

EXETER
ST. JOSEPH
GRAND BEND



ZURICH
GODERICH
MT. CARMEL

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

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

ZURICH

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

EXETER

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

MOUNT CARMEL

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

St. JOSEPH

SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

st.p.prayerline@gmail.com

Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Greetings to the Parishioners of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes.

My name is Jane Lansbergen and for over 10 years I have been the "Girl Friday" for Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Precious Blood Parishes. It has been wonderful getting to know so many new people over that span of time.

I grew up on a farm not far from Mount Carmel and spend a great deal of time in and around Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and school.

My husband and I have ten sons who are now grown and have flown the nest. We are waiting for the end of Covid-19 so that we can, once again, enjoy their company.

God bless everyone during the Advent season and during the Christmas season that is almost upon us.

From the Pastor's Desk:

In last week's Gospel, all the people from the Judean countryside and all of Jerusalem went to see John the Baptist. My hope is all the people of Huron-Perth & Lambton Counties will take the opportunity to help us with the vision for the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes by answering the following question: **Imagine, what would a fully active Family of Parishes look like, feel like and sound like?** Please email your response to our Pastor: tlaforet@dol.ca
Please visit our website at: <https://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/>

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR: REV. ANTOINE (TONY) LAFORET-X-222
ASSOCIATE PASTORS: REV. MATTHEW GEORGE-X-224 AND REV. VINCE GULIKERS-X-223
PASTORAL WORKER: LISA MASELLI-X-225
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PARISH STAFF

BUSINESS MANAGER: JIM VAN LANEN-X-240
OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS: TINA BOUTILIER-X-221 AND JANE LANSBERGEN-X-200
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS: KAREN KESTER-X-242 AND LORI LAPORTE-X-241

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 14 — 20, 2020**

MONDAY: December 14

(We pray for Marguerite Hewer: Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Ed Smith — Jim & Regina Whaling
Rick Masse — Angela Watson

TUESDAY: December 15

(We pray for Rev. Christophe Mbunzu: O.F.M. Cap.)

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 12 p.m. Noon

Bill Brand — Phil & Patty LaPorte
Madeline Denomme — Anna Marie, Mark & Matt

St. Peter, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Dan Murphy — Colman & Evy McDonagh

WEDNESDAY: December 16

(We pray for Deacon Brian McDonald)

IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon

Barry Strong — Sharon Strong

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

Tony Regier — Warren & Helen Regier
Int. of Lucille Masse — Sr. Anne Regier

THURSDAY: December 17

(We pray for Minister of Migrant Workers in our Diocese)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Maryanna Goernig — Jim & Rose Shanahan

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Tim Glavin — Jack & Lynda Conlin
Peter Kaumanns — Irmgard Kaumanns

FRIDAY: December 18

(We pray for Rev. Augustine Ogundele)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Cecelia Farwell — Mary Lou Denomme
Int. of Virginia Denomme — St. Boniface C.W.L.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Robert Dupon — Lilliane LaPorte

SATURDAY: December 19

(We pray for Deacon Daniel Lemire)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Shaun Goss — Evie Shand

SATURDAY: Dec. 19 — 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Boniface, Zurich — 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter, Goderich — 5:00 p.m.

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 5:00 p.m.

Our Family of Parishes

SUNDAY: Dec. 20 — 4th Sunday of Advent

IHM, Grand Bend — 8:30 a.m.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 8:30 a.m.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 8:30 a.m.

Our Family of Parishes

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter, Goderich — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 11:00 a.m.

**** December Notations ****



The offices will be CLOSED between Christmas & New Year's.

NO MASSES Mon., Dec. 28 & Tues., Dec. 29.

