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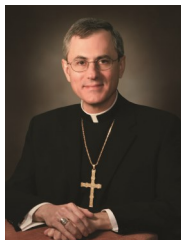
*"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"*

# PARISH BULLETIN

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024



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## Embracing the Prophetic Voice

"The first reading from Deuteronomy introduces a powerful theme: the prophetic voice that speaks with God's authority. This voice, as promised by God, is one like Moses, who would lead and guide the people in truth. In our own lives, recognizing and embracing this prophetic voice is crucial. It's not just about listening to words; it's about an encounter with the divine truth. The challenge lies in discerning who, in our time, carries this mantle of truth.

We are surrounded by many voices claiming authority – in media, in politics, in our communities. How do we recognize the true prophetic voice? The key is in its alignment with the teachings of Christ and the Church, and its fruits in love, justice, and peace. Embracing the prophetic voice means allowing it to challenge and transform us, leading us closer to God.

Jesus' way of teaching starkly contrasts with that of the scribes, as seen in the Gospel reading. The scribes, though knowledgeable, lacked the ability to connect deeply with the common people. Their teachings often hovered in the realm of theory, detached from the lived realities of those they were meant to guide. Jesus, on the other hand, spoke from real life. His authority was rooted not just in knowledge but in experience and empathy.

This approach made His teachings accessible and transformative. It wasn't about complicated theological arguments but about truth presented in a way that reached hearts and minds. In our own lives, when we share our faith with others, are we speaking from real life? Do we connect our understanding of God's word with the practical realities people face every day? Speaking from real life means making faith relevant and accessible, just as Jesus did.

These readings collectively invite us to a deeper understanding of our faith. They challenge us to discern and embrace the true voice of God, to speak and live our faith authentically, and to orient our lives towards undistracted devotion to God. The message for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time is not just about listening to these themes but about integrating them into our daily lives, allowing them to shape our actions, our relationships, and our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ."

Excerpt from Reflections for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Young Catholics  
<https://young-catholics.com/3127/4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/#homilies>



## St. Josephine Bakhita Community Mass—This Weekend!

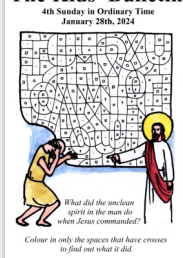
St. Josephine Bakhita Community monthly Mass is taking place this Sunday, **January 28th** at 2:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish. All are welcome!

## Hallowed Highlights

- January 31 Memorial of St. John Bosco
- February 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (see [page 3](#))
- February 3 Memorial of St. Blaise

*All you holy men of God, intercede for us...*

## The Kids' Bulletin



*"With authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."*



The Kids' Bulletin is available in the narthex or at [lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lccc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).

**Women of Grace Study:  
OREMUS, a Guide to  
Catholic Prayer  
January 30th to March 19th**



Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM

John Paul II Room at St. Michael's Parish

OREMUS, an eight-week program will teach you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life.

Learn to talk to God and hear back His voice. Become aware of His presence. Overcome distractions and dryness. Accept desolation and consolation as normal prayers experiences. Grow closer to God and also to all around you.

All from our Family of Parishes are invited to this program to help you grow spiritually this Lent.

Space is limited so sign up now! Please contact Veronica Solis at 519-488-6265 / [versolis@hotmail.com](mailto:versolis@hotmail.com). Registration is FREE. First come, first served.



**St. Michael's Catholic Women's League**

**Installation of New Executive & Welcome New Members.**

Please join us to welcome our new CWL Executive and new CWL members. Installation of Officers with Fr. Felix will take place in the church on Saturday, **February 3rd** at 1:00 PM with coffee and cookies to follow. Everyone is invited, especially spouses and families of executives and new members.

**General Meeting.** All women of the parish are invited to the first CWL meeting of the New Year, on Monday, **February 5th** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. Come and join other CWL members to hear about plans for the coming months and discuss the proposed 2024 budget. All women of the parish are welcome to attend this evening of faith and friendship in our common goals.

**Bereavement Support Retreat**

Grieving the death of a loved one is never easy, yet support from others and sharing your loss can help to soothe your sorrow.



