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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON Cherylan Grace

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SCHEDULE OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
St. Josephine Bakhita (African Caribbean Catholic Community) Mass - 4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Saturday No mass
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 noon
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Kateri School	519-675-4410
St. Mark's School	519-675-4421
St. Michael's School	519-675-4424
St. Catherine of Siena School	519-675-4437
Mother Teresa Secondary School	519-675-4433

MINISTRIES TO CHILDREN

Restart date to be advised.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism – 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00pm or any Sunday Mass
Baptismal Preparation – Contact Fr. Pio D'Oria
Marriage – Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance
Marriage Preparation – Apr 17-19, 2020
Priesthood/Religious Life – Fr. Murray Sample, Fr. Pio D'Oria
Sacrament of the Sick – available upon request
First Reconciliation (Gr. 2) - registration required in September
First Communion (Gr. 2) - registration required in September
Confirmation (Gr. 8) - registration required in September
Hearing assistance device to hear mass available.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL): President – Dorothy Solomon

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Grand Knight - Marty McAllister

PRAYER LINE: Prayer requests are received at stmichlon@dol.ca or phone 519-433-6689

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.

DECEMBER 13TH, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptism



We welcome the following children into our Parish Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Charlotte Tornabuono, Lauren Tornabuono
& Sloane Tornabuono

Bishop Fabbro has approved the request from Father Murray to conduct **Services of General Absolution**. The last of these services during Advent will be held on **Wed Dec 16th at 7:00 pm**. Reservations for this service can be made through the Parish Office or Website at <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations>



Remembrance Tree - Our annual Remembrance Tree will be decorated again this year with beautiful symbols remembering those who are no longer able to be with us at Christmas. Envelopes to have an ornament made with the name of your loved one are available in the narthex of the church and can be put into the offertory bowl. Proceeds assist us in the purchase of the Christmas flowers.

The **Christmas Mass schedule** has been set. Unlike past years, there will be **NO** Mass celebrated in the Hall. The Masses will all be in the Nave and are as follows:



Thursday, December 24th at 4:30pm*, 7pm* & 9pm* & Midnight*
Friday, December 25th at 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

These Masses are by **RESERVATION ONLY**

*At time of publication these masses are fully booked:

December 24 at 4:30pm, 7pm and 9pm & Midnight

Reservations for all Christmas Masses are required.

Walk ups will most likely not be granted entry.

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations>

Please remember, if you book reservations for a Mass at Christmas and then are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation so that someone else might be able to attend. Thank you.

Weekend Mass Times - Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. Protocols for attending Mass will be in place. Please make your reservations on the parish website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations> or contact the parish office 519-433-6689. Thank you.

No Bazaar This Year But We Are Selling Face Masks!!

Last year the Christmas Bazaar raised over \$12,000 which helped to support the Hospitality North Food Program as well as many outreach programs to help people in difficult times and dire need throughout the winter months. The need for monies still exists and now especially in this unprecedented 2020 year. Sadly, it was not possible to hold our Christmas Bazaar this year. However, several of the women who in the past have sewn for the bazaar have created and donated their time, talent and materials to create **Christmas masks and everyday masks this year to sell on this first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28/29**. The masks come in various styles, colours and sizes. These beautifully crafted 100% cotton washable masks will be offered for a minimum donation of \$5 per mask. (Donations are gladly accepted as well should you not wish to purchase a mask.) ALL monies raised will go to support the outreach programs that the bazaar has always supported in the past. Thank you for your continued support for our Christmas Bazaars.

Mary Rogister Lay Ministry Bursary - Applications are available at the Parish Office for St. Michael's parishioners studying Lay Ministry at St. Peter's Seminary in the fall term. Completed applications must be submitted by December 21, 2020.

Youth Ministry

Syl Patry spatry@dol.ca or 519-433-6689 ext. 206



EDGE, Lifeteen and Chosen are Currently postponed until further notice. Please follow Instagram, Twitter or Facebook for updates.



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St Michael's 2021 Confirmation

Applications are available on line for grade 8 students in our feeder schools, St Michael's, St Mark's, St Kateri and St Catherine of Siena. If your child does not attend one of our schools, you may request a Confirmation kit at one of our weekend masses.

Any questions or concerns may be addressed to Syl Patry, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at spatry@dol.ca or 519-433-6689 x 206



The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Giving Tree - 2020

Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree. Your generous donations are so very much appreciated to lift the spirits of our needy children during these difficult times.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights are making their boxes of beautiful Christmas cards available this year through the Parish office. Please contact the office by phone or email to reserve your box or they can be purchased in person during office hours. The cost is \$8 to \$12 per box.



CWL News - Our thanks to all of you who joined us for our Christmas Zoom meeting last Monday. It was wonderful to be together at this special time of year and to share some Christmas cheer.

Also, we are continuing to collect the **2021 CWL \$25.00 membership fee**. It can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Be sure to write CWL Membership on the front and include your name, address, phone number and email.

Monthly Prayer Intentions - During these uncertain times, when we are unable to be physically present to write to one another in times of need. The C.W.L recognizes the importance, and power of prayer and in particular intercessory prayer. **December:** Let us pray for the unborn and their Mothers.

