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Catholic Family of Parishes



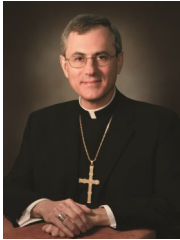
"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

PARISH BULLETIN

Serving the communities of
St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean
Catholic Community, St. Michael's Parish, and
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



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"As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded that Jesus, who was born in the stable at Bethlehem is revealed to us all. He is revealed to the rich and the poor. He is revealed to kings, shepherds and wise people. He is revealed to saints and sinners. This feast is God's desire to reveal himself to us in a personal relationship rooted in the love of God that has come into the world.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." This Sunday, the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. Jesus was first made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is now revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition tells us that the Magi or three kings are symbolic of the Gentiles who began to follow Jesus. These kings represent all the peoples of the earth and they also represent our search for Jesus.

Epiphany is not given just to believers but also to those who continually seek the Lord's presence in their lives. Each of us must continually search for the many ways in which God reveals himself in our lives. We are all in the process of coming to know Jesus as Lord. Each of us is at a different place in our faith journey. The many experiences of our lives have shaped how we see God and others. In the midst of our journey, God comes to "show us Jesus." He reminds us that we are bigger than our circumstances. We are bigger than our experiences. Jesus comes into our lives to show us what it really means to be human. He comes to show us what it really means to be loved by God. All of us together must see the saving power of God. The reality is the God saves us from ourselves. He saves us from thinking that our way is better than God's plan for our lives. Do we stand in the way of God's plan at work in our lives?

As this new year begins, we must ask ourselves, how has Jesus' presence in our lives made a difference? In order to answer this question, our relationship with Jesus must be the source of our strength and the peace and hope that comes into the world. The Magi followed the star and found Christ. May we too, find the Lord who continues to search for us."



Christmas Flower Donations—Thank you!

Thank you to all who made donations for the purchase of our Christmas Flowers. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We have and continue to pray for all of these intentions listed in our Christmas Bulletin throughout the Christmas Season.

We remember and pray for those who have died:

Gabriel & Emma Raba & Deceased Family Members, Anne Hamilton & Deceased Family Members, Alan Pickersgill, Michael Sheesley, Rev. Charles Quinn

We remember and pray for the intentions of those living:

Members of the Tacak & Poluchowicz Families



2024 Offertory Envelopes

Your 2024 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up at the parish office from Monday to Friday; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Or call the office to arrange pick up. If wish to modify your donation method, please contact the office during the week. We appreciate your usual support!



St. Peter's SSVP Update

THANKS TO YOU! Our St. Peter's Saint Vincent de Paul is so grateful for the financial support we received this past Christmas season which enabled us to pay a visit to close to 200 people living within our parish boundaries on December 16th. We had 23 volunteers who visited each household, delivering gift cards to local retailers and grocery stores. These gifts assisted our neighbours with celebrating their own Christmas and this small token from you, our parishioners is often the only gift many received at all. The need does not end and we will be back to our regular visits to our neighbours on January 16th.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) St. Michael's

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul collection for the needy within our parish boundary is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.

Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVP on the memo line, or select SSVP from the drop-down list on Pllenty. www.lncc.dol.ca/donate-to-st-michaels

Donate to your Parish via E-Transfer!

Simply log in to your bank account via a smartphone or desktop either using your bank's app or website.

1. Once logged in, select Interac E-Transfer.
2. Set up basilica@dol.ca (for St. Peter's Cathedral) or stmichlon@dol.ca (for St. Michael's) as the recipient.
3. Enter in the amount you wish to contribute.
4. Indicate the donation information* in the memo box.
5. Hit 'Send' or 'Transfer'.

Your donation will be automatically deposited to your parish's bank account.

*You can specify in the memo box the type of collection you wish to donate to (e.g. Regular Offertory, Build our Legacy Fund, SSVP, World Mission, Thanksgiving, etc) & indicate your contact details.

Need further assistance? We're happy to help! Contact us at the parish office.



Sing away the January blues
at the St. Peter's Knights of Columbus

KARAOKE NIGHT



January 27th 7pm to 12am
St. Michael's Parish Hall
511 Cheapside St. (Parking at rear)



Tickets at door : \$10 per adult
Children under 12 free

Drinks 🍷 50/50 Draw
Light Snacks 🍷 Cash Only Event

Feast of The Baptism of The Lord Mass

Join us at Mass as our Family celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on
Monday, January 8th at 12 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral.

MAiD Presentation

*Compassion, Suffering and Medical Assistance in Dying:
In the Context of Faith*

Presenters: Marleen Van Laethem, BSc, MHSc, Clinical Ethicist, St. Joseph Health Care, London; and Fr. Jason Kuntz, Bioethics Professor, St. Peter's Seminary

Medically assisted death is a serious moral issue facing our society and raises important questions for people of faith. Known as MAiD, it is a process that allows someone, who is found eligible, to receive assistance from a medical practitioner to end their life.

Informed by a theology of suffering, we will reflect on what the Church teaches about medically assisted death and end-of-life care.

Our guest speakers will also give us a clear understanding of how MAiD works. We will learn the current legal requirements to access an assisted death. As well, we will explore how requirements to qualify for MAiD have changed since 2016 and what further changes are planned for March 2024. The ethical guidelines for Catholic hospitals and doctors will be discussed.

