

**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.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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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 20, 2020 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whether we are seen as saints or sinners by this world, God will always see us as His children who are always encouraged and invited to follow His Son, Jesus, the King of Kings who is born among us on Christmas Day!

We are God's people and we have been called to be the Body of Christ, His presence in this world. We have been called to be a Church that is real! Of course, we make mistakes, but we say we are sorry and we are always ready to forgive and offer everyone a second chance. Yes we have fun, give hugs or a hearty handshake (when we are not social-distancing during a pandemic). We strive to be loud in proclaiming the Good News and patient when we meet those who are not quite ready to commit to following Jesus. But most all, we love! We love because God first loved us! This is why we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas! Love is born among and that love is yearning to find a home in our hearts. Let us pray we may have the courage and strength to share the fruit of this love with the whole world!

May the joy of Christ's birth fill you with His love and hope!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Tony



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
DEACONS: JOHN LAMMERS-X-235, BRIAN McDONALD, FRED TRUCHON

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 21 — 27, 2020**

MONDAY: December 21

(We pray for Rev. Matthew George)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Bill Brand — Corrie Kehoe & Family

Marjorie Medinger — Pat & Evelyn Regier

TUESDAY: December 22

(We pray for Deacon Joseph Manzara)

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 12 p.m. Noon

Int. of Barbara Coker — St. Peter C.W.L.

Dec. mem. of the Emmie Leliveld-Boere Family

St. Peter, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Douglas & Grace Smith — Janet & Paul Villani

WEDNESDAY: December 23

(We pray for Rev. Michael Ryan)

*** IHM, Grand Bend — 10:00 a.m. ***

John Willemse — John & Gera Peters

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

Int. of Doug & Julie Debus — Francis & Doreen Hartman

Int. of Theresa Hartman & Aaron Drahushchak — Francis & Doreen

THURSDAY: December 24 — Christmas Eve

St. Peter, Goderich — 4:00 p.m.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 4:00 p.m.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 4:00 p.m.

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 6:30 p.m.

IHM, Grand Bend — 6:30 p.m.

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 6:30 p.m.

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 9:00 p.m.

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 p.m.

Our Family of Parishes

FRIDAY: December 25 — Christmas Day

St. Boniface, Zurich — 8:30 a.m.

Precious Blood, Exeter — 8:30 a.m.

IHM, Grand Bend — 8:30 a.m.

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 11:00 a.m.

St. Peter, Goderich — 11:00 a.m.

Our Family of Parishes

SATURDAY: December 26

(We pray for Rev. Seejo John)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Raphael Spaleta — Brenda Teichert

SAT.: Dec. 26 — Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

SUN.: Dec. 27 — Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

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**** December Notations ****



The offices will be CLOSED between Christmas & New Year's. Please be advised that all Parish office locations will be closing at Noon on Thurs., Dec. 24. We will be reopening on Tues., Jan. 5, 2021 with regular business hours in all locations. We will respond to all emails and voicemails upon our return to the offices.

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

A two week bulletin will be published next weekend.

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

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Mt. 1:21

Bulletin Announcements



Please email bulletin announcements to: lakehuroncatholic@dol.ca by Wednesdays at noon. We ask that bulletin announcements remain brief and concise. *Please refer to our website for other bulletins and announcements.*

2020 Donations

Please have all donations for 2020 into the church office no later than **Sun., Dec. 27** to ensure that your donations are included on your 2020 income tax receipt. Any donations received after December 27 will 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.



Bluewater Rest Home Update

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

* Mass Registrations THIS WEEK ONLY *

Please note that Mass registration for this week only will open on Tues., Dec. 22 at 9 a.m. and close on Thurs., Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. (not noon) for the weekend Masses on Dec. 26/27.

Pllenty

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 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.

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).

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. **You must complete all fields and you must hit the "register" button at the bottom of the form. If you have been successful registering for Mass you will receive an email and successful page notification.** If you do not have internet access, please ask a friend or family member to register you to attend weekend Mass.

