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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Emergency Priest Contact: (226) 234-8020

**Vision**

*To be a home for those seeking Christ, united in diversity, for the service of God.*

**Mission**

*Empowering the faithful for the service of God by calling each person forth to know and share their gifts in mutual service.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

8:30 AM - St. Justin Martyr  
9:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**  
11:00 AM - St. Justin Martyr  
11:00 AM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**  
11:30 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**  
4:00 PM - St. Justin Martyr

**Tuesday**

8:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**  
6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr

**Wednesday**

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**  
6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr

**Thursday**

12:00 noon - St. Justin Martyr  
6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**  
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

**Friday**

8:00 AM - St. Justin Martyr  
6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**  
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

**Saturday**

4:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr  
6:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

**NEW PARISHIONER**

Please take the time to register at either the Welcome Desk, online, or call one of the offices.

**FILIPINO  
COMMUNITY MASS**

Third Sunday of the month  
@ 5:30 PM beginning Oct. 19, 2025  
Contact: Marina Simonetta  
(519)933-9157

**ADORATION TIMES**

**Thursday**

5:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

**Friday**

8:30 AM - St. Justin Martyr

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Leopold Mandic**

Thursday - 5:30 PM  
Friday - 5:30 PM

**St. Francis-St. Martin**

Wednesday - 5:30 PM  
Friday - 5:30 PM

**St. Justin Martyr**

Wednesday - 6:00 PM  
Saturday - 11:00 AM

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! We ask for a minimum of 12 months before the date you wish to begin our journey with you. Please make an appointment with one of the priests. We invite couples to attend a Marriage Preparation course recognized by the Diocese before the celebration of the sacrament.



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Custodian - SFM



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. CHRISTOPHER BOURDEAU  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
Gratitude Before Anything Else

This weekend, our tax receipts are available in the narthex for pickup. As you take yours home, I hope you also receive something else - our sincere gratitude. Most generosity in a parish is quiet. It happens without recognition. An envelope placed in the basket. A recurring gift given online. A simple act of consistency, month after month.

Over the past several years, we have noticed a steady increase in cash gifts placed in the offertory. That generosity is real, and it reflects a continued commitment to supporting the life of our parish.

At the same time, one of the blessings of consistent, identifiable giving whether through envelopes, online, or Pre-Authorized Giving is that it allows the parish to plan responsibly and to steward resources with clarity and accountability. There is no "better" way to give. What matters most is faithful participation. Some give large gifts. Some give modest gifts. Some give sacrificially and quietly.

All of it matters.

Our parish is not sustained by buildings or budgets alone. It is sustained by faith lived faithfully. Your generosity supports worship, the sacraments, ministry, outreach, and the daily care of this parish home. Before we speak about plans or future needs, I simply want to say thank you.

Thank you for your steadiness. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for being part of this parish family.

Fr. Christopher

#### How Tax Receipting Works

We are grateful for every gift offered to the parish.

For charitable tax purposes, only gifts that can be connected to a household such as envelope giving, online donations, or Pre-Authorized Giving can be included on your annual tax receipt. Anonymous cash gifts cannot be receipted because they are not identifiable. If you have questions or would like to receive envelopes or learn about other giving options, we are happy to assist. Contact one of the parish offices.

#### A High Point

This past week Bishop Fabbro came to our Family of Parishes to celebrate a special Mass on Thursday, February 19 at St. Francis-St. Martin's. Unknown to her, Mrs. Josephine Herriott was awarded the "Bene Merenti" Medal from our Holy Father Pope Leo. This was to be presented during the Holy Year of 2025 but was held up. So during this Mass Bishop Fabbro awarded Josephine this Papal Medal of recognition for all of her work for the Diocese, Seminary, and Parish. I worked with Josephine as Priest Chaplain at St. Joseph's Health Care from 1995 to 2002. She provided excellent spiritual care at St. Joseph's but as well at Victoria and University Hospitals. She then found herself at St. Peter's Seminary as adjunct faculty member for Human Formation, especially pastoral care of the sick. During this time and after she has served in many capacities in the life of the parish of St. Martin, St. Francis-St. Martin, and the London South Catholic family of Parishes. Congratulations Josephine - well done!

**What is the Bene Merenti Medal?** The Bene Merenti Medal serves as a recognition of dedication and service within the Catholic Church, highlighting the contributions of individuals who have gone above and beyond in their roles. It is a symbol of appreciation for those who have committed their lives to the Church and its mission. In summary, the Bene Merenti Medal is a significant honour within the Catholic Church, reflecting the values of service and dedication to the faith. It has a rich history and continues to be awarded to deserving individuals today.