All are welcome to St. Michael's Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024
7:00 - 9:00PM**

THANK YOU

Throughout Advent we at the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes prepared our hearts and homes well to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We rediscovered the greatest and most perfect gift God has ever given. We reminded ourselves once again that the gift of Christmas came in the person of Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As we conclude the Christmas Season on Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we reflect on the many blessings of the Advent and Christmas Season and give thanks for all that we have been given. The transition from Advent to Christmas was quick this year with moving from the 4th Sunday of Advent to the beginning of the Christmas celebrations all in the same day! The transition was smooth and seamless in large part from the support, dedication, and commitment of our many volunteers who each and every week throughout the year and especially throughout this Christmas Season give of themselves in service to our community.

To our Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Music Ministers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Decorators, Live Streamers, and Collection Counters; a

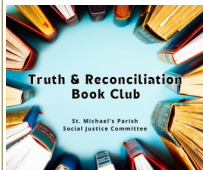
huge thank you for your ministry and service to our Family of Parishes. Many of our volunteers did double and triple duty over the season and our Christmas Season liturgies were beautifully prepared and celebrated from beginning to end in all aspects. Thank you again to all who made these celebrations possible.

When the Christmas season officially comes to an end on Monday, we will have celebrated 44 Masses in the Family of Parishes over the season. All celebrations were extremely well attended by parishioners, friends and family, and visitors. Thank you for your attendance, participation, and generous gifts of offertory and Christmas donations. All felt welcomed and the joy and enthusiasm was evident as they departed our celebrations to spread the good news of the birth of our Saviour.

Also a thank you for the many Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies sent to the office for our clergy, Pastoral Team, and office staff. Please know these were greatly appreciated.

May the light of Christ continue to burn brightly in our hearts and may you share that light with all you encounter.

- Fr. Daniel



St. Michael's Truth and Reconciliation Book Club

"Education got us into the mess and education will get us out of it."

-Senator Murray Sinclair

St. Michael's Social Justice Committee invites you to join a book club. In keeping with the theme of Truth and Reconciliation, the committee has selected three books:

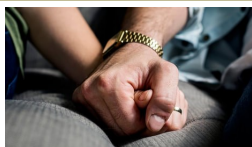
- 1) They Called Me Number One by Bev Sellers (to meet in February)
- 2) Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga (to meet in April)
- 3) Our Voice of Fire by Brandi Morin (to meet in June)

Discussion questions will be provided, and a Social Justice committee member will lead each group.

The committee welcomes you to this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Indigenous experience and discuss our thoughts and feelings on this important topic.

The parish website provides more information, including a [synopsis](#) of the books. Visit www.lncc.dol.ca/infoboard.

If interested, please contact Carole Murphy at 519-679-3584 or by email at carolemurphy@rogers.com by January 15th.



Retrouvaille Weekend: Feb 9-11, 2024

Over 80% of couples report that they saw a notice in their parish bulletin.

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Cursillo! Are You Interested? From the London and Area Cursillo movement: Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'a little course'. Cursillo, which begins on a Thursday night through to Sunday afternoon, helps us to look at ourselves and our relationships with others and God, through a series of talks by others who have made a previous weekend. Day one: we look at ourselves, Day two: we consider God's love for us. Day three: we consider the world around us and how we can be a Godly influence to those around us. All who make the weekend find a deeper joy in their faith, their Church, and their community around them.

Need something to boost your faith and spirit? Consider joining us on **Feb. 1-4, 2024 for the men's weekend**, or **Feb. 8-11, 2024 for the women's weekend**. Call Eileen and David Sleightholm, your diocesan contacts at 519-524-9400 for more information.

Marriage Refresher Course. Dr. Bruce Tallman is offering a Marriage Refresher Course in addition to Marriage Preparation courses. Dr. Tallman's course is approved by Fr. Paul Baillargeon, available to any married couple in the diocese, conveniently delivered in six one hour sessions by Zoom, and flexible: one married couple at a time. The course is for married couples who are thriving, average, or conflicted or any couple that wants to live the sacrament of marriage more fully. For more information, including cost, a full course outline, or to book sessions go to: www.bruceallman.com/coaching-for-married-couples or btallman@rogers.com.



The wise men teach us that
we can honour God in
all sorts of places.

Get a copy of **The Kids' Bulletin** in the narthex or at lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, January 9

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Carmelo Laga Sr.
Purificacion Laga
Rolando Laga

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Roz Thomas
John Meren

Ong Su Que and Visitacion Mallari

Wednesday, January 10

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Anna Kovacic
Robert Latella
Souls in Purgatory

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Patrick Cowan
Daniel Mellamphy

Intentions of Nick and Petra Marek & Adam and Lucas Beaulieu

Thursday, January 11

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Bob Latella
Medric Hachey
Gail Bruder

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Intentions of Massimo Ciotti
Intentions of Peter and Olga Marek and Family
Intentions of Danica Dencev

Friday, January 12

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

John Nabben
Maureen and Louise Murphy
Mark Ramsay

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Arnold Ponce
Wilma Lara
Intentions of Rachel

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Paul David Krauskopf, husband of Anne; Jack Hogan, father and father-in-law of Pat & Sherry Hogan; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Lawrence Pare; Rev. Michael O'Brien; Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Josef Denys; Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.; Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Michael Parent

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 JANUARY 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
Responsorial - Ps 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9 (R. 7-8)
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6.13c, 15a, 17-20
Gospel - John 1.35-42

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.



Are you new in the community? Register at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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- Canada Helps canadahelps.org

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