

LAKE HURON CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

EXETER—GODERICH—GRAND BEND—MT. CARMEL—ST. JOSEPH—ZURICH

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—CLOSED

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
8:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

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WEEKEND MASSES

GODERICH

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

GRAND BEND

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

ZURICH

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

EXETER

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

MOUNT CARMEL

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

St. JOSEPH

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2020 — 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR: REV. ANTOINE (TONY) LAFORET
ASSOCIATE PASTORS: REV. MATTHEW GEORGE AND REV. VINCE GULIKERS
PASTORAL MINISTER: LISA MASELLI

PARISH STAFF

BUSINESS MANAGER: JIM VAN LANEN
SECRETARIES/RECEPTIONISTS: TINA BOUTILIER AND JANELANSBERGEN
BOOKKEEPERS/RECEPTIONISTS: KAREN KESTER AND LORI LAPORTE

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 7 — 13, 2020**

MONDAY: September 7

(We pray for Rev. James Conlon)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Matthew George — Parishioners
Rev. John Pluta — Kathryn Regier

TUESDAY: September 8

(We pray for Daniel Pettipas, Coordinator of Youth Min.)

St. Peter's, St. Joseph — 12 p.m. Noon

Emma Shorthill — Elaine Mihm

St. Peter's, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Janeann Haid — Mary Smith & Bill DeJong

WEDNESDAY: September 9

(We pray for Rev. John Jasica)

IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon

Fr. Robert Morrissey — Jason Oud

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

Int. of Ray & Janice Hartman — Children & Grandchildren
Matthew & Cody Ducharme — Martha Risi

THURSDAY: September 10

(We pray for Rev. Vincent Van Zutphen)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Val Dunn — Kevin & Karen Wade

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Paul Cronyn — Mary Pavkeye

FRIDAY: September 11

(We pray for Rev. Denis Grecco)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Leo Charles Ducharme — Dick & Barb Rau

Int. of Fr. Peter Poel — Tillie Rau

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Harry Winter — Family

SATURDAY: September 12

(We pray for Deacon Art Williams)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Tina Van Diepen — Jim & Patricia Martin

SATURDAY: Sept. 12 — 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

IHM, Grand Bend — 5:00 p.m.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Goderich — 5:00 p.m.

Our Parish Family

SUNDAY: Sept. 13 — 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

IHM, Grand Bend — 8:30 a.m.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 8:30 a.m.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 8:30 a.m.

Our Parish Family

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Goderich — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, St. Joseph — 11:00 a.m.

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Office Notations

Office Hours

Monday—Closed

Tuesday to Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The office in Zurich will be closed this Tues., Sept. 8.

The offices are open by **appointment only**. We ask that you call to book an appointment or if you require Mass cards.

Goderich: the office is now located in the basement of the church. Entrance to the office will be by using the white door located off the driveway entry to the accessibility parking lot. Unfortunately at this time, the office will not be fully accessible, but please be assured an alternate space may be arranged to meet your needs.

Telephone Systems: we are currently waiting on the Diocese to install our new telephone system. Currently, there is no working phone in the Goderich office. Please note that messages are checked when time permits. We thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

Special Collections

It has been approved that we will be able to accept donations towards our various Special Collections. Please see below the dates when we will be accepting the various collections.



Share Lent (D&P) — Collected Sept. 19/20.
Retired Priests' Pension Fund — Collected Nov. 14/15.

World Mission Sunday — Collected Feb. 6/7, 2021.

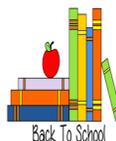
No printed materials will be distributed. Please bring your donations to Mass on the weekend of the collection or deliver it to the parish offices. E-transfers will also be accepted. Thank-you to everyone who has already donated to these special collections.

Weekday Mass Schedule



Please keep a watchful eye on the weekday Mass schedule as it may be subject to change. We thank everyone for their patience during this time of transition.

Prayer for those Returning to School



May God bless all who are returning to school this fall - our students, staff and families. May God fill them with hope, with joy and with a peace that is beyond understanding.

Live Streaming

We will continue to live stream our Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface. You may view the Mass by visiting our parishes Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN_P25W7IF9pI3SnXAyu5KQ. The link can also be found on our parish website <http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca/>

The Word Among Us Booklets: Zurich Office

There are copies of the September Word Among Us booklets available to purchase in the mailbox located outside the office door. Cost: \$2/each.

Prayer Line

If you wish to have prayers offered for someone, please contact our Prayer Line. Please send an email to: st.p.prayerline@gmail.com

If you do not have email access, please contact your parish office and we will forward an email on your behalf.