Happy 92nd Birthday on Dec. 20 to Irene Heipel of St. Peter, Goderich.

2021 Offertory Envelopes: UPDATE



Due to Covid, we have asked volunteers to help us distribute some of the 2021 Envelopes for all churches via porch drop off. Thank you to those who have already assisted us with this matter.

In Goderich, Zurich & 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.

If you have registered to attend weekend Masses, we will try to have your envelopes available for pick-up at the entrance of the church at Masses.

NOTE: your envelope number has changed. Contact the parish office if you would like envelopes. We ask that in January, you dispose of any remaining 2020 envelopes and begin using your new 2021 envelopes. For tracing purposes please write your name on your envelope.

Prayer Shawls

Blessed prayer shawls are available at St. Peter Church, St. Joseph by contacting, Patty LaPorte 519-236-4876.

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

Covid-19 Update from Bishop Fabbro

<https://dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-from-bishop-fabbro>

4 Ways to Give

Thank you for supporting our mission to form disciples of Jesus!

Envelopes: during the pandemic, mail, drop off in the mail slot at the parish office or at Mass.

Cheques: Please make payable to your parish as each parish has a separate bank account. Please DO NOT make it payable to the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. Mail it to your parish office, please see the addresses on front of the bulletin.

Pre-Authorized Donations: Sign-up and donate from your bank account. If you have questions on any of the donation methods, please contact Lori or Karen at 1-877-450-6414.

OR

[Go to our Website](#)

Choose the parish you would like to donate to below:

Immaculate Heart of Mary

E-Transfer to [ihmgrandbend@dol.ca](mailto:i hmgrandbend@dol.ca)
or

Use your mobile device, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



[Debit or Credit Card](#)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

E- Transfer to ourladymc@dol.ca
or

Use your mobile device, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



[Debit or Credit Card](#)

Precious Blood

E-Transfer to preciousblood@dol.ca
or

Use your mobile device, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



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St. Boniface

E-Transfer to stboniface@dol.ca
or

Use your mobile device, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



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St. Peter, Goderich

E-Transfer to stpetersgh@dol.ca
or

Use your mobile device, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



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St. Peter, St. Joseph

E- Transfer to [ihmgrandbend@dol.ca](mailto:i hmgrandbend@dol.ca)
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Bishop Fabbro's 2020 Christmas Message

<https://lhcfp.dol.ca/news/bishop-fabros-christmas-message-2020>

Last Minute Christmas Gift Idea

Beautiful rug 14'6" X 7'6" for sale, from a smoke-free, pet-free building which previously hung on a wall at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Grand Bend. If interested, please contact Fr. Tony by phone or email: tlaforet@dol.ca

Are you Dreaming of a White Christmas?

Or are you dreaming of **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/>

"Reports of my passing are greatly overstated"

I understand that my physical condition at Mass 3 weeks ago caused some concern: please let me restate (I was still thinking along the lines of the old system, when announcing something at Mass was enough: now for obvious reasons, most people aren't at any one particular Sunday celebration!) exactly what is my health situation. In 2013, I had surgery for colorectal cancer, which resulted in me getting a permanent colostomy and urostomy (hence the rude sounds and smells, and my either standing throughout the entire Mass or suddenly fleeing to the washroom); since then my cancer has migrated to my lungs, and as a result I am on chemotherapy (one more shot on the 22nd then a break, thanks be to God!). Let me reassure everyone that when I am coughing, it is my lungs trying to reject the cancerous growths within them, or the irritation caused by the radiation and chemo treatments: I am quite healthy in all other aspects - what I have you cannot catch, and as to concerns about Covid-19, with my non-existent immune system, you are all a great threat to me! Let's stay safe and healthy until we're through this awful epidemic.

Sincerely, Fr. Matt.



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 reassign 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.

The links below provide detailed directions in your region.

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

Huron-Perth County

<https://www.hpph.ca/en/news/coronavirus-covid19-update.aspx>

Middlesex County

<https://www.healthunit.com/covid-19-response-framework>

Lambton County

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/>

Archived Link

<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**.

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 .