St. Michael's Parish

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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 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.

No mass

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday

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 - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Liturgy of the Word – age 4-9 Babysitting – Toddlers under age 3

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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 - Keith Rodrigues

PRAYER LINE: Prayer requests are received at stmichlon@dol.ca or phone 519-433-6689

Exposition 1st Friday of every month & Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet each Friday at 3:00 p.m.

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		
9:35am	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	
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Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM BISHOP FABBRO

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The following directives, which include the temporary suspension of all public Masses in our diocese and restrictions on the celebration of the other sacraments, will be hard on all of us. The Eucharist and the sacraments are the very heart of our Catholic faith. After consulting with public health officials, however, we decided that it is our responsibility as citizens to work together with others in our communities to take measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to care for those who are sick and most vulnerable as a result of this virus. We are making these sacrifices out of charity and for the sake of the common good. I encourage all our faithful to be to be vigilant about personal cleanliness and keeping appropriate distances from others. Our priests, deacons, lay pastoral ministers, and our faithful are reaching out to those in need at this difficult time, especially those who are elderly, vulnerable and isolated. I am very grateful to all of you. This Lenten season, we are united in prayer for those who are suffering from COVID-19 and for those who are caring for them. May God have mercy on us! May Mary, Help of Christians, intercede for us!

1. The Celebration of Mass

- All Masses and services, including missions and devotions, will be suspended at least until April 30. All churches are to be closed.
- Priests are encouraged to celebrate Mass privately each day for the intentions of their parishioners, for the medical personnel assisting the sick, and for an end to the outbreak. In this time of fasting from the Eucharist, parishioners should be encouraged to pray for other parishioners and all those affected by the virus.
- Funeral Masses and luncheons are not permitted. The Rite of Committal may be celebrated at the cemetery with immediate family members present. Funeral Masses may be celebrated at a later date.
- It is recommended that any weddings already scheduled be delayed. If they proceed, they are to be limited to immediate family members only, up to the number of people allowed at a gathering as determined by the local health officials.
- Baptisms are to be postponed until further notice.
- The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated privately by me, with Bishop Dabrowski and some members of the Episcopal Council. The oils for the celebrations of the sacraments will be made available at the deanery level following that Mass, at a date to be determined.

2. Confessions

- All Confessions are cancelled, except in the case of danger of death.
- The Day of Confessions is cancelled.

3. Care of the Sick and the Dying

- Priests are to be mindful of the sick, especially those in danger of death.
- Priests, deacons, and pastoral workers are to follow visiting restrictions set by the individual hospitals and healthcare facilities.

The Eucharist will not be taken to parishioners who are homebound. Instead, parish teams are encouraged to ask volunteers to keep in contact with these people through telephone calls or other electronic means. Such calls could be a simple chat or praying a decade of the Rosary with the person.

4. Parish Offices and Activities

 Parish offices should be closed to the public. Where possible, staff can work from home, while some staff will report to work and deal with parishioners' needs by phone or electronic means. This applies also to our Diocesan Centre, the Marriage Tribunal, and the Refugee Office.

- Appointments in parish offices should be limited to essential matters. Where possible, meetings should be held by electronic means.
- All regular meetings and social activities in parishes are cancelled. This includes cessation of all meetings for sacramental preparation. Parents are to be encouraged to continue such preparation in the home. Celebrations of First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation will proceed only when the danger of the virus is passed. No child should be denied the sacraments due to the cessation of these preparation meetings.
- Meetings for 12-Step programs may be exempt from this, depending on the direction of local health officials.
- It is highly recommended, with this lull in activities, that parish staff could reach out by telephone or electronic means to connect with all parishioners to offer prayers and support.

5. Resources

 An Outreach page is being continually updated on the diocesan website and has a link on the homepage. The page contains resources for the faithful including online Masses, articles, links to Catholic publishers and activities for children, youth and families. Please promote this Outreach page as widely as 3 possible: https://dol.ca/outreach.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B. Bishop of London

"Dear Friends in Christ,

During this unprecedented time of turmoil, in an effort to stay connected not only through prayer and the intercession of the Holy Spirit, we can continue to be fed and nourished by the Word of God each day and stay united in His Word.

