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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON Cherylann Grace

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON Theresa O'Leary

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

Saturday 9:00 am to 10:00 am or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism – 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00pm or any Sunday Mass

Baptismal Preparation – Contact Fr. Paul Kim

Marriage – Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

Marriage Preparation – tba

Priesthood/Religious Life – Fr. Daniel Bombardier, Fr. Paul Kim

Sacrament of the Sick – available upon request

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2) - registration required in December

First Communion (Gr. 2) - registration required in December

Confirmation (Gr. 8) - registration required in September

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.

NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptism



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

Hunter Kaiden Bagley, Kyla Mary Moncrieff Bagley,
Cruz Bortolussi, Carter James Callender
& Jackson William Callender

Sunday Mass - Reservations are Needed to Attend

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.

The number of people in the church will be guided by the directives of the government and the Bishop of London. We require registering. This can be done by going to the Parish website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations> or by phone 519-433-6689 for those who are unable to use the website.

CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS - The on-line reservation system will be available on November 30th @ 9:00 am for Christmas and New Year's Mass bookings through the parish website. Please do not book for more than one Mass and if you are unable to attend your booking, please notify the office ASAP so we can free up those spaces.

Remembrance Tree - Our annual Remembrance Tree will be decorated again this year with beautiful symbols remembering those who are no longer able to be with 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Giving Tree - 2021
Please find it in your hearts to donate what you would normally spend on a gift for an "Angel Tree" child with a monetary donation instead. St. Vincent de Paul members will then purchase food and gift cards to distribute safely to families in need within our parish boundary. Cash or cheques may be placed in the envelope and dropped off in the SSVP basket located in the nave before and after each weekend Mass, or at the parish office weekdays, or donate electronically through Plently by December 5.

Your generous donations are so very much appreciated to lift the spirits of our needy children during these difficult times.

Parish Bible Study - James: Pearls for Wise Living

We will be resuming the Bible Study program with the study of St. James: Pearls for Wise Living. All sessions will be virtual via Zoom and are available either in the afternoon or evening. The study will begin in January for 11 weeks, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The cost is \$35 for a physical workbook. Please use these Eventbrite Links below to register your place in this life giving program. Deadline for registration is December 13th, 2021. 1:00 pm Program <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-bible-study-tickets-186817434977> 7 pm Program <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-bible-study-tickets-186969710437>



Walking With the RCIA:

A Call to Discipleship and the Ministry of the Assembly.

The RCIA is a process of initiating individuals into life as the Body of Christ. You, the people in the pews have a vital role in shaping and forming Intentional Disciples. You are truly an RCIA team member by living as disciples, sharing your faith through living your baptismal call. Through your prayers and presence, inquirers experience an encounter with Jesus as living and working in His church. Let us hold our inquirers and candidates in prayer as they journey in faith.

Alexandra, Stephanie, Tiffany, Katianna, Cora, Jano, Courtney, Natalie, Lorenda, Geoffrey, Dawn, Katie, Mikyla, Emmanuel, Kim, Genivieve, Nicole, Kim, Andre, Avery, Julian. May you continue to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in your life.

We've Begun the Advent Journey

Ready or not Advent is here! In just four weeks we will be celebrating another Christmas. This weekend begins our preparation time as we anticipate celebrating the birth of the Messiah. This preparation time is called Advent! Advent means "coming" and, simply put, Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Christ. Advent is a reminder that Jesus comes to us in **history**, in **mystery**, and in **majesty**. St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, "We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible while the other two are visible. In the first coming He was seen on earth, dwelling among us; in the final coming "all flesh will see the salvation of our God and they will look upon Him whom they have pierced". So what did St. Bernard mean when he said that Christ comes to us in history, mystery and Majesty. **His Coming in History:** What we actually mean by Christ coming in history is that at a specific time and place, God became one of us and entered our human family. **His Coming in Mystery** Jesus is reborn in our lives every single day in countless ways if we would just take the time to recognize Him with the eyes of faith. Jesus comes in mystery day in and day out. Advent challenges us to see His coming everyday in the very plain, ordinary ways of life and in the mysteries of our faith. Do not stop looking for Christ in the present. Seek Him out. Spend time in prayer and praise, in doing acts of charity, and expect to experience His coming in mystery. **His Coming in Majesty.** Life is a pilgrimage and as beautiful and as wonderful as it can be, it is only a hint of what awaits us when Christ comes in majesty at the end of time. When Jesus comes in majesty, all creation will bow down in homage. When He came in history, the angels announced peace on earth. In His first coming our Lord came in our flesh and our weakness; in this middle coming He comes in Spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and in majesty. As we begin this Advent season, let us focus on the need to practice being spiritually awake.

May your Advent journey be blessed with eager anticipation as we prepare well for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Development and Peace - Let's listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment. World leaders have gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26). It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage. Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly "green" projects, says, "if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering from this situation." *So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign to make this happen.* [Visit https://devp.org/en](https://devp.org/en)

CWL News

December Meeting - A virtual meeting of members is scheduled for Monday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. An election of officers will occur as well as some festive fun to get us in the Christmas spirit. Watch for your email invitation or contact Dorothy Solomon at dorothysolomon41@gmail.com to attend.

