



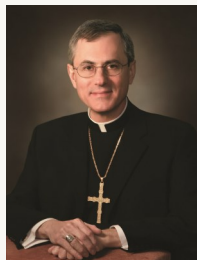
PARISH BULLETIN

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



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



Bishop of London

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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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

St. Michael's Parish

Monday: 7:00pm, during Lent
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00pm | Wednesday & Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm | Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

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

4th Sunday of the month: 2:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturday: 9:00am to 10:00am

WELCOME!

St. Michael's Parish

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To register with our parishes, visit us online at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family or ask our parish volunteers for a registration form.

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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm
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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 Message for Lent



Most Rev. R.P. Fabbro has released a message for Lent to the Faithful of the Diocese of London:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lent is a journey of faith and conversion as we prepare for the Easter Triduum. It is a time to let go of what weighs us down; a time to be reconciled with God and others. This year, our Lenten journey will be an important part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. We journey together as pilgrims seeking to encounter Jesus and to return to right relationships with God, with others and with all of creation."

To read Bishop Fabbro's full Lenten letter, [click here](#).

If you require a paper copy, please contact the parish office.

This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6th, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the Solidarity **Calendar** with your family. Copies of the Mini-Magazine and Solidarity Calendar is found in the narthex. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.



Our Lenten Journey

The Season of Lent has begun! Pope Francis' message for Lent, *Let us Journey Together in Hope*, was released last week. [Click here](#) to view.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is prayed each Friday during Lent at both parishes. Various parish groups and Pastoral Team will be leading our prayer each week:

St. Peter's Cathedral: 12:45pm | St. Michael's Parish: 7:00pm

Journey Through Lent 2025 Video Series

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its annual Lenten video series, Journey through Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be available on the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Geared to individuals, families, and communities, this series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season.

This year's presenter is Most Reverend Gary Franken, Bishop of St. Paul, Alberta. On this First Sunday, Bishop Franken provides a reflection on the Lord's temptation in the desert. [Click here](#) to view the reflection.

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for all catechumens (those to be baptized at Easter) from across our Diocese will take place on **Sunday, March 9th** at 3:00pm at St. Peter's Cathedral with Bishop Fabbro. Based on the re-affirmation of sponsors and those involved in the process of the catechumen, the church makes its "election" to admit the catechumens. The step is called election because of the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called enrollment of names as a sign of desire and commitment the candidates inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect.

Please pray for the catechumens from our Family of Parishes and all catechumens and candidates for Full Communion throughout our Diocese as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

5 Day Silent Retreat with Individual Spiritual Direction Sunday, March 23rd - Thursday, March 27th

Come away for a few days of peaceful presence with God during the Lenten season. Experience the serenity and clarity that comes from listening to the Holy Spirit. This retreat will provide time and space for solitude, personal prayer, daily individual spiritual direction, Mass and reconciliation. Enjoy the beauty of the early spring season by praying outdoors, or the beautiful chapel, lounge areas or your private room. More information can be found at www.hfrh.ca.



Holy Family Retreat House

Advisory Board Seeking New Members

The Advisory Board serves as a consultative body to support the work of the retreat house. They meet in-person four times annually in the Windsor-Essex area. We are currently seeking members-at-large from parishes within the Diocese of London until March 31st.

More information and the short application form can be found at www.hfrh.ca or email Deacon David Ducharme at dducharme@dol.ca.



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," to raise awareness, educate and stimulate discussion. March's step on, "A Path to Solidarity," is Water.

To learn more, click [here](#). Each topic has 4 parts: *See, Discern, Act* and *Further Resources*. To learn more about each step we take on our Path to Solidarity, click [here](#).

Donating has never been easier!



ST. PETER'S QR

Simply open your phone's camera, hover over the QR code of the parish you would like to donate to and click the link that appears!



ST. MICHAEL'S QR



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

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League is delighted to announce the beginning of our Lenten Lunches at St. Paul's again this year. The big change is that the lunches will be held **each Tuesday** after Mass, offering the usual soup and sandwich fare. Cost is by free-will offering.



