (Jn 14:6) who are called to seek reconciliation with all. This day gives us the opportunity to acknowledge the role the Church played in running the government's residential schools and the devastating impact they had on Indigenous people. As Bishop Fabbro stated two years ago, "we must continue to learn from these failings and work with Indigenous communities towards the healing called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Seeking truth means that we are open to learning more."

In the Fall of 2021, Bishop Fabbro established the Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Committee. Their work to date can be found on our Diocesan website: dol.ca/indigenous-peoples

This weekend, **September 23 and 24**, the Diocese of London will begin a new special collection for our Truth and Reconciliation Fund. The goal of the campaign is to help our local Indigenous communities heal from the traumas of the past, preserve and promote their culture and build for the future. Envelopes for the collection can be found in the narthex or donations can be made online at <https://dol.plenty.com/>

A brochure detailing the fund can be found [here](#) (a paper copy is available in the narthex).

Orange Shirt Day also takes place on **September 30**. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. On September 30, all Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools. We have available in our narthex beginning this weekend orange ribbons. Please take one to recognize and honour this day.

Life Chain. Stand for life at the annual [Life Chain](#) event on **October 1st**. Join us at Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road from 2 pm–3 pm to raise awareness about abortion's injustice and the dignity of all human beings.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees—September 24

In his [message](#) for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of ensuring that migration is a choice rather than a necessity. He highlights that many are forced to migrate due to persecution, conflict, poverty, and environmental factors. Addressing this requires collective efforts, including ending the arms race, economic exploitation, resource depletion, and environmental destruction. Pope Francis calls on us to respond to the needs of the vulnerable and work towards a more just and peaceful world, emphasizing that unity is essential to achieve our shared goals.

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, observed on September 24th, serves as a reminder to support and pray for those facing migration challenges and recognize the positive aspects of migration.

*God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.*

*Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.*

*Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care.*

Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees, 2023

London Public Square Rosary Rally (PSRR)

Come, pray the Rosary with us in honour of our Holy Mother's apparitions and requests at Fatima. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Rally in London.

Venue: Victoria Park Bandshell London
Time: Saturday, October 14 at 11:55 AM

If you have to sit, please bring a chair!
For more information: ourladyofrock@gmail.com care of LNCDFP Legion of Mary.



Search for New Members for St. Peter's Seminary Finance Committee

St. Peter's Seminary is searching for qualified laypersons to serve as members of its Finance Advisory Committee. The committee advises the Seminary's administration and its Board of Directors on the financial operations of the Seminary.

We are seeking individuals familiar with knowledge and skills in areas such as business, finance, real estate, civil law, financial and strategic planning, banking, insurance, and accounting.

If you want to express your interest, please get in touch with Fr. Gary Ducharme, Vice-Rector for Administration, at gducharm@uwo.ca or call (519) 646-7143. For more detailed information about the Finance Advisory Committee and its duties, visit www.stpetersseminary.ca/News-&Events/4

Sacramental Preparations 2023–2024

Our Family of Parishes is now accepting registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation for 2023–2024.

First Reconciliation / First Communion

If your child is in Grade 2 or up and has been baptized (Roman Catholic), please sign up online by clicking [here](#) or visiting lncd.dol.ca/firstreconciliationandeucharist.

Last day of registrations for Grade 2 First Communion is on **November 30, 2023**.

Confirmation

If your child is in Grade 8 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, two sessions are available to open this year. Please select one of the sessions:

Fall (October–December 2023) or
Spring (March–May 2024)

Registrations for the Fall session close on the first Friday of October. Please sign up **no later than October 6th**.

Classes for the Fall session will be every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Oct. 10 - Parent Information
- Oct. 24 - The Invitation (Parent & Youth Class)
- Nov. 7 - Belonging (Youth Class)
- Nov. 14 - Guided (Youth Class)
- Nov. 21 - Empowered (Youth Class)
- Nov. 28 - Alive (Youth Class)
- Dec. 5 - Night of Prayer (Encounter) & Rehearsal (Parent & Youth Class)

All sessions will take place in St. Michael's Parish at 511 Cheapside Street N5Y 3X5.

To register online and find out the class dates for Spring 2024, visit www.lncd.dol.ca/confirmation.

If you have further inquiries about registrations, please reach out to our Family & Youth Minister, Leigh Duckworth, 519-433-6689 or lduckworth@dol.ca.

We send our prayers to the parents and those preparing to receive these sacraments.

Bible Study—"Ephesian: Discover Your Inheritance"

An 8-week Bible Study is being offered at St. Michael's Parish Tuesday evenings October 3 to November 28 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Workbook cost: \$40. To sign up, please contact Gerarda Smith-Hillier gjmsh3@gmail.com. The Bible Study is also being offered by Zoom Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 3:30pm starting October 5th (link will be provided).

SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 17, 2023

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 3,824.00	\$ 3,788.30
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,802.00	\$ 2,238.70
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 4,028.00	\$ 3,097.50

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!
If you wish to make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit www.lncd.dol.ca/donate.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, September 26

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Robert Moir
Frank Chiavetti
Walter Joest

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Silvana Small
Georgina McIntosh
Intentions of Rose Marie Forbes

Wednesday, September 27

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Elvira and Felix Caranci
Trev Sutton
Sharon Scribner

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Intentions of Abie and Rolly Balana
Intentions of the LNCC Family Staff
Intentions of Peter and Olga Marek

Thursday, September 28

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Robert Moir
Lincoln and Anita Charles
Souls in Purgatory

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Gina McIntosh
Intentions of Marian Strom
Intentions of Jana Zemanek and Family

Friday, September 29

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Nick Greeson
Matthew Manipadam
Phillip Marco

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Juan, Carlos, Jacobo, Roberto Infante
Intentions of Father Chris Pietraszko
Intentions of Mateo Quint Issariyamate

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Gary Heisler, uncle of Mary Cole; Veronica Abrook; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Deacon Brian Hanley; Alan Salminen, Baptism Coordinator;
Rev. Paul Duplessie, O.F.M. Cap.; Deacon Matt Sutton;
Rev. Christopher Pietraszko; Rev. Vince Gulikers;
Rev. Richard Charrette

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 OCTOBER 1, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Ezekiel 18.25-28
Responsorial - Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)
R. Lord, be mindful of your mercy.
Second Reading - Philippians 2.1-11
Gospel - Matthew 21.28-32

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–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.



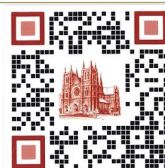
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- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

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