



London North Central
Catholic Family of Parishes

"Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus"

PARISH BULLETIN

Serving the communities of
St. Josephine Bakhita African & Caribbean
Catholic Community, St. Michael's Parish, and
St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Ascension of The Lord

May 12, 2024



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MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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

St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 pm; Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

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

4th Sunday of the month, 2:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Both Parishes

Saturdays 9:00 am to 10:00 am

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

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Welcome to Our Family!

Let's
CONNECT!

Are you new in the community?



Register at www.lncc.dol.ca/join-our-family
or get a parish registration form from our
volunteers.

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**Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Pentecost 2023-Pentecost 2024
Priesthood, No Ordinary Life**

"These efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood are important but most important is prayer. This Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood reminds us of Jesus' urgent call: "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest". His call is addressed to individuals, families, parishes, Catholic schools, and other faith communities in our diocese. Our first duty is to keep alive this appeal for unceasing prayer for vocations to the priesthood. I ask our families to pray together, pray with the Scriptures, pray the Rosary, pray at mealtimes, bedtime, special moments and during the liturgical seasons." - Bishop Fabbro, 2023

To conclude the Year of Prayer, Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of London will be preaching at the 11:00 am Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, Sunday **May 19th**. Following Mass, at 12:30 pm, we will celebrate a Holy Hour for Vocations.



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

This past April, St. Peter's Saint Vincent de Paul Society made 49 visits to help 74 people who asked for our assistance. Gift cards worth \$3,260 were given to these people as well as 17 vouchers from our York St. store for furniture, clothing and household items. Here is a story about of one of our clients:

"Tim is one recipient of our help. He was severely injured some years ago when a can of WD-40 exploded in his face; he lost an eye and required extensive reconstructive surgery. No longer able to work as a cook, he now survives with ODSP support. Despite his handicap, he is always looking out for others in his apartment building, providing what help he can when they need food or other assistance. What is remarkable is that Tim always seems able to offer insightful comments on our own personal lives when we call on him. He tells us that he received this gift only after his accident almost cost him his life. He also invariably expresses gratitude for the assistance we provide."

-Gerry (Visitor for SSVP St. Peter's)

This work with people like Tim is possible only because of your prayers and donations!

A Path to Solidarity



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." Each topic has 4 parts: See, Discern, Act and Further Resources. The April theme has focused on Energy, the May theme will focus on Women. Click this [link](#) to learn more about each topic.

Friendly Reminder!

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registration for the summer session will close on Friday, **May 31st**. No new registrations accepted beyond this date.

Confirmation

Registration has closed for the Spring. No new registrations accepted as the required classes are nearly complete.



Priests on the Move



In March, Father Edward Okorie joined our Pastoral Team. He came to our Family of Parishes to be mentored by Fathers Daniel and Felix to prepare him for an appointment within the Diocese of London. We knew from the outset that his stay with us would be brief. This past week Father Edward was given his new assignment. He will be appointed Associate Pastor to the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes.

Our Family of Parishes will be receiving a priest to assist our Pastoral Team with ministry in our community. Father James Prins has been assigned as Associate Pastor to the London North Central Catholic Family of Parishes. Father James was ordained to the priesthood on April 27, 2024.

The moves will be effective, **July 1st**. During this transition, please keep Fr. Edward in your prayers as he takes on this new ministry and Fr. James as he prepares to join our community of faith.

National Week of Family and Life: May 13-19

"Love hopes all things."

Prayer for Unity within Families



Heavenly Father,
as we gather as families and communities,
we lift our hearts to you,
seeking the grace to foster unity within our homes.

Grant us the strength to emulate the love
and unity found in the Holy Family,
so that through our shared hope in you,
we may become beacons of light to the world.

May the bonds within our families be strengthened
by the love that reflects your divine presence.

Help us to understand that in fostering communion,
we are living out the Gospel message and becoming
witnesses
to the transformative power of your love.

We offer this prayer through
Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Daily prayer and activities to celebrate National Family and Life Week can be found [here](#).

