

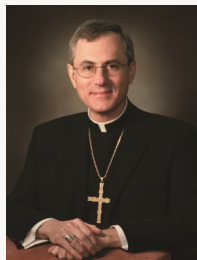


# PARISH BULLETIN

"Being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus."

December 21, 2025–January 4, 2026

4th Sunday of Advent | The Nativity of The Lord | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | The Epiphany of the Lord



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of the LNCC Family of Parishes,

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Advent and Christmas.

As this year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting in wonderment and amazement. "I never saw that coming!" is a phrase I've uttered more than once. We began this year with the Jubilee Year of Hope, setting out as "Pilgrims of Hope." Little did we know how profoundly we would be called to live that hope.

We mourned together the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday, a poignant moment of sorrow for the entire Church. Yet, in God's mysterious providence, we soon witnessed the historic election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American pontiff in history. In a year marked by continued wars, conflicts, and natural disasters, these monumental events reminded us that the Lord is ever-present, guiding His Church through both turbulence and grace.

I am immensely grateful for each of you—for your steadfast faith, your generous kindness, and the countless ways you embody Christ's love. It is your warmth and devotion that make our parishes a true spiritual home, a place where all are welcome and loved.

Advent invites us to quiet our hearts and contemplate the sublime mystery of the Incarnation. In the humble birth of a child in Bethlehem, the infinite God entered our finite world. He sanctified our humanity by sharing in it—in our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our fears. This is the heart of our Christmas celebration: God is not distant, but intimately close to each one of us.

As your Pastor, I am honoured and blessed to journey with you. My prayers are with you always. This Christmas, let us particularly hold in our hearts those who are lonely, burdened, or struggling. Together, let us be Christ's hands and heart in our world, bringing the light of Bethlehem into the shadows of our time.

May you and your families be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the profound peace of the Christ child.

On behalf of our entire parish team, I wish you a most blessed and joyous Christmas. May the newborn King fill your hearts with His grace, and may His love sustain you throughout the coming year.

In the Lord, our Shepherd,

*Father Daniel Bombardier*



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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Or by appointment.



## 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 pray for all of these intentions throughout the Christmas Season.*

### ***We remember and pray for those who have died:***

Lois Armstrong; James Arrindell & Jocelyn Bushe; Dr. John Ayerst, Anthony Belter, Boleslaw Belter, Wanda Lewis, Maureen Boone, Father Henry Cassano; Deceased Members of the Baker & Wojcik Families; Rick Baker; Jacob Barandowski; Deceased Members of the Bokor & Stewart Families; Melchor Briceno; Deceased Members of the Bugeja & Said Families; Erman & Lucia Cavaliere; Italo Chiavetti, Frank Chiavetti, Justin Chiavetti; Valerie Cox & Deceased Family Members, Steven Cox & Wendy Cox; Gildo & Giovanna DiCola; Bernardus Dimmers, Tryntje Dimmers, & Goberdina Dimmers; Maria & Martin Durica, Irena & Pavol Kal; Eva Edwards; Anne Ennett; Rachel N. Esquivel, Deceased Members of the Rogelj, Kmet, Lavric, Caceres, Esquivel Families; Peter J. & Elaine Feeney; Sharon Fullerton; Reyna Rodriguez Galarza; Renato Gasparotto; Joseph Griffin, David Smith, Philip McHugh; Adolphus Guelmo, Isabel Guelmo, John Guelmo, Ruthven Lashley, Barbara Lashley & Anderson Lashley; Rose Hehir; Roderick & Lillian Inglis, Mary Lisa Inglis, Patricia Willard-Inglis, Eric Inglis, Brian Inglis, Jamie Inglis, Marian Barker & Samuel Barker, Rev. William Collins; Jan Jewusiak, Rozalia Bitel, Waclaw Bitel, Anna Rogalska, Tomasz Tiskow; Tom Kearns; Vincent Krasna & Tatjana Krasna; Paul Krauskopf, Margaret Dandeno, Kathleen Pasquini, & Sr. Ursula Dandeno of the Precious Blood Monastery; Tom Leckie; Pauline Martinelli & Deceased Members of the Martinelli/Mutton/Privitelli/Psaila Families; Dorothy McClelland, George & Mary Roberts, Hector Martin, Larry Douse; JoAnn McClinchey, & Joanna Laphorne; Maria Mota; Joe Murphy & Deceased Family Members; Deceased Members of the Nivet & de Pass Families; Mary M. O'Hagan; Deceased Members of the Overmars & Douma Families; Henny Pedersen; Michael Plastino; Carol Potter & Josephine Strong; Lee & Rose Regier, and Clem & Theresa Regier; Deceased Family & Friends of Anita Renders; Marjorie and Jack Riggs, Theresa Bombardier, Veronica Odobi, Dawn Munday; Deceased Members of the Rowley, Gee, Giampa Families of Kimberly & Sharon Rowley; Theresa & Mary Sheehan; Teofilo Simoes, Ida Iannialice, Pascale Iannialice; Leo & Anne St. Louis, and J. Gordon & Deborah Smith; Stephen, Mama Rosa, Gabriella, Sandor, Marta, Terenc, Julianna, Bertalan, & Marton; Tatiani, Marina; Tissa, Ivor, Beatrice; Cecile Tourigny; Joao Manuel Varao; Deceased Members of the Willis & Rubio Families; Winifred Wojtak; Hon Ping Yu-Chang; Anthony "Tony" Zou; All Souls in Purgatory.

