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# PARISH BULLETIN

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024



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## Amazed by Jesus

"Every year today's liturgy leaves us amazed: we pass from the joy of welcoming Jesus as he enters Jerusalem to the sorrow of watching him condemned to death and then crucified. That sense of interior amazement will remain with us throughout Holy Week.

From the start, Jesus leaves us amazed. His people give him a solemn welcome, yet he enters Jerusalem on a lowly colt. His people expect a powerful liberator at Passover, yet he comes to bring the Passover to fulfilment by sacrificing himself. His people are hoping to triumph over the Romans by the sword, but Jesus comes to celebrate God's triumph through the cross.

Amazement is not the same as admiration. Admiration can be worldly, since it follows its own tastes and expectations. Amazement, on the other hand, remains open to others and to the newness they bring. We have to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him; to pass from admiration to amazement.

During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement. Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: "Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!" Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realizing that we are loved. This is the grandeur of life: discovering that we are loved. And the grandeur of life lies precisely in the beauty of love. "

*Excerpt from Pope Francis' Homily, Palm Sunday, 2021.*

To see the full homily, please click [here](#).



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## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### Thursday, March 28; Thursday of the Lord's Supper

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m.,  
St. Peter's Cathedral: 7:00 p.m. \*

### Friday, March 29; Friday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Michael's Parish:  
Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross: 10:00 a.m.  
Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Cathedral:  
Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m.  
Proclamation of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.\*

### Saturday, March 30; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Vigil

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 p.m.,  
St. Peter's Cathedral: 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 31; The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday

St. Michael's Parish: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Cathedral: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.\*, 1:00 p.m.

\*Live streamed at [www.Incc.dol.ca](http://www.Incc.dol.ca) or click [here](#).

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**Mass of Chrism—Monday, March 25th  
7:00 p.m., St. Peter's Cathedral**

Bishop Fabbro joins with the priests and people from every parish of the Diocese of London for the annual Mass of Chrism to bless and consecrate the oils to be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. The priests of the diocese will also renew their priestly commitment. All are welcome. This celebration will be live streamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@londonnorthcentralcatholicfop](https://youtube.com/@londonnorthcentralcatholicfop)



*Note: There will not be a Monday evening Mass at St. Michael's Parish.*

**Share Lent—THANK YOU!**

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Reaping our Rights campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, the Family of Parishes collected \$6,635 as of March 17th. Your generous donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.



If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give).

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

For more information, please contact parish representative Michael Loebach at [michaelfloebach@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfloebach@gmail.com) 519-671-6670 or Deanery representative Gord Smith at email [gosmit@execulink.com](mailto:gosmit@execulink.com) 519-672-2497.



**St. Peter's Cathedral SSVP Update**

This February six teams of volunteers from St. Peter's Saint Vincent de Paul visited 57 homes, distributing \$3560 in grocery cards to 75 people. In addition, 15 vouchers for clothing, furniture and air mattresses were distributed.

Your generosity in supporting this work is invariably met with heartfelt thanks. Here is a story from one of our volunteers that illustrates how much this work is appreciated.

*"KB is a client who calls our line regularly for a little bit of extra help. She is a lovely sweet gal who eagerly awaits our Tuesday visit. When we call her to say we have arrived, she usually makes her way out of her apartment, down the elevator in her wheelchair and meets us at the front door.*

*But this past month we made our way up to her apartment and knocked on her door. She eagerly invited us into her home. As we stepped in, she recognized me from past visits and asked me how I was doing. We talked about her day and how much this grocery store gift card was going to help her this month. She thanked us for taking the time to come up to her apartment and to deliver her much needed gift card, voucher for some clothing at the thrift store and bus ticket. We stayed for a few more minutes sharing a little about our day and then moved on to the next visit."* -Shelley SSVP volunteer



**Catholic Women's League Updates**

**St. Peter's CWL General Meeting.** A reminder to St. Peter's CWL members to bring items that can be donated to My Sister's Place to our next General Meeting on Saturday, **April 6th** at 11 AM, JP II room. A sampling of the items will be packaged and taken to the Convention for the Crowning of Mary ceremony. Contact Marian Strom by email at [mstrom55@gmail.com](mailto:mstrom55@gmail.com) or by phone at 519-872-5502 if you have any questions.

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**St. Michael's CWL April Meeting.** All women of the parish are invited to the CWL general membership meeting on Monday, **April 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, we are called to protect the most vulnerable, to stand in solidarity with others, to protect the rights and dignity of all people, and to care for the world God created. Marg Riehl, our Social Justice Chair, will be conducting a group discussion with regard to ways in which we can address social justice. *Please note this is the 2nd Monday in April.*



**St. Michael's Knights of Columbus' Free Throw Results**

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, the Regional Free Throw competition was held at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in London. 18 Councils participated from across Southwestern Ontario. A total of 20 boys and 20 girls earned their place in this Regional competition, by winning their respective age group at both the Council and District levels. Congratulations to these winners from St. Michael's Council #12820:

Boys Age 10	Jason Scheidemann	Silver
Girls Age 11	Savannah McNary	Silver
Boys Age 12	Ethan Kirkland	Bronze
Girls Age 12	Kaylee Abunales	Gold
Boys Age 13	Patrick McMahan	Bronze



**Refugee Committee**

Invites you to a Fundraising Event  
**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, April 6th 12 pm to 5 pm**

St. Michael's Parish Hall

**\$40 per person \$70 couple**

For information contact: **Anne Polischuk**

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**COMING SOON!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

[LNCC.DOL.CA/VBS](https://LNCC.DOL.CA/VBS)

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1st! Stay tuned for more details.**



### Journey Through Lent, 2024– CCCB Series

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Bishop Hagemoen provides a reflection on the passion of Christ. Click [here](#) to view this week's reflection.