St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Updates
Come & See Night: Tuesday, March 18th

Do you wonder who the Knights Of Columbus are and what they do? Attend our Come & See Night to get all your questions answered and meet some of the members!

Join us on **Tuesday, March 18th** at 7:00pm in the St Michael's Parish Hall.



THIS WEEK! March Break Family Movie Night

Don't miss out on our March Break Family Movie Night! Join us on **Wednesday, March 12th** at 7:00pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall.

Enjoy some quality time with your family while watching the Oscar-winning animated movie, "Encanto!" Bring your family, pillows and blankets for a cozy evening. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Please note, all children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult (18+).

Confirmation Registration: Register by Friday, March 21st
 Registration for our spring session Confirmation closes on **Friday, March 21st.**

Click [here](#) to view our website for more information or email Leigh at lduckworth@dol.ca.



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

Lent

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The Kids' Bulletin
 First Sunday of Lent
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Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

Prayer is talking with God. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.

Fasting is eating less than you normally would. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.

Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



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This Week on Formed

Fasting | How To Lent

Why do we fast during Lent? Does anybody really like fasting?



Fasting can feel like a hard Catholic diet. Is there more to it? In this episode, we will dive into how this physical act of penance deepens our spiritual lives and learn what our sacrifices should be motivated by.

[Click here](#) to watch the 12-minute video.

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



[Click here](#) to watch the 18-minute video.

Let's Learn About Lent | Lent with Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!



[Click here](#) to watch the 10-minute video.



Lenten Spiritual Workshop

My Sheep Hear My Voice, And They Follow Me
 Finding it difficult to discern God's Voice?



This Lenten workshop will teach you how to discern between the 3 voices we hear: the voice of God, the voice of the evil one, or our own inner voice. Am I being led astray or is this where God is leading me? Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, Debbie Craven BA, M. Div. will lead the workshop that helps you determine if you are being lead astray or to where God is leading you.

All are welcome! The workshop will be held on **Saturday, April 5th**, 9:30am to 1:30pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Free-will offering for lunch.

To register, email CWLstmichlon@gmail.com or call the parish office at 519-433-6689.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, March 11

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Mary Moir
Jesusa Flores
Irenea & Leberato Poto

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Massimo Ciotti
Maria & Michael
Intentions of Sheila Craig

Wednesday, March 12

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Tom Leckie
Rita Marlow
Fr. Ken O'Brien

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar
Intentions of Doug Adams
Intentions of Abie & Rolly Craig

Thursday, March 13

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Robert & Clem Moir
Gisele Hamilton
Anastasia Nkinin

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Gloria Gassi
Intentions of Sandra & Matthew Duffy
Sister Mary Jude

Friday, March 14

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Obiora Paschal Ojukwu
Jim & Mary Mitchell & Family
Ng Keng Sin

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Gildo & Giovanna DiCola
Guido Bombassaro
Intentions of Matthew Salton & Clementine Bilyk

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Rose Hehir, wife of Kevin; Dorothy McClelland, mother of Roberta McClelland; Joe Palimaka, uncle of Michael Wojtak & Susan Howard; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Dcn. Andre Dedecker; Ms. Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister;
Dcn. Victor Salazar; Rev. Gerard Bedard;
Dcn. James Vandersanden; Mrs. Ali Chinnick, Catechist;
Rev. Russell (Rusty) Shantz.

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 MARCH 16, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Responsorial - Ps. 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14 (R.1a)
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading - Philippians 3.17-4.1
Gospel - Luke 9.28b-36

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, March 10

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)
4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)
7:00 PM - St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (JP11)

Tuesday, March 11

9:30 AM - Women of Grace Study Program (JP11)
7:00 PM - Social Justice Committee Meeting (St. Anthony)

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)
6:30 PM - Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)
6:30 PM - March Break Family Movie Night: "Encanto" (Hall)

Thursday, March 13

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 (JP11)

Friday, March 14

12:45 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Peter's Cathedral Nave)
7:00 PM - Stations of The Cross (St. Michael's Parish Nave)

Saturday, March 15

10:00 AM - Secular Franciscans (JP11)

Sunday, March 16

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PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 2, 2025

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$4,939.00	\$2,890.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,317.65	\$1,840.10
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