A two week bulletin will be published at Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Zurich, Exeter & Goderich

6:30 p.m. Mt. Carmel, Grand Bend & St. Joseph

9:00 p.m. Zurich, Exeter & Goderich

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. Zurich, Exeter & Grand Bend

11:00 a.m. Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph & Goderich

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. Exeter, Zurich & Goderich

New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Grand Bend, Mt. Carmel & St. Joseph

Christmas Flowers & Decorations



We will accept donations until **Dec. 18**. Donations are to be put in an envelope labelled "*Christmas Flowers & Decorations*". For tracking purposes please list all of YOUR information on the front of the envelope. Please list the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and these names will be posted on our parish website. Envelopes may be placed into the collection basket or delivered to each office site.

Registration Process for ALL Churches

Mass registration for all churches will now be done on-line. Please visit our parish website: <https://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/> to register to attend weekend Masses. Registrations begin Tuesdays at 9 a.m. to Thursdays at noon. *It is first come, first serve*. Once seating is full, registrations will no longer be permitted. If you do not have internet access, please ask a friend or family member to register you to attend weekend Mass. Please see more detailed information under "Mass Registrations" further in the bulletin.

Bereavement Group

Grieving through the Holidays/Seasons of Hope: Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes is pleased to offer a 6-week (1 before Christmas, 5 in the new year) small group for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Please contact mgeorge@dol.ca with your preferred day and time. If we can gather together safely we will, but virtual/online attendance is also encouraged. Come, Lord, be light in our darkness.

Mass Offerings

Going forward all Mass requests will be shared among Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. We will do our best to offer the Mass intentions at the location you request, but please note this may not always be possible. Masses are \$10.00. To request a Mass please use an envelope labelled "Mass Request". Please place a note inside the envelope with the name of the person you wish to have the Mass celebrated for and the person requesting the Mass. Please indicate whether the Mass is for the deceased or living. Contact the office if you require a Mass card and one will be prepared and left in a designated area for pick-up.

Mailing Address

Have you moved this year? Do we have your correct mailing address on file? If there are any changes that need to be made please contact the parish offices. We want to insure that you receive your 2020 income tax receipt.



Dispensation from Sunday Obligation

Bishop Fabbro has extended the dispensation from the Sunday obligation, including the solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord and Mary, Mother of God, until Easter. It seems unlikely that our situation with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic will change in the near future.

Donating to your Parish

Thank you to all our parishioners who generously donated this past year. As we approach the New Year, we are preparing our preauthorized donations records. This method of donation helps in the mission of the parish and with our budgeting. If you would like to make changes to your pre-authorized donations or would like to sign up for the coming year please contact, Lori LaPorte (x-241) or Karen Kester (x-242) for more information. We continue to accept E-transfers; (see the bulletin for the correct email addresses) .



Bishop Fabbro's Covid Update #13

<https://dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-13>


2021 Offertory Envelopes: Volunteers Needed

Due to Covid, we are looking for volunteers to help us distribute the 2021 Envelopes for all churches. We are looking for individuals to assist with porch drop off of the envelopes. If you are able to assist us with this, please contact your parish office. OR they will be available for pick-up in the parish halls following weekend Masses beginning Dec. 19/20. **In Goderich & Mt. Carmel**, if you wish to pick them up at the office, please call so they may be set out in the mailbox for pick-up. Pick-up must be prompt as space is limited.

Becoming Disciples

Becoming Intentional/Missionary Disciples: No doubt you have heard or read how Bishop Fabbro has challenged our Church to "move from maintenance to mission", to begin thinking of ourselves as missionary disciples. The following summary of Sherry Weddell's book: "Forming Intentional Disciples" is an excellent introduction to the whole idea, besides being an insightful help to understanding where each one of us is on our own journey of discipleship! <https://osvnews.com/2014/08/06/5-steps-to-becoming-an-intentional-disciple/>

Bulletin Announcements

 Please email bulletin announcements to: lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca by Wednesdays at noon. We ask that bulletin announcements remain brief and concise.

