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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

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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 20TH, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Reservations Required

Thursday December 31st, 2020 - 5:00 pm
Friday, January 1st, 2021 - 10:30 am
<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations>



Remembrance Tree - Our annual Remembrance Tree will be decorated again this year with beautiful symbols remembering those who have gone before 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.

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will all be in the Nave.

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** and are **fully booked**.

All Christmas Eve and Day Masses are fully booked.

Thank you for your understanding and your patience as we do our best to move from Christmas celebrations that see a usual total of over 3,200 people being reduced to 870.

Please remember, if you booked 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.

FOR THOSE WITH RESERVATIONS PLEASE MAKE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION...

At Christmas time we are happy and grateful that so many people come to celebrate with us. Please try to be considerate in the following matters.

1. Parking for all Masses should be easier this year with reduced numbers. Parking at the front circle is for handicapped pass holders ONLY. If needed, additional parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. Please remember that the doors to the Church will be CLOSED at Mass time. **NO LATE ADMITTANCE WILL BE GRANTED. ARRIVE EARLY.** Our Ministers of Hospitality are donating their time to assist with smooth entry and exit, their presence in the Nave at the beginning of Mass is a necessary consideration.
3. Please follow the seating direction and instructions for movement in the Nave. They are here to assist everyone and must be treated with respect.
4. Please review the Parish mass protocols at:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/protocols-attending-mass>

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.

Ministers of Hospitality Needed For Christmas Masses

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. Please have a look and if you are attending a certain Mass this Christmas, please sign up for some role. Every position is valuable and needed. There is a special invitation to sign up for the Christmas Masses as we have many Hospitality Ministers positions to fill. You will be providing such a vital service to your fellow parishioners. There are sign up sheets at the ushers station when you enter the Nave. Please sign up!

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



Knights Table

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the St Michael's Parish family for their most generous support during our recent food drive in support of the London Food Bank. Our aim was to fill the van with hope and we certainly achieved that. On behalf of the Knights of Columbus we would like to wish everyone, A Very Merry Christmas, Joyous Noel, Feliz Navidad

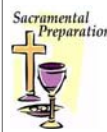


CWL News - We are continuing to collect the **2021 CWL \$25.00 membership fee**. It can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off or mailed to the parish office.

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 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.



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.

Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute Bioethics Matters are available on line at <http://www.ccbi-utoronto.ca/bioethics-matters/>

DECEMBER 20TH, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 22 - 12:00 noon

Frank Cassar requested by his wife Josephine & Family
Intentions of Donna Harris & Family requested by Donna Harris
Intentions of Suzanne & Charles Scollard
requested by Stephanie Gasparotto

Wednesday, December 23 - 8:00 am

Steve Dittrich requested by Tom, Marg & Brian Rooke
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Bestowed on the Diaz Family
requested by Ana Maria Diaz
The Deceased Members of the Squire and VanTol Families

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve - No weekday Mass

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day - No Weekday Mass

****Please note there are NO Weekday Masses
the week of December 28 to Jan 1****

December 27th, 2020 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:3b-5, 15-16; 21:1-7

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 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.

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.

Mary Register 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.

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>



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 Pllenty.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 21

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

Friday, December 24

- Parish Office is Closed and will resume business hours on Tuesday Dec 29, 2020.

Sunday, December 27

- 2:30 pm—African Caribbean Catholic Mass—Nave

Please Mark Your Calendars

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

No Exposition & Benediction on Jan 1



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.

Stay Up To Date - Visit St. Michael's Parish Website

Please visit our parish website to find information about the Parish.

Our home page web address is:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/>

To view our latest news:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/latest-news>

To make mass reservations online:

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

To make a donation online:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/make-a-donation>

For information about sacraments:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/sacraments>

To register at the Parish:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/form/registration-form>

To view the Parish bulletin:

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/bulletins>

Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2020 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2020.

Note: Donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted for 2021.

Pllenty Giving - You can donate with a credit or debit card. We have added another form of electronic giving. Your smart phone can now be used as a convenient way of supporting St. Michael's. To make a donation through Pllenty or PayPal please visit our website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/make-a-donation>

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!

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.



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