Join our Bereavement Support Weekend with adults who are either recently bereaved or further along in their grief journey. We offer a safe and peaceful place to share, learn and grow while coping with loss; viewed within the context of the Catholic faith.

**Friday February 9, 2024** from 7 :00 pm - 9:00 pm; and

**Saturday February 10, 2024** from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Registration Fee: \$20.00

St. George Parish Hall at 1164 Commissioners Rd. W., London  
To register call Bereavement Ministry 519-471-4220 ext.#242  
or email Sharon Hunt at [shunt@dol.ca](mailto:shunt@dol.ca)



**Income Tax Receipt**

Income tax receipts can be issued legally for contributions received in 2023. Official tax receipts will be mailed out by the end of February 2024. If you have inquiries or questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.



**Knights of Columbus**

**St. Peter's K of C Membership Drive.** Catholic men! Feeling the call to live out your Catholic Faith in service to the Church and your community? Come find out about the Knights of Columbus! As a Knight you would be part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world. As you grow in faith, you are supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values--and on a shared desire to be the men God has called you to be. Being a Knight lets you get support from Catholic men in your own neighbourhood.

Additionally, as a Knight you will have the opportunity to engage in Charitable activities, faith formation activities and social activities within the parish community.

An information table will be in the Narthex following each mass on the weekends of **February 3-4** and **10-11**. Stop by for a chat!

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**St. Michael's Council #12820**

**Free Throw Results from Saturday, January 20, 2024  
held at St. Michael's School, London**

Boys Age 9	Jacob Campo Reales	St. Kateri
Girls Age 9	Izabella Krolikowski	St. Mark
Boys Age 10	Jason Scheidemann	St. Catherine of Siena
Girls Age 10	Daisy Ichite	St. Catherine of Siena
Boys Age 11	Johnathan Bhatt	St. Catherine of Siena
Girls Age 11	Savannah McNary	St. Catherine of Siena
Boys Age 12	Ethan Kirkland	St. Kateri
Girls Age 12	Kaylee Abunales	St. Catherine of Siena
Boys Age 13	Patrick McMahon	St. Kateri
Girls Age 13	Emma Sorge-Speers	St. Catherine of Siena

These winners of the Council level now qualify for the District competition to be held Sat. **Feb. 10, 2024**, at St. Teresa Elementary School, 108 Fairlane Avenue in London.

**2024 Offertory Envelopes**

Thank you to all who have picked up their offertory envelopes or made arrangements by contacting the office.

There are a few changes to this year's box sets.

**St. Michael's:** St. Vincent de Paul, CWL & Knight's memberships and the Refugee Fund envelopes are no longer in the boxed set. These envelopes will be available on specific weekends and will be advertised in the bulletin. The 'Give to Grow' envelopes have been renamed 'Build Our Legacy Fund'. Donations received in these envelopes will be used for Capital work at St. Michael's Parish.

**St. Peter's Cathedral:** Missions Committee envelope is no longer in the boxed set. Donations from the Committee were received with gratitude by St. Stephen's House of London. The 'Restoration Fund' envelopes have also been renamed 'Build Our Legacy Fund'. Donations received in these envelopes will be used for Capital work at St. Peter's Cathedral.







## Making Jesus Present

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord—February 2, 2024

“Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is known as the feast of Encounter in the Eastern Church where it began. In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a world day of prayer for consecrated life attached to this feast. Of course, in the United States and Canada, when one hears February 2, what comes to mind is Groundhog Day, the day when a prediction is made about how many more weeks of winter are left depending on whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not. But unlike the uncertainty of the weather, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord has a sense of certainty associated with it. In this feast, we celebrate the certainty of the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel that is fulfilled in Jesus but that is extended to the entire world. And, we celebrate the continuation of God’s love in our own world, of God continually reaching out towards us and inviting us into a relationship or encounter.”

Fr. Nicky Santos, SJ; Daily Reflection of Creighton University’s Online Ministries  
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/020220.html>

### Called By Name

The Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese began last year, Pentecost 2023. One of the initiatives is the Called by Name process that stresses the role of the Christian community in calling forth men to consider this vocation. Parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to consider who in their midst might serve well as a priest.

