



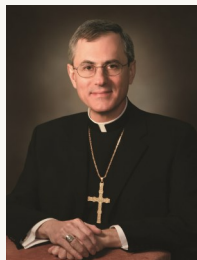
PARISH BULLETIN

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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



Bishop of London

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The Celebration of Advent and Christmas

Third Sunday of Advent:

December 14th-15th

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

Daily Mass:

December 17th-20th

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

Advent Day of Reconciliation:

Wednesday, December 18th

St. Michael's: 10:00am - 1:00pm, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
St. Peter's: 9:30am - 11:30am, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

There will be no confession at either parish on Saturday, December 21st.

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.

Bishop Fabbro's 2024 Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Advent journey as a Diocese has been a time of grace preparing us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Traditionally at Christmas, the joy of our encounter with Jesus overflows in gatherings, meals and activities with family and friends. We are especially aware of those most in need in our communities and our hearts reach out to them in acts of charity.

As I look back over the past year, I thank God for the many blessings I have witnessed. There are so many signs of hope in our Diocese. Mass counts in our Families of Parishes in all parts of the Diocese continue to increase. Many of our youth and young adults are expressing a desire to know Jesus and deepen their relationship with him. I am impressed with the generosity of families and groups in the Diocese who are involved in their local communities assisting those who are poor and living on the margins. Our parishes are sponsoring refugees who come from across the world seeking safety and a new life in Canada. These are the seeds of the Gospel bearing fruit in our world today.

This year, our celebration of Christmas will lead us into Jubilee Year 2025. The theme of the Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*. The tradition of jubilee years can be traced back to the Book of Leviticus. Occurring every 50 years (every seventh Sabbath year), they were a sacred time for the people and the land to rest, to seek God's mercy, to forgive debts and to free prisoners. Like the Sabbath, a jubilee year was a time to

cultivate right relationships with God, with others and with the earth.



The Holy Father's Jubilee prayer refers to the grace that reawakens in us "a yearning for the treasures of heaven." It states: "May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our redeemer throughout the earth." The prayer is an urgent plea on our part that Christ bring peace in a world that continues to see too much war and too many displaced people.

To launch the Jubilee Year in our Diocese, I will celebrate a special Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family. That Sunday a Mass will be celebrated at all the

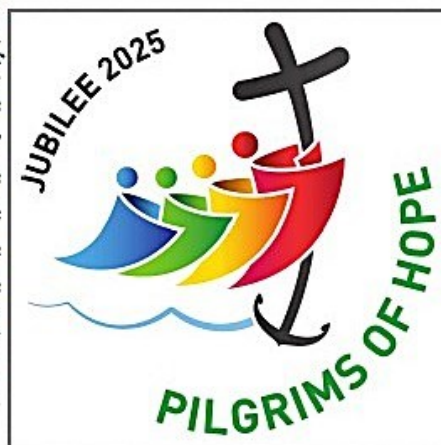
Families of Parishes across the Diocese. I invite the faithful of the Diocese to participate in these Masses which will unite us spiritually with Pope Francis and the universal Church as we, Pilgrims of Hope, begin the Jubilee.

I wish you a blessed Christmas and assure you of my prayers. Let us join together in asking Our Heavenly Father, "may the *faith* you have given us in

your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom."

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Ronald Fabbro, CSB*
Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London





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](#).

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

On December 24th, Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee Year with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. On the following weekend, throughout the world, every Cathedral will celebrate a mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. Across our Diocese every parish will also launch the Jubilee Year that weekend in unison with Bishop Fabbro who will celebrate the opening of the Jubilee at St. Peter's Cathedral.

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."

*Excerpt from Spes Non Confundit (Hope does not disappoint)
- Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025,
Pope Francis.*

A new hymn, Pilgrims of Hope, was written for the Jubilee. Our Music Ministries at both parishes have been busy learning this new hymn and will be using it throughout the Jubilee year. A leaflet with the Hymn and Jubilee Prayer is now in the pews at both parishes.



St. Peter Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

The London St. Peter Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order have four new members who will make their permanent commitment to Gospel Life.

This will take place at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 1 Fallons Lane, London on **Saturday, December 21st** at 11:00am. Reception to follow.



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. Please submit your Christmas Flowers donations by **Tuesday, December 17th**.

Thank you for your generosity!



Journey Through Advent Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has produced an online weekly video series for this year's Advent season, designed to help us prepare for the memorial of the birth of Our Lord celebrated at Christmas. The videos will guide viewers through the Advent season by offering reflections, enriched by spiritual and pastoral insights, on the Gospel readings proclaimed during each of the four Sundays of Advent. This year's reflections will be led by the Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and Bishop René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi.

[Click here](#) to view the reflections for the Sundays of Advent.

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 for 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.

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.

Thank you - St. Michael's Music Ministry

Thank you to the Music Ministry at St. Michael's for their Prelude to Christmas concert, last Sunday night. A special thank you to the our music leadership Nando Favaro, Mark David, Tom Hart, and Holly Langhor, and the SMUGlees Ukulele group as they prepared the choirs for the concert. With the snowy week we had last week, this was a fitting conclusion to prepare our hearts and minds for our annual celebration of the birth of Christ. Thank you to all those involved for your dedication to our parish and sharing your gifts and talents through music!

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS


Tuesday, December 17

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Joe Snyder
 Mike & Salvina Said
 Fr. Nicholas Ruh, OSB

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar
 Intentions of Jana Zemanek & Family
 Olga & Peter Marek

Wednesday, December 18

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Rosa Castrilli
 Intentions of the McKeown Family
 Intentions of Niamh

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Marian Benn
 Joe Allevato
 Stanley & Rita Clement & Daughters

Thursday, December 19

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Lawrence Hamilton
 Carmen Gicante
 Albert Jasinski

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Timothy James Kovacs
 Paul Edward Mills
 Joseph Kovacs

Friday, December 20

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

George Kuruvilla
 Steve Morgan
 Jose Klein

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Helen & William Sert
 Giuseppe Mazzotta
 Frank Cassar

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Bishop Fred Henry; Frank Krmelj; Fr. Ken O'Brien; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M. Cap.; Dcn. Brian McDonald; Dcn. David Kraemer; Rev. Augustine Ogundele; Dcn. Daniel Lemire; Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, C.S.B.; Mrs. Christa Mailloux, Coordinator of Children's Ministry.

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 22, 2024
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading - Micah 25.2-5a
 Responsorial - Ps. 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)
*R. Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
 that we may be saved.*
 Second Reading - Hebrews 10.5-10
 Gospel - Luke 1.39-45

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 16

4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)
 7:00 PM - You Are Not Alone (JP11)

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 PM - St. Michael's SSVF Meeting (JP11)

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 AM - Advent Day of Reconciliation (St. Peter's)
 10:00 AM - Advent Day of Reconciliation (St. Michael's)
 6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

Thursday, December 19

1:00 PM - Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)

Friday, December 20

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Saturday, December 21

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Sunday, December 22

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PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 8, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$4,457.00	\$5,038.05
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$1,473.00	\$1,964.00
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,899.54	\$3,255.00
TOTAL	\$8,829.54	\$10,257.05

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