

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. 20, 2020 — 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR: REV. ANTOINE (TONY) LAFORET
ASSOCIATE PASTORS: REV. MATTHEW GEORGE AND REV. VINCE GULIKERS
PASTORAL WORKER: LISA MASELLI
DEACONS: JOHN LAMMERS, BRIAN McDONALD, FRED TRUCHON

PARISH STAFF

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 21 — 27, 2020**

MONDAY: September 21

(We pray for Rev. Zbigniew Sawicki)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Int. of Natalie Minten — **A Parishioner**

Int. of Barbara Coker — Kathryn Regier

TUESDAY: September 22

(We pray for Rev. Olivet Okoro)

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

Int. of Rose Johnstone — Ken & Cynthia Forler

Albena Bedard — Estate

St. Peter's, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Lindsay Sisters — Janet

WEDNESDAY: September 23

(We pray for Rev. Daniel Morand)

IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon

Louis Soetemans — IHM C.W.L.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

William Flood — Jerome & Carmel Sweeney

Shirley Bedard — John Paul & Barb Rau

THURSDAY: September 24

(We pray for Deacon Brian Hanley)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Int. of Loretta Zettell — St. Peter's C.W.L.

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Liv. & dec. mem. of Mt. Carmel C.W.L. — Mt. Carmel C.W.L.

Tim Glavin — Mary Morley & Family

FRIDAY: September 25

(We pray for Deacon David Callaghan)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Teresa Cerny — Karl & Mary Regier

Fr. Witold Michalski — Mike & Kate Moriarty

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Les & Florence Mitchell — Mary Ann Quesnel

SATURDAY: September 26

(We pray for Rev. Paul Duplessie, O.F.M. Cap.)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Int. of Don & Cecelia Denomme — Kevin & Karen Wade

SATURDAY: Sept. 26 — 26th 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. 27 — 26th 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 secured new location.

Telephone Systems: we are currently waiting on the Diocese to install our new telephone system. Please note that messages are checked remotely. *In case of an emergency, please press 5 and remain on the line for your call to be forwarded to a priest.* 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.

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): tlaforet@dol.ca

Sacristans

We are looking for Sacristans for all church sites. If you wish to become a Sacristan or would like more information, please contact Rev. Antoine (Tony) Laforet at tlaforet@dol.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 If you do not have email access, please contact your parish office and we will forward an email on your behalf.

Sacramental Preparation

Please keep an eye on the bulletins for updates regarding sacramental preparation.

Development & Peace

Please give generously, so we are all Recovering Together

Today, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites us to be in solidarity with communities in the Global South, whose situation is worsening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's act together for a just recovery that includes all.

Thank you for your generosity and solidarity. Your donation will help our partners in their struggle to improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalized in their communities. You can contribute to the parish collection or make an online donation at devp.org

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.

Life Chains

For more information, please visit the following link: http://lifechain.net/CanList_V2.html

Bluewater Rest Home Update

[Please click here.](#)

Letter from Bishop Fabbro

[Please click here.](#)

COVID Update #11

<https://www.dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-for-september-14-update-11>

Season of Creation: Shoreline Cleanup

Pope Francis states that the Season of Creation is a “season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home.” The Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes invites you to take action during the Season of Creation by taking part in a shoreline cleanup. Since we are unable to gather together, we ask that you spend some time on Sat., Sept. 26 or another time to clean up our shoreline and send in your photos. Send photos to stpetersgh@dol.ca

New Parish Website

Please look for our new Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes website coming this Fall.

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.

Dr. Moira McQueen to receive the 2019 Christian Culture Gold Medal Award

Assumption University announced the award in early March, but the lecture and medal presentation were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. McQueen will live stream her lecture at www.assumptionu.ca/goldmedal on Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found on the PDF at this [link](#).

Permanent Diaconate Admissions Postponed

Please be advised that the admissions process for the Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program has been put on hold at this time due to the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who have expressed interest will be contacted and potential candidates are encouraged to speak to their pastors and local deacons to continue their discernment.

Pastoral Conversion, Evangelization and Mission - Pastoral Services Office

As a diocesan family we continue to deepen our awareness and commitment to becoming a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus. This vision invites each body, structure and person to pastoral conversion; to prayerfully consider and appropriate missionary discipleship in new and vibrant ways. We received with a sense of encouragement the contribution "[The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church](#)" from the Congregation for Clergy (July 20, 2020). This document explores and directs the priority of missionary renewal. Highlighting the 'culture of encounter', proclamation of the Word of God, sacramental life and the witness of charity, this document invites parish leaders to consider how we shape and organize our efforts. Parish teams are encouraged to consider this document as a complement to the foundation laid by the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and being mission-oriented parishes.

Laudato Si' and Season of Creation

Over the past few Parish Briefings, we have included links to information and resources on Season of Creation 2020 and its theme "Jubilee for the Earth," as well as information on the related topics of Integral Ecology and Laudato Si' Circles. [Season of Creation](#) was officially launched on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and it ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. A Vatican News story on the Pope's message for Jubilee for the Earth at this [link](#). We have created a resource page we will be promoting over the coming weeks containing all the resources we've recently released at this [link](#). You share a link to this resource page on your parish websites and social media channels.

The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27

With the title "**Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee**", Pope Francis urges us this year to discover the reality of **internally displaced people** more deeply. Every month, a new **video of Pope Francis** and other multimedia materials delve into the sub-themes present in the [message](#) of the Holy Father. The past sub-themes were "*To know in order to understand*", "*To be close in order serve*", "*To listen in order to be reconciled*". Today, we invite you to watch the fourth, [newly released video](#), in which the Holy Father explores the sub-theme "**To share in order to grow**". It offers the real-life testimony of an internally displaced person who describes how sharing makes us more human, makes us believe more in God and feel that we are His children. In the video, the Holy Father urges us to share in order to grow together, without leaving anyone out.

Please follow the Diocese of London on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel and visit www.dol.ca.

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 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.