

**EXETER
ST. JOSEPH
GRAND BEND**



LAKE HURON
CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

**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, JANUARY 10, 2021 — BAPTISM OF THE LORD

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

The Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate today, marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry. From here, Christ was sent to bring good news to the poor, release to prisoners, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed and to proclaim God's love for all. In the same manner, the Baptism of Christ reminds of our baptism and marks the beginning of our Christian life as disciples of Jesus.

As a result, our faith must be brought into the streets. It cannot remain locked up in a church or limited to expressions of personal piety. Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel* that "we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. It is through our baptisms that we are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. It is not solely about our eternal salvation. In baptism, we receive what we need to be successful in fulfilling our purpose and laboring for the kingdom of God. Baptism is ultimately about putting on Christ and choosing to live like Christ in the world. This means putting Jesus' command to love at the forefront of our lives. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Certainly, numerous parishioners have answered this call by serving our
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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
January 11 — 17, 2021**

MONDAY: January 11

(We pray for Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.)
Shirley Bedard — Paul Bedard
Rick Masse — Francis & Doreen Hartman

TUESDAY: January 12

(We pray for Rev. Josef Denys)
Pat Mihm — Elaine Mihn
Ed Dwyer — Kevin & Karen Wade

WEDNESDAY: January 13

(We pray for Rev. Michael Parent)
Agnes Watts — Ian & Daphne Carne
Int. of Rev. Vince Gulikers — Gord & Cecilia Smith
Int. of Rev. Graham Keep — Tillie Rau

THURSDAY: January 14

(We pray for Sr. Mary Boere, C.S.J., Pastoral Minister)
Int. of Florence Elliott — Jim & Rose Shanahan
John & Leona Glavin — Dave & Dennis Glavin
Aldene Wilds — Maryann Quesnel

FRIDAY: January 15

(We pray for Rev. Jude Ogbenna, C.S.Sp.)
Leo & Cecile Meidinger — Children
Int. of Theresa Regier — St. Boniface C.W.L.
Ray Maloney — Eleanor Maloney

SATURDAY: January 16

(We pray for Deacon Thomas MacLeod)
Martha Wick — Ted & Emmilla Doherty & Family

SAT.: Jan. 16 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUN.: Jan. 17 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Family of Parishes

We are in Lockdown Once Again

On December 26 we started a second major lockdown in the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time the parish offices remain closed. The staff are working from home to keep our volunteers and parishioners safe as we are all encouraged to remain at home. All of our celebrations will be live-streamed only. Online baptismal preparation will continue on January 20 at 6:30 p.m. We pray for an end to the pandemic and remember all frontline and essential workers who help us live day to day. Only together can we take care of each other and get through this difficult time.

Live Streaming Masses from Zurich

During this provincial wide shut-down, our Sunday morning **8:30 a.m.** Mass at St. Boniface will be live streamed along with our weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at **12 noon**. (These Masses are not open to the public). Fr. Vince Gulikers will also celebrate a private Mass on Saturday mornings. You may view the Masses by visiting our parishes You-tube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN_P25W7IF9pl3SnXAyu5KQ. The link can also be found on our parish website <http://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/>

Private Prayer During Lockdown

The following Church locations will be open for Private Prayer. Maximum capacity with 10 people following physical distancing protocols and wearing masks. Please sign the attendance sheet.

Mt. Carmel upon request. Contact Dara Hartman 519-671-4836.

St. Joseph: Tuesdays 11 a.m.—12 noon

Goderich: Wednesdays 11 a.m.—12 noon

Grand Bend: Wednesdays 11 a.m.—12 noon

Zurich: Tuesdays 9—11 a.m. & 2—4 p.m. and

Fridays: 9—11 a.m. & 2—4 p.m.

Exeter: Fridays 10—11 a.m.

Updated News Bill C-7

Please click on the link provided and please consider taking action.

<https://www.dol.ca/news/update-on-bill-c-7-medical-assistance-in-dying-maid>

Sacrament of Baptism



We welcome the following children who have been received into the church through the waters of Baptism. Please pray for these children and their parents.

Aspen Smith, Oaklyn Hodgins, Raymond Bennett, Lily Becker, Vivienne Yantzi, Zoey Steeper, Keiran Blanchard, Parker Dietrich, Sophia, Heath & Reese Kester, Greta Groot, Graysen Brooks, Gus Knap, Logan Kemmere and Luke Robinson.

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.

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 - ihtmgrandbend@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 at the parish office.

Pllenty: Donate with your credit card via our Pllenty link at the parish website under **DONATE**.
<https://lhcfp.dol.ca/donate>

Are you experiencing a New Year of Change?

Can you envision **what a fully active Family of Parishes would 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/>

Offertory Envelopes

Please dispose of any 2020 envelopes and please begin using your 2021 envelopes as your number has changed. For tracing purposes, we ask that you write your name on your offertory envelope. Thank you.

Please Reach out to Others

Please remember to reach out to family, friends or neighbors who may be vulnerable, even if face-to-face contact isn't possible. Please call, Facebook Messenger, Facetime (those who are with apple products) or Skype, with those who may need assistance.

Diocese of London

For the most current information we urge to visit the diocesan website: <https://www.dol.ca/>

Mass Intentions



A reminder that Mass Intentions are chosen at random unless a specified date is requested.

Note of Thanks

Thank you to Westland Greenhouses for their generosity in providing Christmas flowers to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Grand Bend.

From the Pastor's Desk continued

parish communities (some for many years) through various ministries within our parishes such as musicians, cantors, sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, liturgical decorators, catechists and so on. We are very grateful for their dedicated service to our parish communities. However, since we have come together as a Family of Parishes which is now focused on being mission-oriented, the need for lay leaders is even greater. We have a number of lay leaders on our Transition Team who will be transforming into a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and working on a new vision for our Family of Parishes. They will be meeting with Bishop Fabbro on January 23rd for a workshop with other PPC in the diocese.

As well, our Pastoral Team will begin planning for our sacramental preparations for the new year, but we truly need the assistance of lay leaders to make all this possible. Therefore, we are asking you to please reflect upon the gifts God has given you and consider answering God's call by becoming a lay leader who will assist us in forming disciples of Jesus. We will provide training for all our lay leaders. Please contact me, tlaforet@dol.ca or Lisa Maselli, lmaseilli@dol.ca if you are willing to respond to this request.

In the meantime, parents with children in Grade Two should look for information on our website in the coming weeks regarding the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please pray for Fr. Matt who has been on retreat this week and will return this Wednesday.

Finally, please consider phoning our parishioners who are either elderly and/or are isolated during this lockdown. They may be in need of groceries or just a friendly reminder that they are not forgotten. This type of outreach, along with praying for others, is just another great way to respond and live our baptismal call!

Fr. Tony
Pastor of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes