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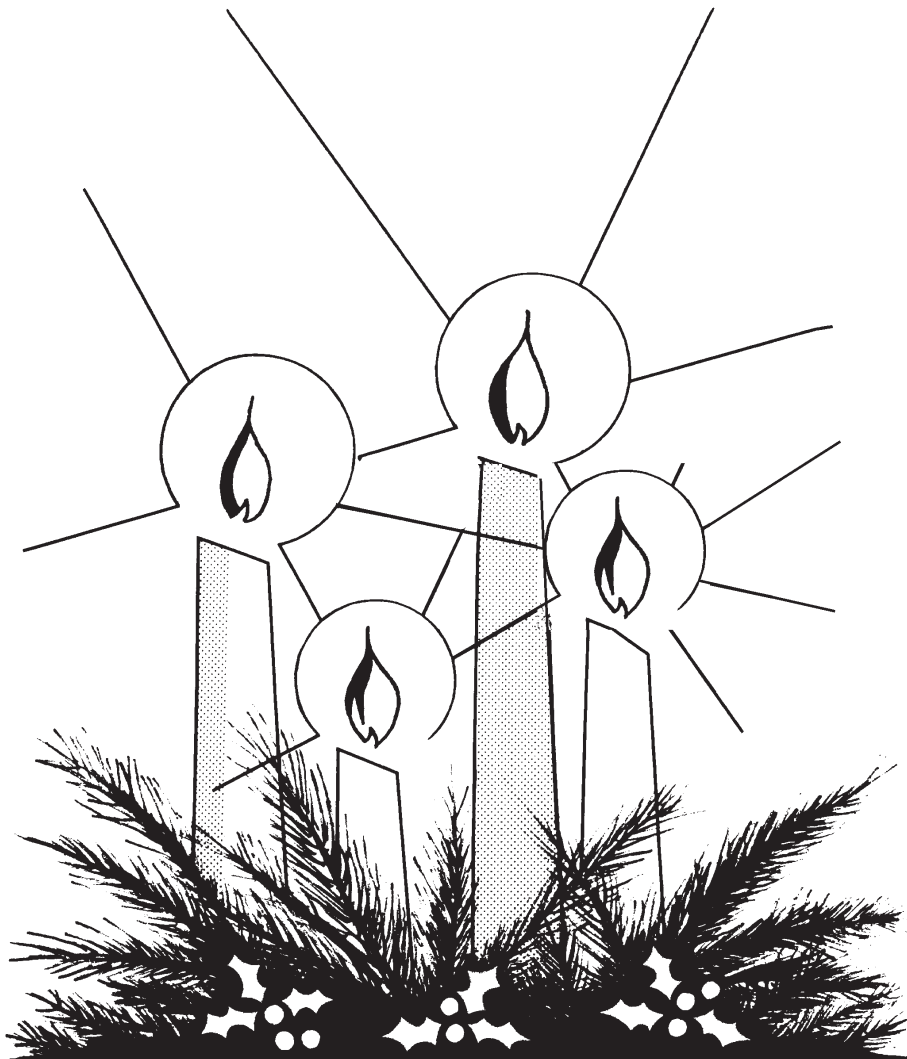
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Advent

DECEMBER 22ND, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th
10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020 - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Please note the mass time for the Free Bus Service this year will run on Tuesday December 24 for the 4:30 pm Mass.

The same Sunday route will be used.

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 at the 4:30 pm mass...In our continued efforts to streamline the parking during Christmas Eve Masses, the Maitland entrance to the parking lot will be CLOSED to cars entering. ALL CARS are to enter off of Cheapside Street down the lane between the Church and Rectory to the lot. This should make the overlap of guests smoother. Once again the Knights of Columbus will be on-site assisting with the parking. Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 4:30 pm 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.

8th Annual Men of Faith Conference - Sat Jan 18, 2020

"2020 Vision - Courage & Fortitude To Do His Will"

Register on line www.famfi.ca or by phone Mike 519-518-2025 ext. 22
Held at St. Michael's Parish, London.

Our Parish Website – Please visit our parish website. It is a helpful place to find many things such as sacramental registration, information on the groups and committees at the parish and also current and upcoming news. You can make your contribution to the Thanksgiving Appeal and you can also support the Give to Grow capital campaign through the website. While you are there, don't forget to register if you have not already! www.stmichaelslondon.ca

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, and it is safe and so easy to do. Please consider enrolling in the PAG program. Complete sign up packages on the welcome desk, from the office or you can sign up on the Parish website with a credit card via PayPal. Thank you!

Relics of Saints - In the area where the statues of Mary and Joseph are found, the former Ambry has been adopted to become a reliquary. In the reliquary are the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Jean de Brébeuf and Canadian Martyrs, St. John Neumann, St. Andre Bessette, St. Francis Xavier and St. Pius X.

Youth Ministry

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



Lifeteen Encounter Worship 12:30 pm Mass

Please join us for a more contemporary sound as The Encounter Worship band leads us into worship at every 12:30 pm Mass.

LIFETEEN Youth – Stay tuned Big News for 2020!



