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## PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

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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 No mass  
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 noon  
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

Blessed 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 - 10:30 a.m. Mass

*Liturgy of the Word* - Grades 2, 3 and 4  
*Sunday School* - Age 3 to Grade 1  
*Babysitting* - Toddlers under age 3

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS

*Baptism* - 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. or mass of your choice.

*Baptismal Preparation* - Contact Sr. Kathy O'Keefe

*Marriage* - Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

*Marriage Preparation* - Weekend Feb 10, 11, 12, 2012

*Priesthood/Religious Life* - Call Fr. Sample, Fr. Sharp or Sr. O'Keefe

*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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight - Bud Jardine

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of every month & Benediction at 12:00 noon.

## OFFICE HOURS

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

### Free Bus Service to 10:30 a.m. Mass

**9:50am** 64 Wyndham  
Blackwater east of Adelaide - Bus Stop  
Grenfell just east of Blackwater  
Fanshawe/Trossacks - Bus Stop on Corner  
770 Fanshawe - east of Fremont (Bus Stop)  
Fanshawe - west of Fremont  
Adelaide/Fanshawe - Bus Stop south of Fanshawe  
Kipps Lane/Adelaide - Bus Shelter just east of Adelaide  
Kipps Lane/Barker  
Kipps Lane - Bus Stop east of Barker  
Kipps Lane/Kenmore Place - Bus Stop  
295 Briarhill  
Cheapside/Boullee  
Huron/Wedgewood - Bus Stop east of Wedgewood  
**10:15am** Royal York Apts - 3 stops  
Go to St. Michaels Church



Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.

# JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## Stewardship Reflection

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." - Luke 2:19

How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.



## Thank you

The Knights of Columbus Council 12820 from St. Michael's Parish would like to thank all who attended our breakfast on December 11th. We would especially like to thank Bruce Sworik of Sutton Group – Select Realty Inc. for his very generous donation of a Colour Kobo Reader to be used as a raffle prize. The winner of the Kobo was Christina Nguyen.

## 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.

**Mom and Dads Group will start up again in 2012 on Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30 am**

## First Friday Day of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament

Each first Friday from 8 am to 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for adoration. We invite you to spend some time in prayer for vocations, vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life or Single Life. These vocations which are invitations to show God's love to the World. Next First Friday is January 6th, 2012.

**Teacher References:** It is the policy of Separate School Boards to ask for a Pastoral Letter from a candidate who is applying for a job. This letter requires the Pastor to witness that the candidate goes to Mass each Sunday and is involved in parish ministry. If you plan on asking for a letter of reference, make sure you are fulfilling the obligation.

## You are called and invited to Serve!

**Did you know** that once you are Confirmed, you are invited to serve the parish as a lector, a Eucharistic Minister or an Usher? You can also serve at Mass by joining one of our choirs or by being an altar server. We would love to have more youth serving as leaders at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 519-433-6689.

**"Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"**

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations."

If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

[www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca](http://www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca)

The St. Michael's website contains a lot of information and pictures relevant to our Parish/Community life. Please visit the website often and let us know your thoughts and comments. We are actively seeking content from all areas of our Parish and welcome your input to the attention of Terry McBride at [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca)

*Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.  
There have been thefts from vehicles in the parking lot.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### A Prayer for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Dear Mary, Mother of Jesus, thank you for your example. You loved your Son Jesus, more than life itself. You stood by him in his pain, suffering, and in his death. This must have been extremely painful for you. However, your faith enabled you to endure all this and more. You are a woman of great faith, courage and love. May we imitate the model that you have given to us. May we let go of our own desires and let God work within us. Amen.

### TEEN NIGHT – Our Next Gathering...

Thanks to all of the high school students that continue to make our monthly Teen Nights a success! Our next Teen Night will be held in the parish hall on Sunday January 15 from 7-9pm. New high school students are always welcome. Bring a friend!

### SPORTS SUNDAYS

Thank you to all youth in grades 5-8 who have joined us for Sports Sundays. We are grateful especially for the leadership of our coordinator, Chris, and our volunteer, Aurene. Stay tuned for the winter schedule...

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ATTENTION ALL GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If you are registered for Confirmation already but missed the Parent/Candidate Meeting on Tuesday November 29, please make sure that you pick up a copy of the workbook *Confirmation for Teens* as well as three handouts from the meeting at the parish office. Any questions? Please call Natalie at the parish office.

The Confirmation journal project was due on Thurs Dec 8. If you have not already done so, please hand in your journal to the parish office. The "Confirmation for Teens" booklet must be handed in to the parish on the day that you attend your Confirmation Retreat (either Jan 17 or Jan 18, 2012).

Service hours opportunity: If you are interested in decorating placemats that will be used at the Northern Hospitality meal in January, please contact Natalie at the parish office. The placemats would be due back to the office on Jan 12, 2012. We have around 125 placemats that need to be decorated.

**Parish Christmas Newsletter** was recently mailed out. If you have not received one by mail and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. Extra copies are located at the usher stations at the back of the church.

**Gr. 8 Parent Information Night John Paul II Secondary School** Wed. Jan 11, 2012 7:00 pm Come learn about registration & course options. Take a guided school tour.