St Michael's Truth and Reconciliation Book Club

"Education got us into this mess and education will get us out of it." - Senator Murray Sinclair

St. Michael's Social Justice Committee invites anyone interested to its Book Club Initiative. Our third book for review will be 'Our Voice of Fire' by Brandi Morin. This will be an opportunity to collectively deepen our understanding of the Indigenous experience and to discuss our thoughts and feelings on the important topic. The date will be early to mid June.

Discussion questions will be provided and a Social Justice Committee member will facilitate the discussion. The parish website provides more information, including a synopsis of the book. Visit www.lncc.dol.ca/infoboard

All are welcome! If interested, please contact Sharon White at 519-642-1860 or email at sharon.white0220@gmail.com by **May 31st**.



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

Looking for something new to add to your wardrobe? A selection of dresses, tops and bottoms that have been repaired and beautifully restored are available for sale. Cost is free-will offering. Proceeds will be used for the good works of St. Peter's CWL. Contact Marian at 519-872-5502 or mstrom55@gmail.com for more information and to set up an appointment to view.



Please join us on Wednesday, **May 15th** at 7:00 pm for our Virtual Rosary on Zoom. We welcome all ladies from our Family of Parishes to join us. Contact Marian at 519-872-5502 or mstrom55@gmail.com to be added to the invite list, or to request prayer intentions.

On Wednesday, **May 22nd** at 6:30 PM, join Dr. Nuala Kenny and moderator National Chairperson of Service Joline Belliveau as Dr. Kenny shares insight into the topic of palliative care. Dr. Kenny is a physician, pediatrician and bioethicist, practicing, teaching and working at several hospitals in Canada and receiving many honours for her work in medical education and health policy.

Register today for the "A Good Death: The Challenge for Christians Today" webinar. Click [here](#) to begin your registration!

St. Michael's CWL

St. Michael's CWL will be hosting a perennial and bake sale after all masses on **May 25th & 26th**. The league is looking for your support through donations of baked goods and/or plants, as well as through the purchase of items on the sale weekend. The funds will be used to help the many groups and organizations that have come to count on the Catholic Women's League for their needs.



Donations of baked goods and plants may be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, **May 25th** after 4:00 pm and prior to the masses on Sunday, **May 26th**.

Knights of Columbus Updates Protecting Your Financial Future



Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, on Wednesday, **May 15** at 7:30 pm for a free financial webinar to learn more about how life insurance can help you protect your family's financial future. Click [here](#) to view the full poster and registration details.

A Celebration of Wit & Wisdom



A 150th Birthday Dinner will be held in honour of G.K. Chesterton on Wednesday, **May 29th**, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The evening will feature guest speakers: Fr. Christopher Pietraszko discussing Personal Reflections on G.K. Chesterton and Herman Goodden on G.K.C. and the Gift of Gratitude.

The dinner will be held at the Marienbad Restaurant & Chaucer's Pub, located at 122 Carling Street, London ON. \$60 per person and cash bar.

To reserve a seat and register your menu choices, contact janet@menearlaw.com or call 519-672-7370 ext. 235 by **May 22nd**, 2024.



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[Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Enter "London North Central...",
your Name & Email. Enjoy!

The Pope | What Catholics Believe

This week on Formed, join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy. Why does the Catholic Church have a pope? Is the pope Catholic? Do Catholics have to obey everything the pope says? What is an anti-pope?



Click [here](#) to watch this 13-minute video.

Who is Mary? | Adventure Catechism

May is the month we honour Mary! Have you ever wondered who Mary is? It's important to know because she played a very big part in our salvation!



Click [here](#) to watch the full 8-minute video.

Retreat Opportunity at Holy Family Retreat House

MATT TALBOT RECOVERY RETREAT FOR MEN The Matt Talbot retreat is an opportunity for recovering alcoholics to enhance their spirituality and sober way of life in a peaceful and relaxed setting that promotes fellowship and sharing throughout the weekend.

Our Retreat Leader, who is himself a recovering alcoholic and trained in spiritual matters, will give conferences on various broad topics several times during the weekend, bringing valuable insights into the spiritual element of the disease of alcoholism. Matt Talbot Retreats are intended to foster and enhance spiritual recovery as suggested by AA's Twelve-Step Program.

The weekend is for males only and runs from 7:00 pm Friday, **May 17th** to 1:00 pm Sunday, **May 19th**. Register by calling the retreat house at 519-738-6136 or click [here](#) to visit their website.

