



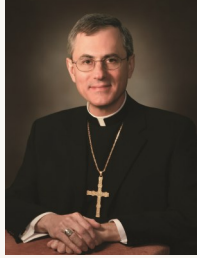
PARISH BULLETIN

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



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



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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

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

🏠 511 Cheapside Street
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St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean Community

Located at St. Michael's Parish

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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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!

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Hours

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

Parish Office Mailing Address

511 Cheapside Street
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Please direct all mail for our 3 parishes to this 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.



Impact of the Canada Post Strike

During the Canada Post strike, mail will not be delivered to our office for the duration of the strike and well after the strike ends. For parishioners who rely on Canada Post to send their donations to our office, please contact us at 519-433-6689 so that we can make alternate arrangements to pick-up your contributions during this time while post offices are closed.

Father Daniel's annual Christmas letter and Mass schedule for the **Celebration of Advent and Christmas** will not be mailed this year, but available with the bulletin this weekend, November 30th - December 1st and sent by email to all who subscribe to the bulletin online. Or, [click here to view online](#).

For parishioners who are not able to attend Mass in person or who do not subscribe to the email, please contact our office and we will make every effort for you to receive the bulletin and Christmas letter during the Canada Post 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](#).

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](#) for the reflection for the First Sunday of Advent.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

With December's third Thursday being so close to Christmas, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Thursday, December 5th** at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the St. Josemaria room at St. Michael's. A Christmas Social will be take place as well! Please bring some of your favourite treats to share with each other. For inquiries, please contact Janice Vollmer at 519-690-0802.

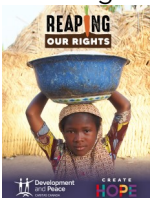
Development and Peace Create Hope: Reaping our Rights

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to join the Create Hope: [Reaping our Rights](#) campaign

Let's ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation! Sign at devp.org/act or pick up an action card in the Narthex!

To learn more about peasants' rights and due diligence, read our action sheet found in the narthex or visit devp.org/campaign.

For more information on the work of Development & Peace, contact Michael Loebach at michaelfloebach@gmail.com or Gord Smith at gosmit@exculink.com.



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!



Hope for the World Concert - This Weekend!

All are invited to St. Peter's Cathedral this **Sunday, December 1st** at 2:00pm for the Hope for the World Concert! The Children's choir, Cathedral Singers and soloists will sing beautiful musical meditations on the Liturgical seasons, with reflections for peace. Free will offering.

[View the digital program here!](#)

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

Save the date! The St. Michael's Prelude to Christmas Concert is on **Sunday, December 8th** at 7:00pm. Free will offering.

If you are interested in joining the choirs for the prelude, please e-mail Holly at holly.langohr@gmail.com. Practices are on Tuesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm upstairs in the music room. No musical knowledge needed!

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](#).



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

A Conversation in the Spirit - Reflections from Rome

The St. Peter's CWL reminds everyone in our Family of Parishes to join us on **Tuesday, December 3rd** from 7:00pm to 8:45pm in St. Michael's Parish Hall.

Linda Staudt will share her experience attending the Synod in Rome and shaping the future of the Catholic Church. We encourage you to bring family and friends to this wonderful presentation. Come join us!

Virtual Rosary - Wednesday, December 4th

St. Peter's CWL invites all ladies from our Family of Parishes to join us on **Wednesday, December 4th** 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 for inclusion in our Rosary Intentions List.



Christmas Treat Trays - Order Now!

Back by popular demand! St. Peter's CWL are delighted to offer our 'famous' Treat Trays for \$30.00 each. Orders accepted between **November 23rd and December 7th**. Pick up on **Saturday, December 14th** at St. Michael's between 9:00am and 10:00am.

These trays make a wonderful hostess gift or a favourite dessert after supper. To place your order please contact Marian Strom at 519-872-5502 or by email at mstrom55@gmail.com. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer!

General Membership Meeting - Saturday, December 7th

Reminder to all St. Peter's CWL members of the General Meeting on **Saturday, December 7th** at 11:00am in the St. John Paul II Room.

It is our Christmas social, and we invite all women of our parishes, ages 16 and up, are invited to attend this gathering of faith and friendship. Lunch will be provided. Don't forget - we're also collecting donations for Anova!

St. Peter's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)
Christmas Angel Program



The St. Peter's Christmas Angel program has now begun. Please consider being a Christmas Angel to a family in need. The final opportunity to make a donation in person is this weekend, **November 30th - December 1st**. We will be collecting \$10.00 gift cards and cash/cheque donations after each Mass at the doors of the church.

On December 14th, volunteers will visit 200 families living within our parish boundaries delivering food and gift cards for Christmas. See our flyer in the narthex! Or, [click here](#) to see our flyer online.

You can also donate online through [Pllenty](#) by choosing "St. Vincent de Paul" in the drop down menu to direct your donation to our cause. [Click here to donate online](#). Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.



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

Festive Fall Bake Sale - This Weekend!

Come and see us in the hall to renew your CWL membership and shop for some homemade treats and frozen apple pies. St. Michael's CWL League is looking for your support through donations and purchases of baked goods after all Masses **November 30th - December 1st**.

Funds raised will be used to help the many organizations that have come to count on the Catholic Women's League for support. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off in the church hall before each mass on the sale weekend. Shoppers, come early to Mass to take a look and remember to bring cash!

Membership Drive - This Weekend!

It's that time of year again! This year, the CWL will be holding its 2025 Membership Drive along with the annual Fall Bake sale after all Masses this weekend, **November 30th - December 1st**. Membership is \$40 for the year. Renew your own membership and encourage others to join the CWL. It makes our Council stronger and our work lighter.

Pay in person by cash or cheque at the membership drive, payments can be made by e-Transfer any time this month to CWLstmichlon@gmail.com, or put your membership dues, full name and phone number in an envelope marked 'CWL Membership' and drop it in the collection basket.

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!



St. Michael's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)
Angel Tree - Saturday, December 7th

On **Saturday, December 7th** the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual 'Angel Tree' campaign to lift the spirits of our children in need during the Christmas season. Please find it in your hearts to make a monetary donation for an 'Angel Tree' child. St. Vincent de Paul members will then purchase food and gift cards to distribute to families in need within our parish boundary.

The final opportunity to make a donation in person is this weekend, **November 30th - December 1st**. Cash or cheque donations may be placed in the envelope and dropped off in the SSVP baskets located at both entrances of St. Michael's Parish before and after each Mass. Envelopes can also be dropped off at the parish office on weekdays, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Please make cheques payable to "St. Michael's SSVP Angel Tree."

You can donate online through [Pllenty](#) until **December 1st**. Simply choose "St. Vincent de Paul" in the drop-down menu and indicate "SSVP Angel Tree" in the comment box at the bottom of the page. [Click here to donate online!](#) Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

Your generous donations are so very much appreciated!

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, December 3

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Concepcion Climaco
Carmen Gicante
Lawrence Hamilton

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Tony Augustine
Anthony & Mary Pinto
Jovita De Mercy Fernando

Wednesday, December 4

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Alphons Van Tol
Marie-Paule & Jean-Guy Faucher
Calvin Joseph

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Ed Wyatt
Paddy Casey
Dora Dannecker

Thursday, December 5

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Intentions of Trish Hancock
Obiora Paschal Ojukwu
Humberto Estepa Forero

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of the Thomson Family
Joe Murphy
Lamberto Cabugas

Friday, December 6

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Rosa Castrilli
Marco Mazariegos
Betty Korycan

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar
Patrick & Ruth Cowan
John Ducharme

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Paul Caradonna; Edward Czach; Rosa Marzaro; Mary "Nell" McCann; Carl Wilson; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Louis Mousseau, O.F.M. Cap.; Ms. Rebecca Bondy, Pastoral Minister/Coordinator of Youth Ministry; Rev. Robert Champagne; Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music; Rev. Dwayne Adam; Rev. Robert Weaver; Dcn. Brian Chevalier.

Offer a Mass for a loved one, or in thanksgiving. Contact the parish office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/mass-prayer-requests.

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, December 2

4:00 PM - Hospitality North (Hall)

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 PM - St. Peter's CWL "Reflections from Rome" (Hall)

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

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM - Seniors on the Move (Hall)

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

7:00 PM - Bible Study (Hall)

Thursday, December 5

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

2:30 PM - St. Peter's CWL Executive Meeting (St. Anthony)

7:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting (St. Josemaria)

Friday, December 6

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Saturday, December 7

11:00 AM - St. Peter's General Membership Meeting (JP11)

12:00 PM - St. Michael's CWL Meeting & Social (Hall)

Sunday, December 8

7:00 PM - A Prelude to Christmas Concert (St. Michael's Nave)

8:00 PM - Social After Concert (Hall)

PARISH Support

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 24, 2024

	St. Michael's	St. Peter's
Regular Offertory (Envelopes)	\$5,100.00	\$6,127.00
Regular Offertory (Loose)	\$2,249.05	\$1,568.55
Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,651.91	\$3,026.25
TOTAL	\$11,000.96	\$10,721.80

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Make Giving Easy!

To make a donation or update your donation method, please call the office or visit www.lncc.dol.ca/donate.

Pre-Authorized Giving is the *easiest* method of donating to your parish. You choose your monthly donation amount and it will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account.

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

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading - Baruch 5.1-9

Responsorial - Ps. 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R.3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading - Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel - Luke 3.1-6