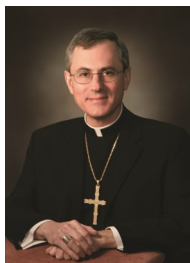




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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:05pm
Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am

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St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica

Our Lenten Journey at St. Peter's Cathedral

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message, 2019

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Free Will Offering

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Lenten Luncheons

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League
every Wednesday following the noon Mass

Ash Wednesday to Wednesday, April 1

Free Will Offering

Stations of the Cross

every Friday during Lent
12:45 PM

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Mobile Giving at St. Peter's Cathedral

Instructions:

1. Place your device in camera mode or open the QR Code Reader.
2. Hold your device over the full QR Code.
3. Your camera will scan the QR Code.





CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

“Coffee & Goodies” will be served in the Narthex after each Mass next weekend on February 22 & 23. Please stop by and say, “Hi!”

Prayer Shawl Meeting

This message is for everyone who enjoys knitting and crocheting. The Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 7 PM in Room 105. Please join us.



Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 25th at St. Peter's Parish Hall from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Pancakes (gluten-free available), sausages, syrup, fruit cup, coffee & tea. All are welcome. Cost is “goodwill offering.”



Bible Study of St. Matthew Continued

On Thursday, February 27th, we will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet for six consecutive Thursdays during the season of Lent. Newcomers are welcome to join us for the second part of our study. To register or for more information, please go to our parish website or call the office at 519-432-3475.



Update on St. Vincent de Paul Home Visits

Your parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society made 52 home visits during this past January, distributing food gift cards worth \$2400 to 60 of the disadvantaged among us. The continued generosity of St. Peter's parishioners is truly exceptional; your prayers and monetary gifts make this work possible.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally Bus Trip

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Bus leaving Mary Immaculate at 6 am. Cost is \$55 for transportation and rally ticket. We will return to London at approximately 9 pm. See poster at the back of the church for further details. To register, contact Rose McCabe at 519-453-3288 (email: rmccabe3288@rogers.com) or Louisa Testa at 519-690-0891. Full payment required by March 1, 2020 to reserve a seat.

OFFERTORY UPDATES: February 9, 2020

Offertory Needed	Offertory Received	Surplus or (Shortfall)
\$11,556	\$11,392	(\$164)
Breakdown of Offertory Collected		
Envelopes	Cash & Cheques	Pre-Authorized
\$5,396	\$3,125	\$2,871

Lenten Parish Mission - St. Michael's Parish 511 Cheapside Street, London

‘Our Call to Conversion’

with Bishop John Corriveau O.F.M., Cap
Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Nelson, B.C.

March 28-29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 28 - 5:00 pm

March 29 - 8:30 am / 10:30 am / 12:30 pm

Mission Evenings:

Monday, March 30 - Living our Baptism - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 31 - Embracing the Cross of Jesus - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 1 - Embracing Christ's Body,
The Church - 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 2 - Spread Transforming
Compassionate Love - 7:30 pm

Mental Illness → Mental Wellness: Beyond Medication & What Faith Communities Can Do

Guest Speakers: Dr. Arlene MacDougall, Psychiatrist: Mindful Paths to Recovery; Lori Hassall, Director at CMHA, Supports in Your Community. Please join us: Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at St. Michael's, 511 Cheapside Street, London.

Christ the King Parish Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Our speaker for the day will be Richard Pommainville, Executive Director of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Richard has shown his dedication to serving the poor both through his work at the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and his years volunteering with Development and Peace, Caritas Canada. He will guide our reflection on the relationship between Catholic social teaching, charity, social justice and reflective living. Our Lenten retreat will begin at noon with a simple lunch in the Parish Hall at Windermere on the Mount. There is no cost for the day, but your RSVP is requested (so as to plan for food) to lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca. The day will conclude with the 5: PM Eucharist in The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount.

Come & See Discernment Weekend

February 28 - March 1 at St. Peter's Seminary

St. Peter's Seminary invites men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations at vocations@dol.ca for more information. To register, visit www.dolpriest.ca/register.

