



London North Central
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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Tuesday through Friday 12:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm (livestreamed); Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm; Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

St. Josephine Bakhita Community (at St. Michael's):

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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Welcome to Our Family!

Are you new in the
community?



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or get a parish registration form from our
volunteers.

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**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday April 21, 2024**

"Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace"

"Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

To be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, then, means to base our lives on the rock of Christ's resurrection, knowing that every effort made in the vocation that we have embraced and seek to live out, will never be in vain. Failures and obstacles may arise along the way, but the seeds of goodness we sow are quietly growing and nothing can separate us from the final goal: our encounter with Christ and the joy of living for eternity in fraternal love. This ultimate calling is one that we must anticipate daily: even now our loving relationship with God and our brothers and sisters is beginning to bring about God's dream of unity, peace and fraternity. May no one feel excluded from this calling! Each of us in our own small way, in our particular state of life, can, with the help of the Spirit, be a sower of seeds of hope and peace."

Excerpt from Message of his Holiness, Pope Francis, for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2024.

To see Pope Francis' full message, [click here](#).

The 2024 St. Peter's Seminary Annual Appeal

"Our Diocese is blessed to have St. Peter's Seminary as a resource for people who are seeking a supportive community to discern God's call to servant leadership in the Church. From St. Peter's, men and women emerge to serve in parishes throughout our Diocese and in parishes across dozens of dioceses across Canada. For over a century, the Seminary has received the enthusiastic and generous support of people from our Diocese and beyond."



Excerpt from Bishop Fabbro's Letter to the Diocese, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 2024

To see Bishop Fabbro's letter, [click here](#). The Annual Appeal begins this weekend. The Appeal brochure is available in the Narthex at both Parishes.

Admission to Permanent Diaconate Formation

The Diocese of London is seeking men who are being called to lives of service. Are you one of them? Are you being called to consider becoming a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese? The admission cycle for entry into the Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study program is open until June 10, 2024. For more information and to register as an inquirer please visit: <https://deacons.space/admissions/>

The in-person session for London, ON will be on Sunday, **May 5**, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm at St. John the Divine, located at 390 Baseline Rd. West.



Diocesan Pastoral Council: Town Hall Meeting

The Diocesan Pastoral Council was re-established by Bishop Fabbro in 2022. It is a consultative body made up of mostly Lay Faithful and representatives of the Religious in the Diocese as well as deacons and priests that act as an advisory council for the Bishop. The members of the Council identify pastoral needs and with study, prayer, discernment and dialogue, then present possible recommendations for the Bishop to consider.

With the term of office ending for some current members we are seeking new members, one representative from each deanery, who will be appointed to the Council, and will join in September 2024. The Diocese will host a series of Town Hall meetings in each Deanery for those who may be interested in joining the Council.

Please prayerfully consider attending one of the following town hall meetings in order to get more information and how to submit your name (or another person) for consideration. Please keep this initiative in your prayers as the Church continues to respond to Pope Francis' call to engage synodally, and to give a more prominent voice to the laity in future pastoral directions for our Diocese.

The London Deanery Town Hall meeting will be: **Wednesday April 24th**: St. John the Divine, London at 7:00 pm.

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to announce the launch of **Spotlight Sundays** at St. Michael's Parish and St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica! This initiative aims to connect with our vibrant community and invite new volunteers to join our Ministries.

Starting in late Spring, every Saturday evening and Sunday during all Masses, different Ministries will have the opportunity to showcase their work. Tables will be set up in the Narthex of each church, providing a platform to recruit new volunteers, engage with parishioners, and share informational handouts about your specific ministry and how potential volunteers can get involved.

If you are a leader of a Ministry and wish to participate in **Spotlight Sundays**, we ask you to reach out to:

Sherry Bedard: mbedar8133@rogers.com (St. Peter's)
Theresa O'Leary: theresaoleary62@gmail.com (St. Michael's)

Please contact Sherry or Theresa by Monday, **April 22nd**, to secure your spot!

Let's come together to illuminate the path of service and fellowship in our Family of Parishes!



Parish Pastoral Council

Ordinations to the Priesthood

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, we are pleased to announce the call to the Order of Priest of Rev. Mr. James Prins, Rev. Mr. Matthew R. Sawyer and Rev. Mr. Tony J. (TJ) Vandermeer.



The Mass of Ordination will be on Saturday, **April 27th**, 2024, at 11:00 am at St Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London. All are invited to attend or watch the livestream [here](#). Please keep these men in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination to the priesthood.

*Confession will not take place at St. Peter's on **April 27th**.

St. Peter's CWL Virtual Rosary

Did you know? St. Peter's CWL holds a weekly Virtual Rosary!



Starting during the pandemic, Virtual Rosary proved a wonderful way to strengthen our faith and keep in touch with our sisters.

St. Peter's CWL will hold their Virtual Rosary on Zoom on Friday, **April 26th** at 7:00 pm. We encourage all women from our Family of Parishes to attend. Please contact Marian Strom at mstrom55@gmail.com by Wednesday, **April 24th** if you wish to attend.

Spring Friendship Tea Hosted by St. Michael's CWL

St. Michael's CWL will be hosting a **Spring Friendship Tea** in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, **May 8th** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All women of the parish are welcome to attend! Bring your mother, grandmother, neighbour or daughter out for tea and company. It is free! If you plan to attend, please sign the Guest List in the Narthex of St. Michael's Parish.