### ***We remember and pray for the intentions of the living:***

Sharon Ashley, Dennis and Melissa Ashley, Erin Ashley Macdonald and Family, John Riggs & Family, Ron Riggs & Family, Tom Riggs & Family, Brian Riggs & Family; Drury Family; Leah Eldridge & Family; Mary & Rob Herlick; Marene; Martinelli/Mutton/Privitelli/Psaila Families; Ken Miles; Peter & Hung Duy Nguyen; Overmars & Douma Families; Creet Pollock, Heather Pollock & Stuart Pollock; Intentions of Rick & Clare; Kimberly & Sharon Rowley; Tourkogianni Family; David Varao; Chuck Willis & Evelyn Rubio-Willis.



### **Journey Through Advent**

The next and final video in the "Journey Through Advent" series with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, is now available. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for this joyful Fourth Sunday of Advent. Click [here to watch the video](#).

This series can be found on the website of the CCCB: [www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/](http://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/)

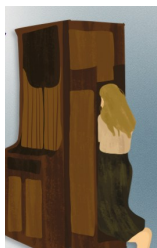


### **Fall Confirmation 2025**

**Congratulations** to the 30 young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Michael's Parish on Gaudete Sunday with Bishop Fabbro! These newly confirmed youth, ranging from Grades 8-12, have shown great dedication to learning about their faith and growing in their relationship with Christ. A heartfelt thank you to the incredible volunteer team who have been praying for, preparing, and guiding these young people over the past month and a half.

### **Advent Day of Reconciliation—Thank you!**

On December 17th, we held our Advent Day of Reconciliation. A huge thank you to Fathers Pio Beorchia, Bob Remark, Murray Sample, John Comiskey, Frank O'Connor, Rob Renaud, Al Momney, Jason Kuntz, John Sharp, and Jim Mockler who assisted Fathers Daniel, and James in celebrating the sacrament at both parishes. With the assistance of our visiting priests we were able to offer over 30 hours of Confessions to celebrate this beautiful sacrament of healing and embrace of God's unfathomable love for all.



