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*Advent*



# DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2014 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm & 12:00 midnight  
Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

## Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - 5:00pm  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - 10:30am & 12:30pm

### **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...Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and please be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 5 p.m. Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first washroom and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Once the church is full, people will be directed to the parish hall where mass will be celebrated. This will not only relieve congestion in the foyer but also in the church and provide a much safer environment should an emergency occur. When we get to an overflow situation, please follow the direction of the ushers.
3. Something most of us can do, not only at Christmas but at other busy Masses throughout the year, is to move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to be seated more readily.

### **Thanksgiving Appeal Collection remains open.**

All funds generated during this appeal remain in the parish and help us to meet our financial commitments and to support our many parish ministries, liturgy and outreach. Please consider making a donation to this year's Thanksgiving Appeal. Thank you.

### **Hospitality**

We still encourage people's involvement in welcoming people into the Church before Masses. Ideally we would like at least 4 people at each Mass; 2 at the Maitland St. entrance and 2 in the main foyer. I know that we have so many friendly people here, please consider sharing that joyful spirit with others. We continue to have positive response and we welcome more! Please contact the office to volunteer. Thank you.

### **Mass for the Unborn**

Mass for the Unborn will be held on Monday, December 29, 2014 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00 pm and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the CWL and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **CAPITAL CORNER:**

Please take a moment and read the insert letter from our Honorary Campaign Chair, Father John Sharp. We are so fortunate to have Father John's support and hands on help in the Give to Grow Campaign. The campaign committee would like to extend our wishes to you and your family for a very blessed and peaceful Christmas. Keep an eye on this area of the bulletin for future news and the official launch of the *Give to Grow-Foundations for Our Future Campaign*.

For more information, visit the facebook page linked from the parish website or at <https://www.facebook.com/givetogrowfoundations/timeline>

"Lord, teach me to be generous" – St. Ignatius of Loyola

## **SYNC YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

***Serving Youth in Christ at St. Michael's Parish***

***Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!***

### **ADVENT: GLIMPING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us" (Isaiah 9:6)***  
Lord Jesus, as we approach the holy season of Christmas, help us to open our hearts and show your love to all people that we meet. We thank you for becoming one of us and leading us closer to Our Father.

### **FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUN DEC 21, 7-9PM**

All families are invited to meet in St. Michael's Parish Hall at 7pm - from there we will go out in the neighbourhood for caroling, followed by a social with hot chocolate and treats. Come out and join us!

### **TEEN NIGHT**

***ALL TEENS IN GRADES 9 TO 12 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR TEEN NIGHTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH. COME JOIN US FOR GAMES, PRAYER, PRIZES, SNACKS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. INVITE A FRIEND!***

**SUN DEC 21 (Meet at Parish Hall at 7pm for Christmas Caroling in neighbourhood followed by treats in the hall),  
SUN JAN 4 & SUN JAN 18 (in parish hall from 7:30-9pm)**

### **YOUTH CHOIR – Starting in Jan 2015!**

Calling all youth in grades 4-12 who are interested in joining our NEW youth choir! Do you love to sing or play a musical instrument? We are looking for young people to lead our parish in giving God praise and worship at a mass once a month. Our first practices will be held at the church on Sat Jan 3 and Sat Jan 10 from 3-4pm. The first mass that we will sing at is Sat Jan 10 at the 5pm mass.

If you are interested in signing up, please email Holly Langohr at: [holly.langohr@gmail.com](mailto:holly.langohr@gmail.com)

### **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!**

For Youth Ministry updates, Catholic links and inspirational quotes, be sure to "Like" our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/sync.stm](http://www.facebook.com/sync.stm)) and follow our Twitter account (@syncstm)

### **The Word On The Page - A CREATIVE WRITING BLOG**

The Word on the Page, our creative writing group has evolved into an online blog at <http://stmichaelswordonthepage.blogspot.com/>. We will post on a regular basis articles and resources related to creative writing within the spirit of our Catholic faith. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to visit us at this site and share comments and even some of their own works of creative writing.

### **SEASONS GREETINGS**



On behalf of all KNIGHTS  
from St. Michael's Parish Council 12820  
I would like to take this opportunity to wish  
each and every Parishioner on this very special season  
**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR**  
Knights of Columbus  
George Rogister-Grand Knight

### **Music Ministry**

We are to be a People who give praise to our God. The scripture speak of singing and music as if we're commanded to do so. We need members for every choir.