Ministers of Hospitality Needed - Since our return to Masses both on weekends and weekdays, we continue to follow the Diocese of London protocol for safety. This requires a good number of Ministers of Hospitality to make it happen. There are sign up sheets at the ushers station when you enter the Nave. Please have a look and if you are attending a certain Mass, please sign up for some role. Every position is valuable and needed. Your service to your parish is vital and would be so greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bill C-7 - Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

A page on the dol.ca website has been created for access to resources related to the euthanasia legislation currently before the Canadian parliament (Bill C-7). You will find Bishop Fabbro's letter to the faithful requesting them to write to their MPs to express their opposition, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement opposing the legislation and other materials can be found at <https://dol.ca/bill-c-7-maid>

DECEMBER 13TH, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 15 - 12:00 noon

Cathy Palmieri requested by Tony Palmieri
Intentions of Fr. Raffaele di S. Anna requested by Doris Barrett
Fr. Stefan Sencek requested by Anna Kovacic

Wednesday, December 16 - 8:00 am

William Wales requested by The Wales Family
Cheryl Barry requested by John Barry
Ted Koolen requested by A. Van Bommel

Thursday, December 17 - 12:00 noon

Margaret Sgariglia requested by Grant Sgariglia
Ronald Joseph requested by Joe & Marilyn Dewan
Mark DeCourcy requested by Cecile Tourigny

Friday, December 18 - 8:00 am

Al Jasinski requested by Joan & Family
Intentions of Lori McEachnie requested by Mom & Dad
Leo & Cecile Meidinger requested by Doug & Audrey

December 20th, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:38

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



All those who have died.

Joseph Lewicki husband of Elaine Lewicki

Gail MacKay wife of Sandy, mother of Natalie Hleba

Sheilagh Hunt mother of John Hunt

Frances DeBackere father of Joe DeBackere

Raymundo Rodriguez Hernandez brother-in-law of Veronica Solis



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's for Daily Readings.

<http://ec2-34-245-7-114.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com/>

Mass Uploaded Online - Weekend Masses from St. Michael's are uploaded to our website by Sunday's at 3 p.m. Please refer to 'Sunday Mass' in the 'latest News' section of our website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/sunday-mass>



ADVENT...A Time of Anticipation, Expectation, Preparation

Advent is often the liturgical season in our church that gets overlooked as we prepare our homes and families for Christmas season filled with activities and gift-giving. This year is somewhat different than most years. The season of Advent is a time of counter cultural preparation. Advent reminds us that we are also called to prepare our hearts and homes to encounter and welcome the incarnation of God in our midst and to prepare for that day when heaven and earth are wed and welcomes God's presence through his son. Advent invites us to create space to prepare to receive Emmanuel – God With Us. To help you enjoy this season to its fullest, you are invited to intentionally clear some time each day to enter into the mystery of the incarnation, to ponder Mary's yes and what that means for us.

St. Michael's Parish has made available two Advent Resources for our parish family this year: 'Living Faith', Daily Devotions for adults and 'Prince of Peace', Family Devotions. You are encouraged to use these resources for yourself and your family to help prepare your heart and home as we wait in joyful hope.

May this season of anticipation, expectation and preparation be a blessed and sacred time for you and yours.

Mass for the Unborn - has been cancelled for 2020, due to Covid-19. Please remember all of the children in your prayers who die from abortion. May the Lord have mercy on their little souls. Thank you.

2020 Parish Offertory Envelopes - Pick Up Parish Office

The 2020 envelopes are available from the parish office during regular office hours. Please call if you plan to come by.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

collection for the needy within our parish boundaries is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support. Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVP on the memo line or for an electronic donation, select SSVP from the drop-down list on Plently.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 14

- 5:30 pm—Northern Hospitality take out meals—Outside Pick up at south east corner Hall Doors

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 pm—General Absolution Service—Nave

Thursday, December 17

- 3:30 pm—Finance Committee—St. John Paul II Room
- 7:00 pm—Pastoral Parish Council—Hall

Please Mark Your Calendars

Hospitality North Take Out Meal - Dec 21 - 5:30 pm

Hospitality North - Dec 28 - No meal (Next meal will be Jan 4/21)



First Reconciliation & First Communion 2020 - 2021

Jesus gave us the sacraments so that He could continue to touch us in our daily lives. Through grace, each sacrament draws us into a closer relationship with God. It is the role of all the baptised to hand on our faith and do so by example as well as ensuring children are appropriately prepared for this encounter with Christ in sacrament. Sunday worship is essential to handing on our living faith. Sacramental preparation begins at home through the faith of parents as they bear witness to human and religious values. It is supported and nourished through the parish and school families.

Parents, please check St. Michael's website for information and registration regarding preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. All children who are celebrating First Eucharist will be prepared for First Reconciliation. Please bring (or attach) a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with the registration form. Parent meetings will be held in the new year and further information about those will follow.

Please check out the parish website for further dates.

St. Michael's parish family looks forward to walking in faith with you and your family as your child prepares to encounter Christ in sacrament.



St. Josephine Bakhita African-Caribbean Catholic Community, London, Ontario

We are inviting all Africans, Caribbean and anyone who would like to join us for our monthly Masses. Our Mass is held on the 4th Sunday of every month at St. Michael Parish, 511 Cheapside St. London at 2:30 pm. Kindly join us for this amazing time in the presence of the Lord. Mass this month is Dec 27th at 2:30 pm.

Offertory Envelope Pick Up - They will be available in the parish hall AFTER MASSES or from the office through the week. If you wish to pick up your box, please go to the Hall at the time when your seating section has been released, please enter the correct line according to your last name. A volunteer will present you with your box and then please exit the hall using the East doors. We thank you for your patience and generosity. If you do not have a box but would like one, please contact the office directly stmichlon@dol.ca or 519-433-6689.

Pre-Authorized Giving - Have you thought more about making the move to PAG? It will save you money on cheques, you won't have to remember your envelope, it is safe and so easy to do. Please consider enrolling in the PAG program. Contact the parish office by phone or email stmichlon@dol.ca. You can sign up on the Parish website with a credit card via PayPal. Thank you!



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