



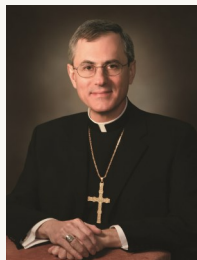
PARISH BULLETIN

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



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



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The Celebration of Advent and Christmas

Second Sunday of Advent:

December 7th-8th

St. Michael's: Saturday: 5:00pm | Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
St. Peter's: Saturday: 5:00pm (livestreamed) | Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th

St. Peter's: 7:00pm (livestreamed)

Daily Mass:

December 10th-13th

St. Michael's: Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm | Wednesday & Friday: 9:30am
St. Peter's: Tuesday through Friday: 12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturday: 9:00am to 10:00am

Copies of the Advent & Christmas Mass schedule are available in the Narthex, or [click here](#).

WELCOME!

St. Michael's Parish

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St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community

Located at St. Michael's Parish

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Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you!

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Or by appointment.

Parish Office Mailing Address

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PARKING

St. Michael's Parish

Weekend and weekday parking is available on the street and behind the parish. Weekday parking behind the parish is restricted to along the fence, as parking against the school is teacher and parent parking only.

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Weekend parking is available on the street and in the parking lots next to the Cathedral. Parking north of the former school is restricted to Sunday mornings. Weekday parking is available on the street and in the small, ungated lot next to the Cathedral.



Fr. Daniel's Advent Christmas Letter

Due to the Canada Post strike, we were unable to send out Fr. Daniel's annual Christmas letter.

Copies of his letter are available in the narthex at both parishes and online on our website www.lncc.dol.ca/weeklybulletin. Or, [click here to view online](#).

For parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person, please contact our office and we will make every effort for you to receive the bulletin and Christmas letter during the strike.

The Celebration of Advent and Christmas - Mass Schedule

The Celebration of Advent and Christmas is quickly approaching! To view a digital copy of the dates and times for December - January 2025 Masses at St. Michael's Parish and St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, [please click here](#).

Parish Office Closure - Friday, December 13th

Please note, the parish office will close at 12:00pm noon on **Friday, December 13th**.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary - Monday, December 9th

"In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.

Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call to their own vocation in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill."

-Catholic News Agency, 2022

The Immaculate Conception is the principal Patron of the Diocese of London. We will hold a special Mass on **Monday, December 9th** at 7:00pm at St. Peter's Cathedral. Fr. John Comiskey, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia will preside. The Mass will be livestreamed. [Click here for the poster](#).

Advent Day of Reconciliation

Our Advent Day of Reconciliation will be held **Wednesday, December 18th** at both parishes. The schedule is as follows:

St. Michael's: 10:00am - 1:00pm, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Peter's: 9:30am - 11:30am, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Several priests from across the city will join Frs. Daniel, Felix, and James to celebrate this beautiful sacrament of healing and embrace of God's unfathomable love for all. This will be the last opportunity to celebrate Confession before Christmas.

There will be no Confessions at either parish on Saturday, December 21st as we prepare for our 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas celebrations. Confession will resume on Saturday, December 28th at both parishes.

Flowers for Christmas



We are collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of flowers for our Christmas 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 Season of Christmas.

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 drop it off at the office.

Donations can also be made by e-transfer to either parish at stmichlon@dol.ca (St. Michael's) or basilica@dol.ca (St. Peter's), memo line, "Flowers for Christmas." Please indicate the same information as above in an email to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly E-Bulletin - Technical Issues

Due to ongoing technical issues, we ask those that normally receive the bulletin via email to please visit our website to view the bulletin; www.lncc.dol.ca/weeklybulletin. Thank you for your patience as our IT support team works on a solution.

St. Michael's Parish - A Prelude to Christmas Concert



Join us this weekend for the St. Michael's Prelude to Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 8th** at 7:00pm! Free will offering.

Living Advent

Last weekend marked the beginning of the Liturgical Year and the season of Advent. While it expresses the deep longing of all humanity for God, Advent celebrates the three-fold coming of the Lord: remembering the events that surrounded the Lord's coming long ago, celebrating his coming among us today, and looking forward to his final coming in glory.

Advent is a season of devout and joyful expectation. Its four Sundays (with its actual length determined by the weekday of Christmas) highlight our desire and longing for peace, justice and unity.

The first part of Advent looks forward to the *parousia*, the Lord's glorious return at the end of time and reflects on his presence among us today. The second part is a direct preparation for Christmas the yearly commemoration of Jesus' coming among us in human flesh.

Although the length of Advent once extended back to November 11 and was generally celebrated as a season of penance (St. Martin's Lent), its character today is expressed in terms of anticipation, longing and incompleteness. Enlivened and united in the Spirit, we journey through Advent toward the consummation of human history and prepare for the Christmas feast. Advent is a period of quiet and moderation; a time inspired by anticipation rather than penance; a season that acknowledges our incompleteness.



As we move through the weeks of Advent, may our time of preparation for the Saviour's birth be a time of peace, hope, joy, and love.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples - Thursday, December 12

To mark the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) recalls the profound sorrow expressed by Pope Francis, during his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, for the catastrophic effects of the residential school system on Indigenous communities, as well as the journey of reconciliation and healing we have embarked upon together.

Two years later, the Pope's words still compel us to recognize this painful legacy and walk alongside the Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of repentance, solidarity, and hope. We contemplate the Holy Father's words: "The Church is the house where we conciliate anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together".

