

# St. Michael's Parish

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

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

**FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON** Cherylan Grace

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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 & 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](mailto: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 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Weekend Mass Times** - Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm. Protocols for attending Mass will be in place. Please make your reservations on the parish website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/mass-reservations> or contact the parish office 519-433-6689. Thank you.

Bishop Fabbro has approved the request from Father Murray to conduct three additional **Services of General Absolution**. These services will be in place of the confession schedule we have held during the Advent season. These services will be held on **Thurs Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Sat Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. These services will be available for reservations via Eventbrite from the parish website and also through the parish office. *Reservations for these services will open on Monday November 16. Please plan on attending only one of the three.*



**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 **Christmas Mass schedule** has been set. Unlike past years, there will be **NO** Mass celebrated in the Hall. The Masses will all be in the Nave and are as follows:

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm\*, 7pm\*, 9pm & Midnight  
Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

These Masses are by **RESERVATION ONLY** available through Eventbrite **NOW**. \*\*December 24 at 4:30pm & 7pm are **FULL** \*\*

Reservations for all Christmas Masses are required.  
Walk ups will most likely not be granted entry.

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

*Please remember, if you book reservations for a Mass at Christmas and then are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation so that someone else might be able to attend. Thank you.*



**CWL News** - The CWL is excited to announce that we will be holding a Zoom meeting the first Monday in December! This virtual gathering is a chance for our members to socialize and to have some Christmas fun. There will be prayer, singing, games, and prizes, prizes, prizes! Keep your eyes posted to your Inbox for your invitation to join.

Also, 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.

### **No Bazaar This Year But We Are Selling Face Masks!!**

Last year the Christmas Bazaar raised over \$12,000 which helped to support the Hospitality North Food Program as well as many outreach programs to help people in difficult times and dire need throughout the winter months. The need for monies still exists and now especially in this unprecedented 2020 year. Sadly, it was not possible to hold our Christmas Bazaar this year. However, several of the women who in the past have sewn for the bazaar have created and donated their time, talent and materials to create **Christmas masks and everyday masks this year to sell on this first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28/29**. The masks come in various styles, colours and sizes. These beautifully crafted 100% cotton washable masks will be offered for a minimum donation of \$5 per mask. (Donations are gladly accepted as well should you not wish to purchase a mask.) ALL monies raised will go to support the outreach programs that the bazaar has always supported in the past. Thank you for your continued support for our Christmas Bazaars.

### **Youth Ministry**

Syl Patry [spatry@dol.ca](mailto: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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### **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](mailto:spatry@dol.ca) or 519-433-6689 x 206

### **Knights of Columbus Food Drive - Dec 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a parish food drive to benefit the London and Area Food Bank on the weekend of December 12th and 13th. Members of the Knights will be in the rear parking lot one hour before all masses that weekend manning the donation van. At this time of year, with the need amplified by this pandemic, maybe our goal could be to "fill the van with hope" Wishing everyone a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas



### **Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards**

The Knights are making their boxes of beautiful Christmas cards available this year through the Parish office. Please contact the office by phone or email to reserve your box or they can be purchased in person during office hours. The cost is \$8 to \$12 per box.

### **Bill C-7 - Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)**

A page on the [dol.ca](http://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>

**Ministers of Hospitality Needed** - Since our return to Masses both on weekends and weekdays, we continue to follow the Diocese of London protocol for safety. This requires a good number of Ministers of Hospitality to make it happen. There are sign up sheets at the ushers station when you enter the Nave. Please have a look and if you are attending a certain Mass, please sign up for some role. Every position is valuable and needed. Your service to your parish is vital and would be so greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Mary Register Lay Ministry Bursary** - Applications are available at the Parish Office for St. Michael's parishioners studying Lay Ministry at St. Peter's Seminary in the fall term. Completed applications must be submitted by December 21, 2020.

**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](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca). You can sign up on the Parish website with a credit card via PayPal. Thank you!

## DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, December 8 - 12:00 noon

Fr. Stephen Bodnar requested by Julianna Bodnar & Family  
Steve Morgan requested by Marilyn Morgan  
Dr. & Mrs. V. A. Callaghan requested by The Family

#### Wednesday, December 9 - 8:00 am

Jim Laphorne requested by Marguerite Moffat  
Bernadette Enright Preston requested by Patricia, Loretta & Families  
Alojz Lazorik & Maria Lazorikova requested by The Family

#### Thursday, December 10 - 12:00 noon

Harry, David & Lois Vanderlinden requested by Adrian Vanderlinden  
Ronald Joseph requested by Bernice Joseph & Family  
Alexander Khan requested by The Zanin Family

#### Friday, December 11 - 8:00 am

Peter J. Feeney requested by Peter M. Fenney  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Murray & Mr. & Mrs. Peter B. Feeney  
requested by Peter M. Fenney  
Sanctity of Life requested by Anna Kovacic

#### December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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



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The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's 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>



### **ADVENT...A Time of Anticipation, Expectation, Preparation**

Advent is often the liturgical season in our church that gets overlooked as we prepare our homes and families for Christmas season filled with activities and gift-giving. This year is somewhat different than most years. The season of Advent is a time of counter cultural preparation. Advent reminds us that we are also called to prepare our hearts and homes to encounter and welcome the incarnation of God in our midst and to prepare for that day when heaven and earth are wed and welcomes God's presence through his son. Advent invites us to create space to prepare to receive Emmanuel – God With Us. To help you enjoy this season to its fullest, you are invited to intentionally clear some time each day to enter into the mystery of the incarnation, to ponder Mary's yes and what that means for us.

St. Michael's Parish has made available two Advent Resources for our parish family this year: 'Living Faith', Daily Devotions for adults and 'Prince of Peace', Family Devotions. You are encouraged to use these resources for yourself and your family to help prepare your heart and home as we wait in joyful hope.

May this season of anticipation, expectation and preparation be a blessed and sacred time for you and yours.

**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.

**Pllenty 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 Pllenty or PayPal please visit our website <https://stmichaelslondon.ca/make-a-donation>



### 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 Pllenty.

### This Week at St. Michael's

#### Monday, December 7

- 5:30 pm—Northern Hospitality take out meals—Outside Pick up at south east corner Hall Doors

#### Tuesday, December 8

- 6:30 pm—EDGE Leaders Meeting—Hall

#### Thursday, December 10

- 7:00 pm—General Absolution Service—Nave

#### Saturday, December 12

- 11:00 am—General Absolution Service—Nave

#### Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13

- One hour before each mass—Knights of Columbus Food Collection—Outside in the Parish Parking Lot

### Please Mark Your Calendars

Hospitality North Take Out Meal - Dec 7 & Dec 14 - 5:30 pm

Service of General Absolution - Dec 16 - 7:00 pm

No Exposition & Benediction on Jan 1



### 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.*



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

**Offertory Envelope Pick Up** - 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. A volunteer will present you with 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](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca) or 519-433-6689.

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