5:00pm Sat-under Holly Reiter's direction practice Tues at 7:00pm  
8:30am Sun-under Holly Reiter's direction practice Sun at 8:00am  
10:30am Sun-under Mark David's direction practice Thurs at 7:30pm  
12:30pm Sun-under Nando Favaro's direction practice Sun at 11:30am  
**All are welcome. To sing is to pray twice. (St. Augustine)**

*Some of our Parishioners have allergies and are sensitive to perfume.  
We invite people to refrain from using perfume and cologne.*

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## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 23

No Mass

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm mass

7:00 pm mass

9:00 pm mass

12:00 Midnight

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 am mass

10:30 am mass

12:30 pm mass

Friday, December 26

No Mass

Saturday, December 27 - 9:00 am

Lawrence Hamilton requested by Gisele & Family

Fr. Stephen Bodnar requested by The Family

Tom Verlaan requested by Anne Marie & Peter Verlaan

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Holy Family

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

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Kathleen Kay, Jeff Talbot, Greg Giesen,  
Frank Sinko, Wendy Irving, Nel Baltus,  
Nick Greeson & Mary Storey.**

And all those who have died, including:

**Maria Nunes** mother of Marie Girard,  
**Elmer Long** brother of Gladys O'Quinn,  
**Doreen Samuel** mother of Mary Pat Leidl

**John Sharrett** husband of Pat & grandfather to Nicole & Alicia

## Memorial Masses at St. Peter's Cemetery

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month, Rosary at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to pray for their loved ones.

Tues, Jan 13/15, Feb 10/15, Mar 10/15, Apr 14/15, May 12/15

## Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2014 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1<sup>st</sup> masses will be receipted in 2015).

## 2015 Parish Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They have been set out alphabetically. If you used your 2014 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2015. If you do not see your envelope box please add your name and phone number to the sign up list. Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift (PAG) process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.

## Pre-Authorized Giving – P.A.G.

Forget an envelope? Out of town for a holiday? All of the worry about remembering to write your cheque or bring your envelope week after week can be alleviated by enrolling in the Pre-Authorized Giving Program at St. Michael's. The Parish will easily deduct your monthly contribution to the Parish directly and safely from your bank account. We even have slips to add to the collection basket in place of your envelope. It is a guaranteed way to ensure that your support for the church continues completely worry-free. Please contact the office to ask about signing up for the PAG program, or forms to enroll are available at the welcome desk. Thank you for your support of St. Michael's.



## Sunday Collection

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Regular Offertory \$8,380

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,334

Thank you for your continued generosity!



## St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month.

Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write on the memo line SVDP.

## English Learning

For any person from a non-English speaking country wanting to learn about the Mass and it's responses in English, please come to a class offered on Mondays 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library Rm.

\*\*Note no classes Dec 22 & Dec 29\*\*

## Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 24, 25, 28, 31 & Jan 1 & 4  
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 24, 25, 28, 31 & Jan 1 & 4  
No Babysitting Dec 24, 25, 28, 31 & Jan 1 & 4  
African Caribbean Catholic Mass - Dec 28 - 2:30 pm  
Community Meal - Dec 29 - 5:30 pm  
Exposition - Jan 2/15 - 8:30 am to 12:00 noon  
Benediction - Jan 2/15 - 12:00 noon  
Teen Night - Jan 4/15 - 7:30 pm  
CWL - No Meeting in January  
English Learning - Jan 5/15 - 5:30 pm  
Art Club - Jan 6/15 - 10:00 am  
Knights of Columbus - Jan 6/15 - 7:00 pm  
Seniors on the Move - restarts - Jan 7/15 & Jan 9/15  
Young At Heart Cards - restarts Jan 8/15  
Moms Group - Jan 7/15 - 9:30 am  
YouNight Gr. 5-6 Youth - Jan 7/15 - 7:00 pm  
Rosary Guild - Jan 7/15 - 7:00 pm  
RCIA - Jan 7/15 - 7:30 pm

## CWL News



CWL Members are reminded that there is no January meeting. Please watch the bulletin for February details.

Please note that there will be no children's programmes on Sunday December 28, 2014 or on January 4, 2015

## Men & Young Men wanting to grow stronger in your faith:

### Come to the 3rd Annual Men of Faith Conference

Saturday Jan. 24th, 2014 -- St. Michael's Church, London

Most Rev. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro \*\*\* Dan Moynihan

Patrick Madrid \*\*\* [www.patrickmadrid.com](http://www.patrickmadrid.com) \*\*\*

\*\*\* Marshall's Pasta for Lunch \*\*\*

Register on-line --- [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca) --- \$35 /\$25 students

Or call Mike Whelan 519-518-2025 ext. 22



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When? Men's: Feb 26-Mar 1/15 Women's: Mar 5-8/15

Where? Michaelite House, 2751 Sunningdale Rd W London ON N6H 5L2

Cost? \$200 (funding available to those unable to meet this expense)

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