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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON Cherylan Grace

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Gerarda Smith-Hillier

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 27TH, 2020 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Baptism



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

Ezra Rosedale

COVID-19 UPDATES

With the Province enacting new directives on closures and following instructions from the Diocese, ALL MASSES will be considered CANCELLED until further notice. The Priests of the parish will continue with the celebration of daily Mass in some form to ensure that intentions of the day as well as for our parish community can be offered. Please continue to refer to the parish website www.stmichaelslondon.ca regularly for the most recent updates and messages.



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.



Completion of Catholic Initiation - Are you a Baptized Catholic adult, but due to life circumstances have not received the sacrament of Confirmation? If you would like to complete your Catholic Initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation, an appropriate process that is integrated into the RCIA process will begin soon.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this process, please contact Debbie Walsh, Pastoral Minister in the parish office or by email; dwalsh@dol.ca.

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>

Catholic Websites

www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca, www.catholiccemeteries.on.ca,
www.catholic.net, www.catholicnews.com, www.vatican.va,
www.dol.ca, www.saltandlighttv.org

Please note bulletins will not be published for the month of January 2021

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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STM EDGE

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

As the holidays are now upon us, the end of a difficult year is in sight, with care and caution still maintained and the promise of these new vaccines, the Knights of Columbus would like to wish everyone A Happy New Year!



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. For the month of:

December: Let us pray for the unborn and their Mothers.

January: As the colder months are upon us, let us pray for our brothers and sisters who are homeless.

We have added automatic non-touch hand sanitization stations at the entrance and the exit of the Church. We ask our parishioners to self-sanitize on the way in and out of Church.

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.

Safety is Key - In the interest of caring for each other, you can be a great help in maintaining a safe environment. If you are entering or leaving the Church and feel that the walkways on premises are at all unsafe or that weather may be cause for concern; please advise one of the priests, staff or ushers of this fact. We will deal with it in a timely manner. Thank you for your attention.

Marriage Annulment - Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a union blessed? Or are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (annulment) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help. If you want to start the process, or have some questions, please feel free to call 519-439-1553 or Toll Free at 1-866-603-4317 or email tribunal@dol.ca

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

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January 3rd, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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



Please pray for all those who have died, including:

Sister Theresa Marie Caillouette of the Sisters of St. Joseph



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>

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.

Pilently 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 Pilently 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!

2021 Parish Offertory Envelopes - Pick Up Parish Office

The 2021 envelopes are available. Please email stmichlon@dol.ca or leave a message at 519-433-6689 if you would like your 2021 boxed envelope set mailed to you or to arrange curbside pick up. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the psalmist that Yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use Your gifts wisely, and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.



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 Pilently.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 28

- Parish Office Closed
- Northern Hospitality No Meal - Next take out meal will be Jan 4/21

Tuesday, December 29

- Parish Office will be closed to the Public until further directives from the Provincial Government and the Diocese are updated.

Please Mark Your Calendars

Hospitality North Take Out Meal - Jan 4 - 5:30 pm



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. Masses currently on pause until further notice.

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 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>

****To make mass reservations online:**

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

****Paused until new directives from the provincial government**

Extension of the Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation - As communicated to priests and parishes in the diocese on 6 November 2020, Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to Easter Sunday. It also includes the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord (25 December) and Mary, Mother of God on the octave day of Christmas (1 January). <https://www.dol.ca/>

Diocesan Updates - Please visit the Diocese of London website at <https://www.dol.ca/> To find the latest updates from Bishop Fabbro scroll down to Diocesan News.

St. Mary Catholic School Choir and Orchestra Program Application Information

St. Mary School has begun the application process for entrance to Grade 5 for 2021/2022. Application to the program is open to all Grade 4 Students of the London District Catholic School Board. All applicants must meet the admission requirements. Brochures with application forms are available in all LDCSB Catholic elementary schools. Please contact your Principal for further details of the application and audition process or call St. Mary School at 519-675-4423. Application Brochures are also available on the St. Mary School Website (<https://mal.ldcsb.ca/>). Applications are due by February 19, 2021.



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