Teen Life - For Students in Gr. 5-7 - EDGE

Join us for great student gatherings with a lot of faith, food and fun for all Gr. 5-8 students. Please follow us on our social media for more info or email us! Register on line for free. *Next EDGE night Wed Jan 8th.*



Confirmation 2019-2020 CHOSEN Gatherings

Next gathering will be **Sun Jan 26th** from 11 am to 12:30 pm with an invitation to the 12:30 pm mass. *CHOSEN Confirmation gathering dates are Feb 23^d, Mar 29th, Apr 26th & May 3^d.*

New Pility Giving - We have added another form of electronic giving. Your smart phone can now be used as a convenient way of supporting St. Michael's. You can scan or tap our QR code found around the parish to donate with a credit or debit card. Please note THIS DOES NOT change any other method of how you give to St. Michael's. However you currently donate, you can continue.

Christmas Eve Parking

Our Knights of Columbus are dedicating their holiday time to volunteer in parking direction for the 4:30 pm Masses on Christmas Eve. Please be patient, respectful and take their direction. They are here to assist and are doing so completely out of service to our church. Thank you.

Mass for the Unborn Dec 27th 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 Joseph Dabrowski will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please note there are NO Daily Masses the week of December 24-27.

Also NO Saturday morning Mass December 28.

2020 Parish Offertory Envelopes - Pick Up In The Foyer

The 2020 envelopes are available for pick up. Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the **box assigned to them**. They will be set out alphabetically. If you used your 2019 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2020. If you are unable to locate a box assigned to you and would like offertory envelopes please add your name, address 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. *(Please note boxes not picked in Dec will not be mailed out. They will be available for pick up from the parish office during regular office hours in 2020).*



SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, January 25, 2020

St. Michael's Parish is hosting a day of formation and nourishment of spirit with Mrs. Catherine Ecker, author, catechist from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Catherine will present on, 'Celebrating Sunday'. This is a great opportunity for all involved in ministry and those who like to experience day to deepen your understanding of the gifts each Sunday holds for all of us. All are welcome! More information to follow.

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - No Noon Mass
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Thursday, December 26 - Boxing Day - No Noon Mass

Friday, December 27 - No 8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 28 - No 9:00 am Mass and No Confessions

December 24 & 25th, 2019 Nativity of the Lord



First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-16

December 29th, 2019

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

All those who are sick, including:

Greg Giesen Lucas Ferreira Gregory Seger
Càla Hendrichson

And all those who have died, including:

Sasha Kokott son of Heidi Kokott

Memorial Masses at St. Peter's Cemetery

On the 2nd Tues each month, Rosary at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm
Everyone is welcome to come to pray for their loved ones.



Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2019 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by **December 31st 2019**. - Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted for 2020.

Ministering to the Sick & Homebound - If you have a friend or family member who would appreciate receiving Eucharist and a pastoral visit, please contact the parish office, 519-433-6689.

Lending Library - Books are packed with insight and knowledge into a fulfilling life, prayer and helpful inspiration. Please feel free to check them out for as long as you like.

Retrouvaille - If your marriage has lost the sense of closeness it once had, if you are living more like roommates, Retrouvaille can help you recapture that closeness. To learn more about Retrouvaille, or to register for the up-coming weekend **Jan 17-19, 2020** at the Michaelite Centre, email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.

We will have our regular bus service for Sunday Dec. 22 and 29. We have also added a bus service (regular route) for our 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Downtown Evening & Weekend Parking at St. Peter's Cathedral Park for a flat rate of \$5.00 after 4:30 pm weekdays and on the weekend. For more details visit www.cathedral.dol.ca or call the parish office at 519-432-3475.



Sunday Collection Dec 8th 2019

Regular Offertory \$8,638
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,851
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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



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.
(Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVp on the memo line.)

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 23

• No Northern Hospitality on Mon Dec 23 - *Next Meal Dec 30/19*

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

• Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

• Parish Office Closed

• 7:00 pm—AA—St. Andre Bessette & St. Kateri Rooms

Thursday, December 26 - Boxing Day

• Parish Office Closed

• No Young At Heart Bridge - *Next Cards Jan 9th*

• No Bible Study - *Next Session Jan 9th*

Friday, December 27

• 9:00 am to 11:00 am—Art Club—St. Francis Library

Sunday, December 29

• No Children's Ministries - *Resumes Jan 5th*

Please Mark Your Calendars

No Young At Heart Bridge on Dec 26 & Jan 2

Exposition & Benediction - Fri Jan 3, 2020

Mom's Group resumes Tues Jan 14, 2020



**Please Note No Children's Ministries on
Dec 25th, Dec 29th or Jan 1st**



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 22nd at 2:30 pm.

Eucharist for Gluten Intolerance - We continue to have a choice of the Precious Blood that is for those with gluten intolerance located at the entrance to the Eucharistic Chapel. We will now also have the Precious Body available for those with a gluten intolerance. If you have this need please contact one of the Priests or a member of the Pastoral Team.

i.d.9:16 A Community of Missionary Disciples

Our next monthly Disciples' Night is Thurs Feb 6th at St. Michael's Parish, 511 Cheapside St., London. We will begin with Mass at 6:15 pm followed by a meal and drinks at 7 pm, and a talk with small group discussions at 8 pm. The evening will go until 9:30 pm. The cost of dinner and talk is \$10 with an RSVP, \$15 without an RSVP. RSVP via Facebook at i.d.9:16 Londonevent or email id916london@gmail.com.

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