What should one look for in a candidate to Priesthood? The following qualities are desirable in persons identified as potential candidates:

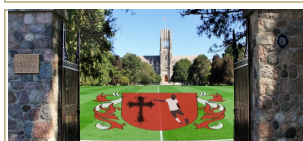
- A person of prayer who loves the Lord*
- A person who considers a personal relationship with God as an important part of life*
- A person who has an ability and willingness to take about his faith life*
- A person who is will willing to sacrifice personal or material gain for the service of the Gospel and the Church*
- A person who is actively involved in the life of the Church*
- A person who has a desire to serve others and make a difference in people’s lives*
- A person who is successful in life, including school, work, relationships*
- A person who engages others, is approachable, enjoys life, people and has a sense of humour*
- A person who has the ability to lead and work with people of all ages*
- A person who forms and maintains healthy relationships with men and women*
- A person with personal integrity, honesty, generosity*

After prayerful consideration and conversation with a potential candidate please submit their name and contact information to Cathryn Hall at [chall@dol.ca](mailto:chall@dol.ca). The Pastoral Team will review all names submitted and will submit these names to Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations. Submission deadline is **Feb. 4, 2024**.

### Pope Francis Fund Application Process is Open



The Pope Francis Fund application process is now open for grants that will be distributed in 2024. Last year, ten organizations received a total of \$48,000 in funding. The process, criteria and past recipients are at [www.dol.ca/pff](http://www.dol.ca/pff). Parishioners are asked to share this with any groups who could benefit from this funding and use it to help the poor in our communities. The application process closes on **February 28**.



### Jeremiah Day

Saturday, February 10 from 10 am - 3 pm

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God’s plan for us. This is a day for young men (grades 8 to 12) to grow closer to God and to visit our seminary. The activities include a tour of St. Peter’s Seminary, Mass, lunch, time for prayer and an indoor sports activity in the afternoon. See the poster at this [link](#) for more details. To register visit [www.dolpriest.ca/jeremiah-day](http://www.dolpriest.ca/jeremiah-day).

### SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 21, 2024

	St. Michael’s	St. Peter’s
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 9,559.00	\$ 3,304.25
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,691.00	\$ 1,535.20
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,884.00	\$ 3,011.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,134.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,850.70</b>

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*  
 To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit [www.lncc.dol.ca/donate](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/donate).

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, January 30

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Anna Kovacic  
Robert Latella

Mr. & Mrs. Ramon & Veronica Arachea

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar  
Intentions of Rose Nadeau  
Intentions of Alan Foulem

### Wednesday, January 31

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Living & Deceased Looby & O'Rourke Family Members  
Intentions of Maureen Looby  
Souls in Purgatory

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Gary Thomas  
Intentions of Massimo Ciotti  
Intentions of Ron Kovacs

### Thursday, February 1

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Herman Nabben  
Maureen Murphy Fricker  
Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Mary Kay Butler  
Greg Gangnier  
Intentions of Marilyn Holatko

### Friday, February 2

St. Michael's at 8:00 AM

Benjamin Hillier  
Intentions of Marilyn Morgan  
Barbara Baturensky

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine  
Anthony and Mary Pinto  
Father Stephen Bodnar

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Eileen Hogan, wife of Joseph Hogan; and Roger Lefebvre; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Jose Montepeque; Kathryn Heemsherk, Pastoral Minister; Hospital Chaplains in the Diocese of London; Erika Eaglesham, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Christopher Bourdeau; Rev. Sekar Raj; Maija Wilson, Campus Minister

**Offer a Mass** for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit [www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests).

### READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Job 7.1-4, 6-7  
Responsorial - Ps 147.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.1a, 3)  
R. Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.  
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23  
Gospel - Mark 1.29-39

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



### Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday–Friday 8 am  
*Beginning February 20, 2024 Tuesday Mass will be at 7 pm.*  
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](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family) or get a parish registration form from our volunteers.

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