Everyone Welcome!

The Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting Dave Nodar, Founder & Director of ChristLife for 2 Missions in March: Saturday, March 7 at St. Mary's, West Lorne & evenings of March 8, 9 & 10, at Holy Angel's Church, St. Thomas. Call 519-631-3640.



From the Desk of the Rector

I'm very happy to welcome Vianca Kmet who has joined our parish staff as Receptionist/Secretary. She is already fitting in - given the various demands and responsibility of a downtown parish. Be sure to welcome her when you call or drop in. She is happy to be of service and we look forward to her presence among us for a long time. Thanks for joining us, Vianca.

Last Saturday evening a sold-out crowd attended *Night Before the Oscars*. It was a very enjoyable event with dinner, dancing, trivia quizzes, Oscar award ballots and a wonderful display of parish spirit with lots of energy, socializing and community building. Thank you to Jane Jeffery and Julie Sans for taking the lead along with the members of the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus and many parish volunteers.

You will have noticed scaffolding around the exterior sacristy door area up to the copper roof on top of the St. Joseph Altar. As well, there is scaffolding inside leading to the access hatch of the attic. This will probably remain in place for 2-4 months in order to find and repair the cause of water leaks that are occurring.

On Monday, Ontario celebrates Family Day. Families have always been called the "domestic church". It is in families we learn of and practice faith together. Parents nourish children and children nourish parents. The first awareness of God's love comes through loving parents who accept the responsibility of being the first teachers of their sons and daughters in the ways of faith. I hope you are able to enjoy some quality family time on the weekend and most days. Since it is a holiday, Mass will be celebrated on Monday in the Cathedral at 10 a.m.

We are in the midst of Black History Month. Bishop Edward Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, Illinois commented on a poem upon which he reflected. Although he is from the United States, the words can cause us to evaluate our own thoughts on different matters. He said: "As I made my way out of the Museum of African-American History and Culture, I turned over in my heart the words of the brilliant Harlem Renaissance poet, Langston Hughes that adorn the wall of the museum - 'I, too, sing America. I am the darker brother. When company comes, they send me to eat in the kitchen. But I laugh and eat well and grow strong. Tomorrow, I'll be at the table when company comes. Nobody will dare say to me 'Eat in the kitchen'. Then, besides, they'll see how beautiful I am and be ashamed - I, too, am America'".

In this week's Gospel continues to place before us our responsibilities as his followers. Some are more challenging than others and we are aware of our limitations. However, that's when we ask for help and we are given the gift of God's Spirit to assist us. What teaching(s) of Jesus do I find hardest to follow these days? What role does prayer play in my efforts?

Fr. Jim Mockler

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, February 17 - 10:00am - Family Day
Olive Engman; Steve Dittrich & Souls in Purgatory;
Intentions of Fran Dittrich

Tuesday, February 18 - 7:30am
Deceased members of Harvey Gleason Family;
Beatriz De Fraga; Intentions of Marilyn & Jerry Holatko

Wednesday, February 19 - 12:05pm
Bishop Sherlock; Stephen McNorgan; Cesar Torre Franca

Thursday, February 20 - 7:30am
Lazaro C. Sumabat; Parents of Joseph Hoa Tran;
Deceased & Living members of Clayton and Kathryn
Looby Family

Friday, February 21 - 12:05pm
Jack Downes; Michael Essenmacher;
Deceased members of Carson & Munday Families

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, including Shari Houghton. We also pray for those who have died, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Clare Coleman; Rev. Adriano Barbiero, C.S.;
Dcn Jose Viveiros; Rev. Ross Bartley; Rev. Mark Poulin;
Rev. Mark Maloney; Dcn Larry Lamphier

READINGS - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020

First Reading - Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Psalms - Ps 103. 1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3.16-23

*All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ,
and Christ belongs to God.*

Gospel - Matthew 5.38-48

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Veritas Lecture:

"The Future of Religion in North America"

Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM

King's University College, London

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan

Panelists include: Fr. Jim Mockler, Rabbi Catharine Clark,
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