

# 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. 13, 2020 — 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

## **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 14 — 20, 2020**

**MONDAY: September 14**

*(We pray for Rev. Robert Remark)*

**St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.**

Int. of Fr. Matthew George — Kate & Mike Moriarty

Int. of Kathryn Regier — Anna Duttmann

**TUESDAY: September 15**

*(We pray for Lisa Mullins: Pastoral Minister)*

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

Elsie & Michael Frijters — Greg & Jan Denomme

**St. Peter's, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.**

Mary O'Keefe — Ted & Emmilla Doherty & Family

**WEDNESDAY: September 16**

*(We pray for Rev. Daniel Vere)*

**IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon**

Cathy McLennan — Jill Young

**St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.**

Ulrich Duttmann — Anna Duttmann

Int. of Lake Huron Catholic Fam. of Parishes & Pastors —  
Intercessory Prayer Team

**THURSDAY: September 17**

*(We pray for Rev. Michael Michon)*

**St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.**

Joe Moerbeek — Friend

**OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.**

Jane Gillespie — Bridget Ryan

Dec. mem. of Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen Families — Estate

**FRIDAY: September 18**

*(We pray for Deacon Henry Kling)*

**St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.**

A Special Intention — Gerry & Debbie Pennings

Francis Corriveau — Gord & Cecilia Smith

**Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon**

Aldene Wilds — Mary Ann Quesnel

**SATURDAY: September 19**

*(We pray for Rev. Wacław Chudy, C.S.M.A.)*

**St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.**

Dan Murphy — Delores Van Osch

**SATURDAY: Sept. 19 — 25th 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. 20 — 25th 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 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. We now have a mail slot on the new office door and ask that all correspondence, offertory envelopes etc. be dropped off at the new secured location.

***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**

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.

**Employment Opportunity**

We are looking to hire a cook./housekeeper for the rectory in Goderich. This position would be 2-3 days/week. If you are interested in this position please call the parish offices or email Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet: [tlaforet@dol.ca](mailto:tlaforet@dol.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.

**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.

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

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Development & Peace**

### **Help us help our sisters and brothers in the Global South!**

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity.

There will be a collection in your parish on Sept. 19/20. You can also make a donation [online](#).

Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

Watch this short [video](#) to learn more about the work of Development and Peace during the pandemic.

## **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.

## **Confessions following Weekday Masses**



Our priests are available to hear confessions following weekday Masses including Saturday morning Mass.

## **Reaching out by Telephone**

We are working on updating our parish data bases. In the near future, you will be contacted by someone from your parish to verify and update your contact information.

*On Tues., Sept. 15 let us remember and pray for victims and survivors of abuse.*

### **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 church such as; 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.
2. As per the Huron-Perth Public Health masks will be required when entering the church.
3. You may bring your own container of water from home and have it blessed as we cannot offer holy water in the church.
4. Everyone will be seated in the church and due to fire regulations no one is permitted to stand at the back of the church.
5. 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.
6. All our prayers and responses will be recited by the assembly at Mass. The Cantor will sing on behalf of those present.
7. The washrooms will be available for emergency purposes only. Please use your washroom at home before attending Mass.
8. During Mass, all other areas of the church will not be in use.
9. Copies of church bulletins will be emailed or may be found on the parish website. Please forward your email address to your parish office if you wish to subscribe to the on-line bulletin.
10. Collection/offertory will be received at the doors of the church as you exit. Thank you for your continued generosity.
11. Please arrive well in advance to Mass as we must follow the necessary screening & sanitizing procedures that will take a few moments. Once we have reached maximum capacity in the church, no further people will be allowed entry.

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](mailto:olmcpb@dol.ca) or call 519-237-3593. 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.