Unleashing the Power Rally 2024 Wednesday, May 22, 9:30 am-2:30 pm At Holy Family Parish, London

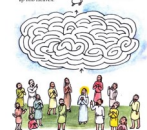


The Youth, Young Adult & Family Ministry Office is thrilled to present an upcoming event featuring the charismatic Catholic speaker, Paul J. Kim. This day will be filled with music, prayer, Paul's inspiring keynote address, lunch, and much more.

Open to young people aged 13+ and past and present Confirmation students. Cost is \$10.00 per person. For more information and to register click on the link provided: dol.ca/unleashing-the-power-2024.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 19th or Sunday May 22nd, 2024
From the office of the Archdiocese of London
Archdiocese of London
2024-2025
Can you find your way through the cloud?!



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

Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 14

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Joe Snyder
Tom Leckie
Marlene Muckle

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12 Noon

Tony Augustine
Anthony & Mary Pinto
Maria Zeppa

Wednesday, May 15

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Friends & Family Living & Deceased of the Solis-Reyes Family
Anne Deslippe
Roger Thibault

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Venerable Edel Quinn
Servant of God, Alfie Lambe
Peter Neary

Thursday, May 16

St. Michael's at 7:00 PM

Rosa Castrilli
Lucy Strasser
Gloria Thibault

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Father Stephen Bodnar
Kelly Johnson
Carole Nolan

Friday, May 17

St. Michael's at 9:30 AM

Saramma Joseph Gomez
Mildred Wilbur
James McIntyre

St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:00 Noon

Intentions of Massimo Ciotti
Giovanna & Gildo DiCola
Patrick Kenney, Sr.

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died, including: Fr. Bill Capitano; Marina Clemens; Gregory (Greg) Murray, husband of Victoria; Sister Mary Evangeline Odili of the Sisters of Divine Presence; Joe Overmars; Matthew Vaccari, husband of Heather; and comfort those who mourn.

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

Rev. Richard Janisse; Deacon Richard Walter; Deacon Jerome (Jerry) Lozon; Mrs. Laura Soulliere, Coordinator of Outreach; Rev. Raymond Lawhead; Mrs. Sue Hoftgartner, Pastoral Minister; Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, C.S.T.

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 MAY 19, 2024 VIGIL OF PENTECOST

First Reading - Acts 2.1-11
Responsorial - Ps 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30, 31-34 (R.30)
R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the Earth.
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13
Gospel - John 20.19-23

PARISH EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Monday May 13

9:00 AM: Seniors On the Move Exercise (Hall)
4:00 PM: Hospitality North Meal (Hall)
6:30 PM: St. Vincent de Paul - St. Peter's (St. Anthony)
7:00 PM: Ukulele Group (JP11)

Tuesday May 14

1:30 PM: New Day Group (JP11)
7:00 PM: Social Justice - St. Michael's (St. Anthony)

Wednesday May 15

9:00 AM: Seniors On the Move Exercise (Hall)
6:00 PM: Legion of Mary (St. Andre Bessette)

Thursday May 16

1:00 PM: Young at Heart Cards (St. Josemaria)
7:00 PM: Prayer Shawl - St. Peter's (St. Josemaria)

Friday May 17

Saturday May 18

10:00 AM: Secular Franciscans (JP11)

Sunday May 19

PARISH Support

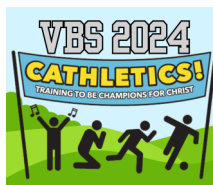
SUNDAY COLLECTION: May 5, 2024

| | St. Michael's | St. Peter's |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offertory (Envelopes) | \$4,257.60 | \$4,544.00 |
| Regular Offertory (Loose) | \$2,654.20 | \$1,818.60 |
| Weekly Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 3,788.17 | \$ 2,981.25 |
| TOTAL | \$10,699.97 | \$ 9,343.85 |

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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

Vacation Bible School Registration: NOW OPEN!



Join us for a week of fun **July 15-19** at St. Michael's Parish for kids entering grades 1-4!

Register at lncc.dol.ca/vbs or click [here](#).

Pricing: \$20/Child; \$50/Family

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