St. Peter's Seminary Annual Appeal

This is a year like no other, and one which has affected the presentation of the Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary. Bishop Fabbro has expressed great faith in the Seminary to continue its Mission to form good priests, deacons and lay ministers to work effectively in parish ministry throughout our Diocese. To make a donation, you may do so through our collection basket. Please make cheques payable to your parish and memo line: Seminary. You may also make your donation on-line: <https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/donation-form.php>



Weekday Mass in Goderich

You are free to attend weekday Mass in Goderich. Mass will be celebrated in the church, not the chapel. You are NOT required to sign-up to attend weekday Mass, but MUST sign in at the side entrance of the church.

Letter from Bishop Fabbro: Relief Campaign for Lebanon

Please click on the link below to view a letter from Bishop Fabbro. If you choose to donate, please make cheques payable to YOUR Parish. Memo line: "Lebanon Relief" and for tracing purposes please write this on your envelope.

http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Share_d%20Documents/2020-08-August/2020%2008%2018%20Message_Donations%20for%20Lebanon.pdf

Directives for Attending Mass

For everyone's safety we must adhere to the following directives when attending Mass:

1. Please check your temperature and other symptoms before leaving for the church, and remain at home if you are aware of symptoms.
2. As per the Huron Perth Public Health masks will be required when entering the church.
3. Entrance to the church is not permitted to those who have an elevated temperature, or are suffering from cough, sputum production, shortness of breath, undue fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aching, runny nose, chills involving shakes, loss of taste or smell. Those who feel sick, are expected to stay home.
4. There will be no holy water in the church; you may bring your own container of water from home and have it blessed.
5. No one will be permitted to stand at the back of the church.
6. Due to the need for physical distancing and the 30% capacity restriction, please use the clearly marked designated seating areas. You will be ushered to your seat as you enter the church.
7. There will be no missals or hymnals used or allowed in the church.
8. There will be no singing at Mass by the assembly. The cantor will sing on behalf of all present.
9. The washrooms will be available for emergency purposes only. Please use your washroom at home before attending Mass.
10. During Mass, all other areas of the church are off limits.
11. There will be no paper copies of church bulletins. Bulletins will be emailed and can be found on the parish website.
12. Collection/offertory will be received at the doors of the church as you exit.
13. Once we have reached maximum capacity in the church, no further people will be allowed entry.
14. We ask that you plan on arriving at the church well in advance, prior to Mass. The necessary screening & sanitizing procedures will take a few moments.

Following Mass, we ask that you to leave the church directly without gathering with other parishioners at the door or in the parking lot.

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Grand Bend, St. Joseph & Zurich

Our online registration for our weekend Masses opens Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and closes once we reach our 30% capacity or Fridays at noon - whichever comes first.

You must register weekly for our weekend Masses.

Please visit our parish website and sign-up to attend the Mass of your choice or go to <https://stpstbav.weebly.com/register.html>.

If you are able to register as a social group that will help us with our seating. Please make sure you come to the church with your group so we are able to seat you together.

If you have registered for a Mass and then realize you are unable to attend please cancel your registration or call the office and leave a message so we can free up your seat for someone else.

If we have reached our capacity or registration has closed for a weekend Mass please feel free to drop by the church before Mass as there may still be room to seat you once we have seated everyone who has registered.

Please help us by passing on this message. If you know someone who would like to attend Mass, but does not have access to the internet please have them call the office to register before Friday at noon. 519-236-4191 or 519-238-8556.

Goderich

ALL those with email access are required to register on-line to attend Mass by visiting our parish website.

<https://stpetersgoderich.dionet.org/>

Only those without email access may call the office (519-524-8174), press # 7 and leave a detailed message.

Note: *we currently do not have a working telephone system at this time.*

Please register only ONCE.

How will I know if I am selected?

When you are selected for a seat for Mass you will be contacted on Friday (8 days prior to the weekend in question) by email or voicemail. Please make note of the date of the Mass. You must acknowledge this contact by 11 a.m. of the next Tuesday. (Please do not call or email to see if you have a seat.)

If you do not reply, your name will be removed and the seat offered to another group.

Please confirm or decline promptly, as this requires a significant amount of time to coordinate.

Please note that you CANNOT exchange/swap your reserved seat with another parishioner for a different Mass time/week due to the strict Covid-19 tracing guidelines.

Everyone MUST register to attend Mass and face masks MUST be worn at Mass.

We ask for everyone's patience during this time.

Exeter & Mt. Carmel

Please remember to register for weekend Masses *by Wednesday at 5 p.m.:* olmcpb@dol.ca

In your email please indicate which Mass you wish to attend, your name, the number from your household who wish to attend and your phone number. You will receive an email notification if you have been assigned a seat at Mass.