St. Michael's CWL 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

On Friday, **May 3rd**, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, join us in praying for those in palliative care. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am - 3:40 pm, followed by prayers throughout the day.

To have someone present with Jesus throughout the day there will be a sign-up sheet (in half hour increments) on the welcome desk in the Narthex, or email marilyn.morgan@sympatico.ca to indicate a specific time.

For those unable to be at church, we hope you will sign up to join us in prayer at home, especially between 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 4:00 am - 8:00 pm, to have prayers for the entire twelve hours.



St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Annual Yard Sale

The St. Michael's Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Parish Yard Sale on **May 11th** from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Donations of your gently used items will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the back door to the hall on Thursday, **May 9th** and Friday, **May 10th** at 9:00 am until 12 noon and 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.



To arrange pick up of larger items or assistance if you are unable to get come out, please call Marty at 519-870-1859. Thank you for your support!

Truth and Reconciliation

Parishioners and Parish groups are invited to participate in *A Path to Solidarity* with Indigenous people. Each month, for 10 months, a topic will be explored as "A Step on a Path to Solidarity." Each topic has 4 parts: *See, Discern, Act* and *Further Resources*. Click this [link](#) to learn more about each topic.

Earth Day - April 22

For over 50 years, Earth Day has been marked worldwide. The earth, our common home in this life, is in need of some spring cleaning and some care! We know how the entire earth is and for us now and for the future of humanity.

How can we do our part and recognize and participate in this year's Earth Day? See the Diocese of London's Laudate Si' Action Plan found [here](#). Copies are available in the narthex.



KIDS' BULLETIN & RESOURCES

The Kids' Bulletin

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21st, 2024



Help the sheep find the Good Shepherd and stay away from the hungry wolf!

Our Good Shepherd

Besides guiding and protecting us, He dies to save us! Because he died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!

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



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Enter "London North Central...", your Name & Email. Enjoy!

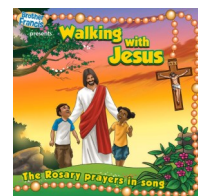
Lectio: St. Mark the Evangelist

April 25 is the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark. Click [here](#) to watch the entire series of Lectio: Mark.



Br. Francis Presents Walking With Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, let your hearts be filled with the joy of God's wonderful love as you listen to these powerfully moving songs depicting the life, death, Resurrection, and glory of His Son through the prayers of the Rosary. Click [here](#) to listen to the songs.



Thank You!

London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes is truly blessed to have such dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents.

Volunteers You Are Invited

to a Mass and social to celebrate.

Thursday, May 23
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

St. Michael's Parish

Details in the coming weeks.



REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 23
St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Trev Sutton
 Angela Currado
 John Lush

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Oswaldo Salazar
 Kay Tyndall
 Joe Murphy

Wednesday, April 24

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Rosa Castrilli
 Paulie Kustermans
 Deceased Members of the David & Kustermans Families

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari
 Intentions of Julie Sans & Past Executive Members of
 St. Peter's CWL
 Intentions of Marian Strom & the New Executive Members of
 St. Peter's CWL

Thursday, April 25

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Theresia & George Knab
 Fausto Boniferno
 Intentions of Linda McBride

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Mary Allman
 Souls in Purgatory
 Intentions of Josephine Mallari

Friday, April 26

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

John O'Connell
 Helen Deckert
 Deceased & Living Family & Friends of the Solis-Reyes Family

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Gail Marc Digal
 Helena McKinnon
 Intentions of Massim Ciotti

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Peter Van Tol. We also pray for those who have died, including Teresa Bedard, mother of Fr. Gerard Bedard; Lorna MacEachern, mother of Todd, mother-in-law of Angie MacEachern, grandmother of Cassandra and Matthew; Fr. Andrew Sipek; Joseph Snyder, husband of Sheila; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Leonard Desjardins; Deacon Leonard Hughes; Rev. David Furlonger, C. Ss. R.; Rev. David Butler; Mrs. Jacqueline Rowe, Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Matthew Kucharski; Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky.

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 APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading - Acts 9.26-31
 Responsorial - Ps 22.25b-26, 27+29, 30-31 (R 25a)
R. Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.
 Second Reading - 1 John 3.18-24
 Gospel - John 15.1-8

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday April 22

9:00 AM: Seniors On the Move Exercise (STM Hall)
 3:00 PM: Hospitality North Meal (STM Hall)
 7:00 PM: Ukulele Group (JPIL)

Tuesday April 23

1:30 PM: New Day Group (JPIL)
 2:00 PM: Property & Maintenance Committee (St. Peter's Cathedral)
 7:00 PM: Knight's Executive - St. Peter's (JPIL)

Wednesday April 24

9:00 AM: Seniors On the Move Exercise (STM Hall)
 6:00 PM: Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)
 7:00 PM: Social Justice Committee (St. Anthony)

Thursday April 25

1:00 PM: Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)
 7:00 PM: Parish Pastoral Council (JPIL)

Friday April 26

Saturday April 27

8:30 AM: Ordination Breakfast (STM Hall)
 10:00 AM: Yarning with Love (St. Josemaria)
 11:00 AM: Ordination to the Priesthood (St. Peter's Cathedral)

Sunday April 28

3:30 PM: St. Josephine Bakhita Social After Mass (STM Hall)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: April 14, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$4,519.00	\$ 5,608.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 1,660.75	\$ 1,599.25
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,788.17	\$ 2,981.25
TOTAL	\$ 9,967.92	\$ 10,188.50

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