This vision of the Church as a "living body of reconciliation" has guided us in our ongoing commitment to justice and healing. In this spirit, we reaffirm our pledge to work for healing and reconciliation, and to reflect on our efforts since the Holy Father's visit to Canada in 2022.

Together we pray:

*O God, Creator and Father of all,
with humility and hope, we, your children,
acknowledge the relationship in You
of all living things.*

For this we thank You and praise You.

*We call on You, Great Mystery,
our God who comes to us
in Jesus Christ, Your Son -
our Lord, teacher, prophet and brother -
to open our minds and hearts as
we continue to walk the difficult,
yet critical journey of reconciliation and healing.*

*In our world of such blessed diversity,
we see so many struggles and obstacles
to oneness and unity.*

*We implore You to heal our brokenness
and division. Show us in Jesus the way
to unity among the multiplicity
of Your peoples in our world.*

*We also pray that You will guide
and lead us in the Truth,
and show us how to be a people
who walk with You.*

*May we be a people of Respect,
Humility, Courage, Honesty,
and Compassion -
as we find Your Wisdom on the Spirit-led
journey that supports deep healing
and fosters renewed relationships.
Lord, make us channels of Your Peace,
Hope, and Love!*

Amen.



Catholic Women's League Updates St. Peter's CWL

Virtual Rosary - Tuesday, December 10th

St. Peter's CWL invites all ladies from our Family of Parishes to join us on **Tuesday, December 10th** at 7:00pm for our Virtual Rosary on Zoom.



Please contact Marian Strom at mstrom55@gmail.com or at 519-872-5502 to be added to the mailing list or to request an intention to add to the Prayer List.

Christmas Treat Trays - Pickup Saturday, December 14th

Reminder to all who ordered Treat Trays that pick up is on **Saturday, December 14th** at St. Michael's Parish Hall between 9:00am and 10:00am! Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast - Sunday, December 15th



The St Michaels Knights of Columbus will be holding their next parish breakfast on **Sunday, December 15th** after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses. All are welcome! \$5 a person or \$20 a family, admission to be purchased upon entry.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Thank you - St. Peter's Music Ministry

Thank you to the Cathedral Singers, Children's Choir, soloists, Director of Music Gloria Gassi, and Organist Ron Fox for the extraordinary concert, Hope for the World, presented on December 1st.

It was a wonderful expression of the Liturgical Seasons through song and scripture and a prayerful way to begin the Advent Season.

Thank you for your dedication to our parish and sharing your gifts and talents through music!

Thank you!

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



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

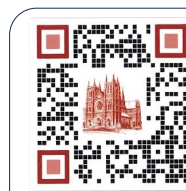
Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus

Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

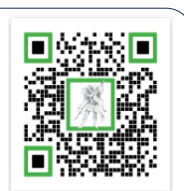
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ST. PETER'S QR

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ST. MICHAEL'S QR

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS


Tuesday, December 10

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM
 Rosa Castrilli
 Tom Leckie
 Fr. Nicholas Ruh, OSB

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon
 Intentions of Massimo Ciotti
 Johnny Boado
 Nick Castrilli

Wednesday, December 11

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM
 Paul Rivard
 Sonia Polino

Intentions of Josephine Mallari
St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon
 Philomena Chand
 Ong Su Que & Visitacion Mallari
 Patrick Casey

Thursday, December 12

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM
 Beatrice Kinahan
 Wilma Holtkuile-Poppe
 Sergio Barbon

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon
 Living & Deceased Members of the St. Peter's CWL
 Deceased Members of the Munday & Carson Families
 Intentions of Marek, Adam & Lucas Beaulieu

Friday, December 13

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM
 Dina Vanden Popelier
 Pat Burns
 Harold de Pass

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon
 Lucia Mazzotta
 Intentions of Petra & Nick Beaulieu
 Isaac Gonzalos

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Mary Catherine Arkle; Michael Manzara, brother of Deacon Joe Manzara and Sr. Loretta Manzara, CSJ; Marie Tremblay; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Mrs. Colleen Keane, Pastoral Minister; Dcn. Fred Eade;
 Rev. Steve Wlusek; Alida Dance, Pastoral Minister;
 Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister;
 Catholic Elementary School Teachers.

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 DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Zephaniah 3.14-18a
 Responsorial - Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.6)
*R. Shout aloud and sing for joy;
 great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*
 Second Reading - Philippians 4.4-7
 Gospel - Luke 3.10-18

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 9

1:00 PM - SMUGlees Meeting (JPll)
 4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)
 6:30 PM - St. Peter's SSVP Meeting (JPll)
 7:00 PM - The Immaculate Conception Mass (St. Peter's)

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 PM - St. Michael's Social Justice Meeting (St. Anthony)

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)
 7:00 PM - Bible Study (Hall)

Thursday, December 12

12:00 PM - St. Peter's SSVP Meeting (St. Anthony)
 1:00 PM - Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)
 6:00 PM - Rosary Guild (St. Josemaria)
 7:30 PM - St. Peter's Knights' General Meeting (JPll)

Friday, December 13

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Saturday, December 14

10:00 AM - Yarning With Love (St. Josemaria)

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM - St. Michael's Knights' Parish Breakfast (Hall)
 11:00 AM - St. Michael's Knights' Parish Breakfast (Hall)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 1, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,471.00	\$3,937.75
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,052.25	\$1,210.85
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,899.54	\$3,255.00
TOTAL	\$10,422.79	\$8,403.60

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To set up your pre-authorized donation, contact the parish office at 519-433-6689.