Birthright Shower - As we have traditionally done, the CWL is inviting its members to participate in our Birthright Shower. Birthright is an organization supporting women facing unplanned pregnancies. Donations may include both baby and maternity items and can be placed in a bin which will be located in the church library just off the narthex. We will be accepting items for the next 3 Sundays concluding December 19th.

Membership 2022 - Membership dues are continuing to be collected for new or returning members. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email along with the \$25 fee and be sure to write CWL Membership on the front of the envelope.

November Prayer Intention - Let us pray for our beloved family and friends who have died, and for those who mourn them.

NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reservations are not needed for Weekday Mass
All required protocols for mass attendance will continue to be practiced.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 30 - 12:00 noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar requested by Julianna Bodnar
Intentions of Jerry & Lucie Sollazo requested by Dorothy Solomon
Angie Hansen requested by Agnes Lansink

Wednesday, December 1 - 8:00 am

Paschal Ojukwu requested by Chinelo Ojukwu
Intentions of Fr. Murray Sample requested by Julianna Bodnar
Piroska Antal requested by The Bodnar Family

Thursday, December 2 - 12:00 noon

Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen Families
requested by The Estate of Frank J Vander Vloet
Lawrence Hamilton requested by Gisele Hamilton & Family
Dezso Miglecz requested by The Bodnar Family

Friday, December 3 - 8:00 am

Steve Morgan requested by Marilyn Morgan
Alphons VanTol requested by The VanTol & Squire Families
Jerzy Ner requested by Janina Ner

December 5th, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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



Please pray for all those who have died, including:

Rev. Matthew George of the Diocese of London



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.

Offertory Envelope Pick Up - The 2022 Offertory Envelopes will be available this weekend, **November 27 & 28**. They will be available in the parish hall AFTER MASSES or from the office through the week. If you wish to pick up your box, please go to the Hall at the time when your seating section has been released, please enter the correct line according to your last name. Select your box and then please exit the hall using the East doors. We thank you for your patience and generosity. If you do not have a box but would like one, please contact the office directly stmichlon@dol.ca or 519-433-6689.

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>

Extension of the Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation- As communicated to priests and parishes in the diocese on November 12th, 2021, Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation up to and including Sunday February 27th, 2022

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

FAMILY OF PARISH

Check this area of the bulletin each week for news and notes on our Family of Parish. What do we have to share? Our Family will consist of St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, St. Josephine Bakhita African-Caribbean Community and us! When does it start? The Family will be officially announced January 1, 2022 with Pastor and Associates named.

We will be activated in July of 2022.



Sunday Collection

November 21st, 2021

Regular Offertory \$4,562
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,836
PayPal \$310 & Pilently \$356
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.

Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSVF on the memo line or for an electronic donation, select SSVF from the drop-down list on Pilently.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, November 29

- 5:00 pm—Northern Hospitality take out meals—Outside Pick up at south east corner Hall Doors

Wednesday, November 30

- 9:00 am—YANA Facilitators—Virtual
- 7:00 pm—RCIA—Virtual

Friday, December 3

- 8:30 am to 10:00 am—Exposition—Nave
- 10:00 am to 10:30 am—Benediction—Nave
- 10:30 am—Divine Mercy—Nave

Saturday, December 4 and/or Sunday, December 5

- Live Stream Sunday Mass—Please Visit Website for Mass Time

<https://stmichaelslondon.ca/live-stream>

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for Daily Readings.

<http://ec2-34-245-7-114.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com/>

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Immediately following the 8:00 am mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in the Church. Each Friday we will continue this beautiful prayer. Please note on the first Friday of the month, the Chaplet will be prayed following 10:00 am Benediction.

Social Justice Committee and Development and Peace Campaign, People and Planet First

St. Michael's Parish Social Justice Committee urges you to participate in the Development and Peace fall initiative, a petition to the House of Commons to strengthen legislation with respect to corporate accountability for operations outside of Canada, particularly in the Global South. This is particularly relevant to Canadian mining companies and their activities in developing countries like Honduras, Guatemala, Peru, Indonesia and others.

The petition is supported by the Canadian Catholic Bishops and Bishop Fabbro has written an excellent letter in support of the petition. The letter is found on the St. Michael's Parish website.

The petition is found on the St. Michael's parish website under Latest News Development and Peace Fall Campaign. Once clicking on 'Read More', you then go to the petition by clicking on 'People and Planet First' the name of this year's campaign, and then on 'Act'

The Social Justice committee invites parishioners to join the committee; it is currently involved in activities around Indigenous rights and the Truth and Reconciliation process, homelessness, climate change, Development and Peace initiatives and other current issues. The committee meets monthly from September to June and strives to organize parish wide programs. You can contact committee chairperson Teresa Ford at Tford4000@gmail.com



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 will be celebrated on Sun Nov 28, 2021 at 2:30 pm.



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