### **Holiday Hours**

Please note the parish office hours over the holidays:

Wednesday, December 24th:	9:00 am - Noon
Thursday, December 25th:	Office Closed
Friday, December 26th:	Office Closed
Monday, December 29th:	9:00 am - Noon
Tuesday, December 30th:	9:00 am - Noon
Wednesday, December 31st :	Office Closed
Thursday, January 1st:	Office Closed
Friday, January 2nd:	9:00 am - Noon





# The Christmas Season – From Birth to Baptism



## Returning to the Stable at Bethlehem

Every Christmas, we are invited to return to the stable at Bethlehem. God's heart, God's light, God's humility was given to us on that holy night and that all encompassing and radiant light continues to touch us, bless us, direct us, and guide us.

## The Season of Christmas

Next to the yearly celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. The season of Christmas begins for us on **Christmas Day (and its vigil)** and concludes with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. Throughout the season the church's liturgies invite and guide our hearts to reflect on the meaning of Christmas-the gift of self-giving love.

## "You are my beloved Son"

We quickly transition into Jesus' public life on the **Feast of the Holy Family** as we hear the familiar gospel story of Jesus teaching in the temple. The following Sunday we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** in which we are reminded the light of the world had come into the darkness of the world. Matthew's Gospel brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on their way to pay homage to the newborn king. The Season of Christmas draws to a conclusion with the **Feast of Baptism of the Lord** where Jesus is baptized by John, the skies open and the voice of God proclaims: "you are my beloved Son." In all of these celebrations we come to a greater understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is-teacher, light, and Son.

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God—January 1st



One week after Christmas we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God** on January 1st. This solemnity commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the God-Bearer, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ. We are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

On this day we also are called to pray for Peace on the **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.



## A Christmas Season Blessing

May the birth of Jesus Christ, who brings light, life, and love to the world both in the stable on that Holy night in Bethlehem and now, continue to shine forth and bless you during this Christmas season and always. May the Christmas Season continue to open our hearts to the gift of God's love through his Son and may we bear witness to that love through our words and actions.

## Christmas Season at the LNCC Family of Parishes

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve | Wednesday, December 24

St. Michael's Parish	4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 12:00 MN
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, 11:00 PM*

Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25

St. Michael's Parish	10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 27 / Sunday, December 28

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5:00 PM   Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	Saturday 5:00 PM   Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM* Closing Mass-Jubilee Year
St. Josephine Bakhita Community	Sunday 2:30 PM (St. Michael's Parish)

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 / Thursday, January 1

St. Michael's Parish	Wednesday 5:00 PM   Thursday 10:00 AM
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica	Wednesday 5:00 PM*   Thursday 11:00 AM

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3 / Sunday, January 4

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5 PM
	Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral	Saturday 5 PM*
	Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 10 / Sunday, January 11

St. Michael's Parish	Saturday 5 PM
	Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
St. Peter's Cathedral	Saturday 5 PM*
	Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday, December 30

St. Michael's Parish 7:00 PM

Friday, January 2

St. Peter's Cathedral 12:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday, January 6 - 9

St. Michael's Parish Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM

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\*Mass is live-streamed on YouTube @londonnorthcentralcatholicfof

Click [here](#) for the digital copy or see bulletin boards in the narthex.

## Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate the splendour of true  
love; to you we turn with trust.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.  
Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort  
and healing.  
Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and  
inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.



## Closing of the Jubilee Year at St. Peter's Cathedral Sunday, December 28 at 11 AM

The Mass will be presided by Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro.  
This celebration will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel  
@LondonNorthCentralCatholicFoP or click [here](#).



## REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 23**

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

George Kuruvilla; Albert Jasinski; Deceased Members of the Jasinski & Clifford Families; Intentions of Lori McEachnie

**Tuesday, December 30**

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Dora Dannecker; Dawn Munday; Dagmar Kausky

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**Friday, January 2**

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Joan Duffy; Andy's Soul; Grandparents of Tom & Sonupriya James; Living & Deceased Members of the Caldwell & MacKenzie Families

**Tuesday, January 6**

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Lorne & Dorothy Williams; Intentions of Charmon Nicol  
Intentions of Julie Haboc; Intentions of Aleena Sebastian & All Souls

**Wednesday, January 7**

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Ruth Cowan; Andy's Soul; Living & Deceased Members of the Lindenblatt Family; Judith Lee Kerr

**Thursday, January 8**

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Shirley Troupe; V. J. Mathew; In Thanksgiving  
Intentions of Fiona & Mark David

**Friday, January 9**

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Joan Duffy; Andy's Soul; Intentions of Steve & Pat Meidinger & Family; Living & Deceased Members of the Caldwell & MacKenzie Families

***We remember in prayer*** all those who are sick including Leo Dodds, Mary Quigley, Bert Killian, and Richard Dwyer. We also pray for those who have died including Dawn Munday, wife of Paul Carson; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Christa Mailloux, Coordinator of Children's Ministry; Deacon Joseph Manzara; Rev. Michael Ryan; Parish Administrative Assistants in the Diocese of London; Rev. Seejo John; Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Joseph Onome Oghenejabor; Deacon Tim Raaymakers; Rev. James Roche; Institute of Secular Missionaries; Deacon Rudy Pflanzner; Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski; Deacon Gaston Mabaya; Deacon Gary Flewelling; Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants; Sharon Hunt, Pastoral Minister; Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Josef Denys

## PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

**Saturday, December 27**

12:30 PM–StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)

**Sunday, December 28**

2:00 PM–StJB Community Mass (St M Church)

3:30 PM–StJB Social (Parish Hall)

**Friday, January 2**

10:00 AM–Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (St M Chapel)

**Saturday, January 3**

9:00 AM–StM CWL Meeting (JP II)

12:30 PM–StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)

**Monday, January 5**

5:30 PM–Hospitality North (Parish Hall/Kitchen)

7:00 PM–StM CWL General Meeting (JP II)

**Tuesday, January 6**

7:00 PM–StM KofC General Meeting (JP II)

7:00 PM–Choir Practice for 5PM & 8AM Masses (St Cecilia)

**Wednesday, January 7**

6:30 PM–Legion of Mary (St Andre Bessette)

**Thursday, January 8**

1:00 PM–Young At Heart (St Josemaria)

2:30 PM–StP CWL Executive Meeting (St Anthony)

6:30 PM–Rosary Guild (St Josemaria)

7:00 PM–Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)

7:30 PM–Choir Practice for 10AM Mass (St M Church)

7:30 PM–StP KofC General Meeting (JP II)

**Friday, January 9**

10:00 AM–Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (St M Chapel)

**Saturday, January 10**

10:00 AM–Yarning with Love (St Josemaria)

11:00 AM–StP CWL General Meeting (JP II)

12:30 PM–StJB Choir Practice (St M Church)

2:00 PM–Sacramental Preparation (Parish Hall)

## MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

(Regular Schedule)

**St. Michael's Parish**

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community**

4th Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM (St. Michael's Parish)

**St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica**

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM (Livestreamed)

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

**Confessions at Both Parishes**

Saturday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

There will be no Daily Mass on Dec. 26th at St. Peter's.

Confessions on Dec. 27th will be available at both parishes.

## Celebrate the Season of Giving

**Ways to Give to Your Parish this Christmas**

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- ✦ Offertory Envelopes
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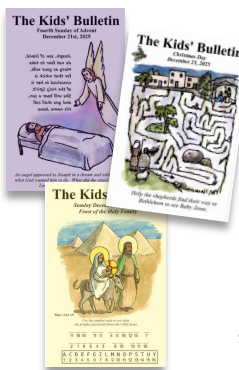


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## Christmas Joy for Young People

What a joy! As we celebrate Christmas, our kids (and kids-at-heart) have three editions of the Kids' Bulletins to explore!

Find paper copies in the narthex or visit [lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin](http://lncc.dol.ca/kidsbulletin).



May God's love, born at Christmas, stay with you today and everyday.  
A Blessed Christmas!