#### Business Manager

An opening at London North Central Catholic FOP (St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Michael) for a business manager became available in the last while. Our business manager, Michael Wojtak has decided to resign from our FOP and transfer to the London North Central Family. We thank Michael for his past year or so of service and wish him well. We are currently posting for a new business manager. The posting can be found at the Diocese of London website under dol.ca employment and job opportunities at the top of the website page.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

##### 1st Reading

Genesis 2,7-9, 16-18, 25;  
3,1-7

##### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51

##### 2nd Reading

Romans 5,12-19

**Gospel** Matthew 4,1-11

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY

##### For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

#### SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with **Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister** at (519)685-2795 ext. 227 or via email at: [mcbishop@dol.ca](mailto:mcbishop@dol.ca) For more information visit our website: [londonsouthcatholic.com](http://londonsouthcatholic.com)



#### Catholic Women's League of Canada St. Justin's Council

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New members welcome!



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New members welcome!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

9:30 am - *Sir Arthur Carty School Mass*  
 (+) Narciso Morales Marietta & Children  
 (+) Hunchurick Family Stella LaRocque  
 (+) Frank Carreiro Sue Carreiro

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

(+) John Richard Bourdeau Rev. Christopher Bourdeau  
 (+) Deceased Knights of Knights of Columbus St.  
 Columbus Members Andre Council # 8339  
 (+) Ken Mol Tina Mol  
 (+) Alceo De Odorico De Odorico Family  
 (INT) Chris & Michelle Douglas St. Joseph Ministry  
 (INT) John & Fr. Gonzalo St. Joseph Ministry  
 Arboleda

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

(+) Maria Caruana Maria Caruana  
 (+) Maria Julia Amaya Carranza Family  
 (+) Armando & Nerma Frias Joe & Rosa Frias  
 (+) Mary Proctor Jerry & Jane Yates  
 (+) Dan Costea Jim Yanchula & Margo  
 Morand  
 (+) Charlie Bezzina Imelda Bezzina

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026 @ 8:00 AM

*St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*  
 (+) Kiley Family Family  
 (+) Milena Rosochacova Rev. Christopher Bourdeau  
 (+) Desmond Lynch Marie Lynch  
 (+) Joseph McManus Marie Lynch

## PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS

**Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:**  
 Sunday, February 22 - Deacon Anthony Rebkowec  
 Mon., Feb. 23 - Mrs. Margaret Olszewski, Pastoral Minister  
 Tuesday, February 24 - Rev. Raja Fernando, O.F.M. Cap.  
 Wed., Feb. 25 - Mrs. Kim Bornais, Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
 Thurs., Feb. 26 - Mrs. Maria Mollica, Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
 Friday, February 27 - Rev. Pio D'Oria  
 Saturday, February 28 - Deacon Steve Cartier



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for:  
 Feb. 14 and 15, 2026 was \$ 6,494.20  
 Filipino Mass - Feb. 15 was \$ 716.25



**THANK YOU so much for your generous donation!**

## St. Joe's Cafe – Collection

Our Lenten collection for St. Joe's Café will be held during the weekends of February 28 / March 1 and March 7/8. They serve approximately 400 meals per day as they meet the need to feed our vulnerable brothers and sisters in London. We will collect: **peanut butter, jam, ground coffee, and coffee whitener.** Bins will be in the narthex to receive your items. Grocery cards are also welcome and can be placed in the SSVP lock boxes located in the narthex.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, February 23

1:00 PM New Day Support Group (Hall)  
 6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting (Fred Merrill room)  
 7:30 PM Co-ed Alcoholics Anonymous (Hall)

### Tuesday, February 24

9:30 AM Sir Arthur Carty School Mass  
 7:00 PM CWL Executive Meeting (Fred Merrill room)  
 7:30 PM Men's Prayer Group (Hall)

### Wednesday, February 25

5:00 PM Soup & Stations (Hall)  
 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Hall)  
 6:30 PM Consecration to St. Joseph (Fred Merrill room)

### Thursday, February 26

6:00 PM RCIA (Hall)

### Friday, February 27

7:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Saturday, February 28

10:00 AM Vocation of the Wisdom Years Retreat (Hall)

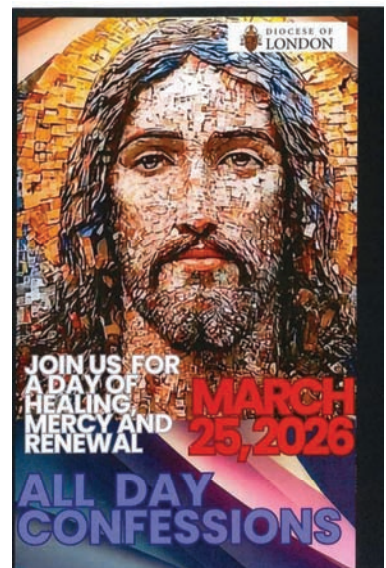
## ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: LOVE HEALS

March 7, 2026 from 9 AM - 3:30 PM  
 St. Andre Bessette School, London | Speaker: Sonja Corbitt

The Annual Women's Conference is hosted by Family Foundations Institute. This year's theme focuses on the ways God's love restores what feels broken or worn down, exploring what we learn from scripture and our everyday experiences.

Tickets \$45/Individual and \$25/Student.  
 Learn more and register at [famfi.ca/ca](http://famfi.ca/ca)

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