2020 Donations

Please have all donations for 2020 into the church office no later than Sunday, December 27 to ensure that your donations are included on your 2020 income tax receipt. Any donations received after December 27 can only be included on your 2021 income tax receipt. Please note that donations made at the New Year's Eve, December 31 Mass will be considered as a 2021 donation.

Congratulations to Regina & Bruce Fischer from Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020.

K. of C. News



An Invitation to all the Men in the Grand Bend area. Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. I have been approached, as the District Deputy for the area and asked to investigate whether there is enough interest to form a Knights of Columbus Council at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend. The requirement of the Order is that a Council must have 30 members to obtain a charter. For more information contact, District Deputy Jim De Zorzi at 519-243-1683 or email district68@execulink.com

Christmas — Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some technical help for our Christmas Masses. Where we have room for overflow, we would like to have a video and audio feed. We would like a person(s) to help set it up and run/monitor it during the Masses at the following locations; Immaculate Heart of Mary - 2 Masses, St. Peter, Goderich - 3 Masses, Precious Blood - 3 Masses and St. Boniface - 3 Masses. If you are not familiar with this, we will show you how. Just be somewhat comfortable with technology. It is a great opportunity to share your talents! Please contact the parish office if you willing to help or email lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca


Seeking Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to shovel all the walkways around the church and rectory this winter in Goderich. Salting some areas is required. This may be daily depending on snowfall/weather. This would be a great opportunity for students to earn community hours. Please call the office in Goderich for more information (1-877-450-6414).

Employment Opportunity

A part-time caretaker is needed for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (approx. 6-8 hours per week). Duties include cleaning, minor repairs and maintenance. If interested, please call the parish offices or email Jim Van Lanen, jvanlanen@dol.ca

Immaculate Heart of Mary News

 CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to the following members of the Catholic Women's League for your years of service; Mary Campbell - 55, Cathy Vrolyk - 40, Patricia Hlady - 35, Sharon Vanhevel - 35, Joan DeZorzi - 25, June Benn - 25, Giselle Gallelo - 20, Gloria Laporte - 15, Joan Brewer - 10 and Maureen Nelson - 5. May *Our Lady of Good Counsel* bless them for their many years of service and dedication to the League!

Pllenty...coming soon

Just to clarify the Pllenty information insert in the Christmas mailing is another one of the ways to give to your parish. All the other remain ways listed below remain, sorry for any confusion this may have caused and thank you for your generosity, enabling our mission to form disciples of Jesus.

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL CHURCHES

Registration opens Tuesdays at 9 a.m., closing when at capacity or noon Thursdays, whichever is first.

Register each week on the parish website:

<https://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/>

For those with no internet, we ask that you request assistance from a friend or family member.

If you have registered for a Mass and later are unable to attend, please notify the office and leave a message so we can reassess your seat. (1-877-450-6414).

If we have reached capacity or registration is closed, please drop by the church before Mass as there may be room once those registered have been seated.

NOTE: There have recently been changes to Provincial Social Circle Guidelines.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/create-social-circle-during-covid-19>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-stages#section-3>

4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes

E-Transfers: simply send funds from your account to your parish site: St. Peter's, Goderich

stpetersgh@dol.ca

St. Boniface - stboniface@dol.ca

St. Peter's, St. Joseph's - stpeter@dol.ca

IHM - ihmgrandbend@dol.ca

Precious Blood - preciousblood@dol.ca

OLMC - ourladymc@dol.ca

PAD : sign-up and donate from your account.

Please contact Lori or Karen for more information: 1-877-450-6414.

Envelopes: during the pandemic you may mail or drop them off in the mail slot at the parish office.

Pllenty: Donate with your credit card via our Pllenty link at the parish website under **DONATE. COMING SOON.**

PLEASE NOTE: when making a donation by cheque to your parish, **please make it payable to your parish name** as at this time, each parish has a separate bank account. Please DO NOT make it payable to Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. Thank you.

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, 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. Washrooms will be available for emergency purposes only. Please use the 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 .