Please see attached the link for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Daily Readings.

http://ec2-34-245-7-114.eu-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com/dailytexts/reading2/2020-03-18

Please know and trust you, our parish family is held in prayer. The staff and Pastoral Team of St. Michael's Parish Community are available by phone and/or email."

Our Gratitude to those who participate in Pre-Authorized Giving. Whether it be PAG through their bank, PayPal or Pllenty, we would like to extend our <u>prayerful</u> thanks to those who give through these valuable programs! In these unprecedented times, those who have signed up for regular monthly contributions ensure that we have some funds coming to the parish that assist us in paying our bills. Thank you so very much.



The CWL Lenten Prayer Card

Parishioners are thanked for their participation thus far in supporting one another through prayer as we journey together through the season of Lent. In light of COVID-19, no additional prayer request cards will be made available. At this time, we are asking you to keep and to continue praying for the intentions on any prayer cards you currently have. Thank you for your understanding.

Important CWL News Please be advised that all scheduled CWL events, including monthly meetings, <u>have been suspended for 90 days</u> due to COVID-19.

St. Michael's 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

MARCH 22ND, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

All Masses are Cancelled until April 30, 2020. Mass Intentions will be Celebrated Privately by Our Priests. For the month of April Mass Intentions will be published on the St. Michael's Parish Website www.stmichaelslondon.ca

Monday, March 23

In Thanksgiving requested by Cora Garber Alain Valo requested by Amanda Bouissett Mr. Gordon requested by Amanda Bouissett

Tuesday, March 24

William & David Chechak requested by The Watt & Chechak Families Margaret Sgariglia requested by Grant Sgariglia Intentions of Fr. Raffaele di S. Anna requested by Doris Barrett

Wednesday, March 25

Viola Omanique requested by Ann Bruder & Family Anatasia Nkinin requested by Marie-Goretti Charles Nkwawir requested by Marie-Goretti

Thursday, March 26

Maria Koncan requested by The Koncan Family Michael & Josephine Said requested by Silvina Said & Family Alfredo Mirandro requested by Meris Cauduro & Family

Friday, March 27

Sofia & Gabriel Sr. Paiva requested by The Paiva Family Martin Riley requested by Stephanie Gasparotto Kazimierz Kukla requested by Stephanie Gasparotto

Saturday, March 28

Todd Hebert requested by Claire Wong & Family The Looby & O'Rourke Families requested by Maureen Looby Souls in Purgatory requested by Maureen Looby

> March 29th, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:25, 26 http://www.usccb.org/bible/

All those who are sick, including:

Greg Giesen Peter Regan Jen Heller

John Grover Cala Hendrichson **Ralph Heller** Corazon Vazansky

And all those who have died.

Mass Streamed Online - Mass is live-streamed every weekend courtesy of St. George Parish of the Diocese of London and is available at www.youtube.com/user/sgtvlondon.

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.

Please Note

St. Michael's Parish will resume publishing the parish bulletin both hard copy and on line May 2020. During this time weekday Mass Intentions will be available on the Parish Website.



Sunday Collection March 15th 2020 Regular Offertory \$0 Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,846 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.

Plienty 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

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!



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.)





Knights Table Events and meetings cancelled until further notice.

Faith in Action-Mar 2020-Meditation From Pope John Paul II's familiaris Consortio

There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. but, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion re-established, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving towards the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the lord: "that they may be one."

What are our family's struggles? How might we work together as 1. a family to heal these areas of hurt or confusion, without fleeing from challenges, shutting anyone out or giving in to despair?

2. What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? How does this perspective transform the way we approach suffering together as a family?

3. How can we as a family better rely on God's strength in times of difficulty? In what ways can we allow Christ's love to make our suffering fruitful and deepen our love?