### LENT ON FORMED

**SIGN UP FOR FREE:**  
[daily.formed.org/lent](http://daily.formed.org/lent)

**The Passion of the Christ with Dr. Elizabeth Klein.** Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein as she reflects on Christ's passion by exploring the meaning of the phrase "handed over" in the Gospels and Paul's writings. This presentation is an exclusive excerpt from an Augustine Institute Bible Conference made available to all of FORMED. Click [here](#) to watch the 38-minute video or go to [watch.formed.org/videos/the-passion-of-christ-with-dr-elizabeth-klein](http://watch.formed.org/videos/the-passion-of-christ-with-dr-elizabeth-klein)



### Lent Meditation with Br. Francis: A Time for Palms.

Join Br. Francis as we reflect on the story of Jesus on Palm Sunday. Imagine you were in the crowd of people excited to

welcome Jesus as he arrives humbly riding on a donkey, think of your own word of praise. To watch this video, click [here](#) or go to [watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis/season:1/videos/day:11-a-time-for-palms](http://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis/season:1/videos/day:11-a-time-for-palms)



### Holy Matters Easter Edition—Now Available!

Our Family of Parishes' official publication, Holy Matters, Easter edition is now available! Copies of the paper are found in the narthex or at the entrances of the church. To access it online: [www.lncc.dol.ca/holymatters](http://www.lncc.dol.ca/holymatters).

Thank you to the Editorial Committee and all those who contributed articles and pictures to this edition.

### Jeremiah Day

Saturday, **April 6th** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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 and to register visit [www.dolpriest.ca/jeremiah-day](http://www.dolpriest.ca/jeremiah-day).

### Holy Thursday Collection

On Holy Thursday, our collection has been taken up in support of a local service organization. This year's collection at St. Michael's and St. Peter's will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council's Affordable Housing Project, Building Hope for Homes. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to serve people in need with love, respect, justice and joy, and to help create a more just and compassionate society. The Society has been serving people in London for over 160 years!

There is a chronic need for affordable housing in London and surrounding area. Currently, there are over 6,250 families and/or individuals in need of safe, secure housing. In response to the chronic and acute affordable housing crisis in London, the SSVP has obtained a portion of property from the Diocese of London adjacent to St. Andrew the Apostle Church located in northeast London. The plan is to build a 73-unit apartment building that will contain one and two bedroom units - with 17 accessible and all designated affordable - including space for community support on the ground floor.



### Flowers for Easter

We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Easter celebrations. Donations may be made in the name of family or friends, deceased or living, for whom you may wish to pray. These names will be placed in the bulletin and remembered in prayer throughout the Easter Season.

To make a contribution, please seal donations in an envelope, along with your name, address and phone number as well as the name of the person you are honouring and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail in to the office. Donations can also be made by e-transfer to [basilica@dol.ca](mailto:basilica@dol.ca) or [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca), memo line- *Flowers for Easter*. Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

### Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

The blessing of food baskets on Easter Sunday holds a special tradition for our community at St. Michael's Parish. Parishioners from our Family of Parishes who observe this cherished custom are welcome to join us on **Holy Saturday, March 30th at 10 AM** at St. Michael's Parish. Bring your beautifully adorned baskets and let's rejoice in the blessings of Easter!



### REMINDER

During Holy Week all regular scheduled meetings and activities are cancelled following Masses on Sunday, March 24th as the Pastors and Parish staff prepare for the celebration of Easter. Schedules will resume on Tuesday, April 2nd.

**The Parish office will close on Holy Thursday, March 28th at noon and re-open on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:30 am.**

## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



### Tuesday, March 26

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Mike & Salvina Said  
Frank & Maria Koncan  
Augusto Cesar Garcia

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Adam Strom  
Hans Beretta  
Michael Ennett

### Wednesday, March 27

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Rosa Castrilli  
Valsamma Joy

Intentions of Bishop Fabbro, CSB

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Bruno De Lazzer

Intentions of Massimo Ciotti

Intentions of Yvonne & Jacob Simpson & Family

### Thursday, March 28 & Friday, March 29

*No Daily Mass*

**We remember in prayer** all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Peter Neary, husband of Hilary Bates Neary and father of Nicholas & John; Cornelia Elisabeth "Corry" Kox, wife of (late) Arnold, mother of Joe & Henry; and comfort those who mourn.

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

R.C.I.A. Teams in the Diocese of London;  
The Seminarians of the Diocese of London;  
Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, O.F.M. Cap.

**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).



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. Profile info change? Connect with us!

### READINGS FOR MARCH 31, 2024 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading - Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Responsorial - Ps 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R..24)

R. *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Second Reading - Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel - John 20.1-18

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



### Weekdays

St. Michael's: Tuesday & Thursday 7 pm

Wednesday & Friday 9:30 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.

## PARISH Support

### SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 17, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$ 3,675.65	\$ 4,982.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$ 2,241.00	\$ 1,990.90
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$ 3,030.54	\$ 2,415.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,947.19</b>	<b>\$ 9,387.90</b>

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*  
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