

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.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

st.p.prayerline@gmail.com

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 2020 — 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
When Bishop Fabbro invited me to be the Pastor of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes earlier this year, I was filled with hope and joyful expectation. After three weeks in this new position, the word “overwhelmed” now comes to mind. Despite the challenges, especially during this pandemic, I am resolved to remain hopeful and very joyful. Thank you to all of you who have welcomed Fr. Vince, Fr. Matt and myself thus far. We are living together in the rectory in Goderich and living in harmony thus far. We look forward to meeting many more of you when the opportunity is available.

Over the next few weeks, I hope that our team will be able to introduce themselves through our website bulletin. If I may, please let me humbly begin with myself. I have been ordained to the priesthood for nine years now and have spent the last seven years as Pastor at Sacred Heart in Parkhill and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Grand Bend. Prior to ordination, I worked as a High School Chaplain for 13 years (three years in Timmins, nine years in Niagara and one year in Windsor). I really enjoyed working with the young people and the dedicated teachers in the four high schools where I was assigned. (I like to think it kept me young.)

My parents were both educators with the Catholic School Board as they raised five boys in Tecumseh, Ontario. I am the eldest and each of the boys took their turn serving at the altar at St. Anne's Parish in Tecumseh. When I was ordained, I was reminded that I was the 30th priest ordained from our parish.

When I was younger, my interests included serving as a reader, money counter, member of the youth group and choir member. Years later, I served as a choir director in a parish in St. Catharines, Ontario. Beyond the church community, my interests include baseball (umpiring for many years), music, photography and biking! Don't be surprised if you see me biking down to the beach and some of the trails I have heard about in the Goderich area.

I am looking forward to serving as your Pastor and working with the good people of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes for many years to come. Thank you to our Transition Team who has been instrumental in preparing for this great endeavour to become a Family of Parishes and for your gracious welcome and support as we begin the work of being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus! May God bless all our efforts!

Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet

Pastor of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

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
SEPT. 28 — Oct. 4, 2020**

MONDAY: September 28

(We pray for Rev. Christopher Pietraszko)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Gerry Ball — Mike & Kate Moriarty

George Regier — Gerard & Rosemary Ducharme

TUESDAY: September 29

(We pray for Rev. Vince Guilkers)

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

Madeline Denomme — Pat & Elaine Jeffrey

Robert Allen & his Family — Pat Langford

St. Peter's, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Val Dunn — Kevin & Karen Wade

WEDNESDAY: September 30

(We pray for Rev. Richard Charrette)

IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon

Fr. Robert Morrissey — Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth & Theo Vink — Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

Tony Regier — Karl & Mary Regier

THURSDAY: October 1

(We pray for Deacon John White)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Maryanna Goernig — Evy & Coley McDonagh

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Jonathon O'Connor — Family

Jerry Morley — Mary Morley

FRIDAY: October 2

(We pray for Deacon Cap Van Au)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Cecelia Farwell — Angela Watson & Family

Leroy Denomme — Murray & Lori Armstrong

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Randy Quesnel — Mary Ann Quesnel

SATURDAY: October 3

(We pray for Rev. Ljubo Lebo, O.F.M.)

St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Roger Archambault — Evie Shand

SATURDAY: Oct. 3 — 27th 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: Oct. 4 — 27th 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.

Our Parish Family

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.

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

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

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.

New Parish Website

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

Sacramental Preparation

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

Calling All Cat Lovers

Fr. Matthew George is looking to re-home his 6 year old, female, indoor/outdoor cat. Lola is a tri-coloured, strong willed cat who would do best as a sole member in a quiet home. For information, please contact, Fr. Matt at: mgeorge@dol.ca

Life Chains

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

Bluewater Rest Home Update

[Please click here.](#)

COVID Update #11

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

Knights of Columbus Webinar

"Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Seven Steps to Retirement Security" On behalf of the Knights of Columbus: a virtual seminar on Thurs. Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. In this presentation, Tom Hegna, a leading speaker on Optimal Retirement Solution, will simplify the retirement journey with his seven steps to retirement security for Canadians. Learn how to make a trouble-free plan for retirement with a solid foundation to build on for future generations. Space is limited, register by clicking the link below. The seminar is complimentary of the Knights of Columbus and there is no cost to the participant. Pre-Registration is required. Please Click below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6D-sj7HRqWnHJVqQNq5jA

For more information call Dave at 519-888-0869.

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

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_P25W7IF9pl3SnXAyu5KQ. The link can also be found on our parish website <http://www.bluewater.dionet.ca/>

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.

Special Collections

Please see below the dates when we will be accepting the various collections.

Thanksgiving Appeal — Collected Oct. 10/11.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

Something to Consider....**EMBRACING OBEDIENCE**

Grumbling. That nagging inner monologue that no one else sees. The ongoing commentary that reviews the day's events through a particular lens of our misperception. The unbridled conversation with ourselves that dictates our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors. It is the internal revulsion from a certain dissatisfaction with something that does not correspond to our mood at any given time. Sometimes, it is expressed externally through words, gestures or facial expressions; other times, it simmers deep within behind a veneer of elegant composure.

Grumbling happens within me as well, more than I care to admit. And it often comes so subtly that I hardly know that it is happening, and I find myself moody, irritable, and sometimes careless with my work. It is so common in monastic life that the Rule of St. Benedict admonishes against this in several places throughout. The prevalence of grumbling in the Rule — and even in our own personal and spiritual lives — shows us an area of growth well worth embracing: obedience seen as humility.

Obedience is truly difficult today for all of us. It can go against the grain of the “be all that you can be” ethic many of us grew up on. Obedience teaches us that we don't have the final say on most things, save for that which is immoral and contrary to faith. Practicing obedience-as-humility teaches us how to seek to do God's will in every circumstance of our day, instead of our own. The starting point is getting a handle on that wild beast within that grumbles when faced with unpleasing circumstances: a critical customer, a sleepless night, an unforeseen work project requiring hours of additional work with a short deadline, traffic on the highway while you are already late for the concert, test results from the doctor's office, an ambiguous text message from your child that leaves you rattled and confused, a glaring glance from your spouse at the dinner table, the vitriolic commentary on news stations or social media feeds about current events, the run-around while waiting in the queue at the doctor's office in this new COVID world we live in, etc., etc. The list could go on and on. So, what can we do to gain control of our tendency to grumble? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Breathe deeply even in the middle of the stressful situation. A few deep breaths not only calms your nerves, but helps to gain control over your thoughts.
2. Smile, without being disrespectful, and laugh, whenever possible to lighten the mood. In the midst of difficult situation these help to relieve tension in the air by recognizing it, calling it out, and allowing the Lord to provide an alternative approach.
3. Journal gratitude is a way to recall the Lord's Hand even in the smallest way through the chaos of the day. Either in the morning with your cup of coffee, or in the evening before going to bed, this is helpful to recall the day and see that the Lord was with us even in the storm.
4. Pray into situations beforehand. This is not always possible, but when it is, we can take some time in silence and prayer with the Lord to ask Him to guide us especially in our dealing with difficulties.
5. Speak honorably and gracefully. Our speech does not have to be hijacked by our emotions. We can speak words of grace even when we are flooding with grumbling and negative emotions.

Learning how to become more aware and mindful of our self-talk seems like such a mundane skill, but as we learn to become masters over our thoughts, we can learn that obedience to God's will through humility is an avenue to experience an abiding interior peace that the world cannot give. Imagine maintaining that tranquility of soul throughout the storms of life. It seems impossible, but on the contrary, with much discipline and effort, it indeed is possible to make progress.

Br. John-Marmion Villa