**You Are Not Alone:** - A friendship and faith-sharing group for people in recovery from mental illness and people supporting a loved one with a mental illness. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., at St. Michael's Parish, in Room D. For information, call Cathie Gauthier 519-850-0600, or Deacon Bob/Joanne Hartman 519-473-2263.

## Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2011 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2011.

## Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. As a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

# JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## Mass Intentions for January 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday, January 3- 12:00 noon

Frank Wright requested by Kathleen Van Alphen  
Wib Bruder requested by Mabel Dodds  
Tom Moulton requested by Bob & Dianne Van Kleek

### Wednesday, January 4 - 8:00 am

Armando De Pierro requested by John & Luciana Caranci  
Cathy Overholt requested by Mr & Mrs. Doug Denomme  
Joanne Lawson requested by Mabel Dodds

### Thursday, January 5 - 12:00 noon

Rose Marie Beretta requested by The Family  
Paul Bossons requested by The Gorels  
Wib Bruder requested by The Gorels

### Friday, January 6 - 8:00 am

Harvey Wilbur requested by Steve & Marilyn Morgan  
Cathy Overholt requested by Bill & Mary Rice  
Franc Fabjan requested by Mary Lucas

### Saturday, January 7 - 9:00 am

Bernard Flanagan requested by Mary Flanagan  
James T. Sandford requested by Agnes Sandford & Family  
Clem Moir requested by Mary Moir & Family

### Readings for Next Weekend

#### January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Epiphany

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12



*All those who are sick, including:*

**Ryan O'Quinn, Lillian Inglis,  
Phil Shepherd, Kathleen Graham,  
& Larissa Shidlovskaya**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Jack Camara** father of John & Louis Camara &  
**Gonny Sluijs-Jorna** aunt of Mary Maxwell.

### Thank you

A special thank you to all of our Parish families who are participating in our monthly Pre-Authorized Gift Giving, it certainly helps with our ongoing financial planning and expense management. We presently have 184 families participating.

### Medaille Retreat House

Has many upcoming programs, retreats. For more information phone (519) 641-1379 or email [medaille@csj.london.on.ca](mailto:medaille@csj.london.on.ca).

### Holy Family Retreat House - Oxley ON

For information on retreats at the Holy Family Retreat House please visit their web site at [www.holyfamilyrh.com](http://www.holyfamilyrh.com) or phone 519-738-6136.

### Land of St. Paul and St. John

Have you ever read the Letter of St. Paul or the Gospel of St. John and wondered about where did they proclaim this message about Jesus?

September 6-19, 2012 I will be acting Chaplain to a Group of Pilgrims, who are going to walk in the footsteps of St. John and St. Paul. We are going to visit Turkey and go to Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Kusadasi, Ismir and Ephesus. If you are interested in the details please contact Joan Bolt at 519-471-6373.

### Babysitting Schedule

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Ann T, Katie & Shalini



### Sunday Collection Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Regular \$8,8237  
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,475  
SVDP Outreach \$720

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity!*

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Loose Collection for SVDP is  
the **2nd Sunday**  
of each month.

### ALTAR SERVERS

JAN 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>

**5:00 p.m.**

Stephanie Li  
Vivian Li  
Benedict Bagnas

**8:30 a.m.**

Marissa Ryan  
Kallen Merrison  
Sarah VanEerdewijk  
Noah Townend

**10:30 a.m.**

Barbara Mboko  
Willy Mboko  
Henry Nguyen  
Timmy Nguyen  
Julia Petrasianas

**12:30 p.m.**

Julien Tremblay  
Mauricio Rocha  
Valeria Rocha  
Patrick Rocha



*"Serving God With  
Gladness!"*

### This Week at St. Michael's

#### Monday, January 2

- Parish Office Closed

#### Wednesday, January 4

- 8:45 am—Exercise—Hall
- 7:00 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

#### Friday, January 6

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 10:30 am—Exercise—Hall
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

### Please Mark Your Calendars

CWL - no meeting in January  
Knights of Columbus - no meeting in January  
Property & Maintenance - Jan 10 - 4:00 pm  
1st Communion Parents Meeting - Jan 10 - 7:00 pm  
Social Justice - Jan 10 - 7:15 pm  
Youth Commission - Jan 11 - 7:00 pm  
Teen Night - Jan 15 - 7:00 pm  
Baptismal Preparation - Jan 17 - 7:30 pm  
Finance Committee - Jan 19 - 3:30 pm  
Pastoral Council - Jan 19 - 7:30 pm  
African Caribbean Catholic Mass - Jan 22 - 2:30 pm

**Young at Heart cards will start up again in 2012 on  
Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
Wishing a happy and blessed Christmas to all.**

### Refugee Committee Update on New Refugee Family

Our Iraqi refugee family arrived on November 30, 2011. We have many needs to set up their apartment. Please help as you are able. See our list at [http://www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca/ministries/Social\\_Justice/Refugee%20Committee/RefugeeNeeds-2011/RequirementsList\\_a.pdf](http://www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca/ministries/Social_Justice/Refugee%20Committee/RefugeeNeeds-2011/RequirementsList_a.pdf)

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