

**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

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Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 — 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

In John's Gospel, Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?" He follows it with an invitation to "come and see," in response to the disciples' question about where he is staying. Of course, Jesus knew what they were seeking; is it not what we all seek — peace, hope, salvation? Jesus calls them, and indeed us as well, to accept his invitation!

Jesus' invitations present an opportunity for us to contemplate what we are looking for and to take stock of our current situation. Do you know what it is you seek in this world? Are you open to truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Can you leave behind your expectations, trusting the goodness of Jesus' invitation, and follow God's perfect will for your life?

Without waiting for the disciples to respond, knowing their hearts and that the Kingdom of Heaven holds everything they seek, Jesus invites them to come and see. Some of Jesus' disciples came and stayed with him because they had heard him preach. Moved by the promise, hope, mercy, and life he offered, they directly accepted the invitation from him. However, like Peter, others came to follow Jesus after someone else extended an invitation to "come and see" themselves.

Peter's brother Andrew's willingness to evangelize brought Peter to become a disciple of the Lord. Andrew's love for Peter moved him to share the truth and joy he had found. How blessed to have someone care enough to step out in faith and share the life found only in Jesus — no matter how uncomfortable they may feel or how their testimony may be received.

Those who believe inspire others to believe. The power and beauty of evangelization is expressed when an invitation leads to a personal encounter

PASTORAL TEAM

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PASTORAL WORKER: LISA MASELLI-X-225
DEACONS: JOHN LAMMERS-X-235, BRIAN McDONALD, FRED TRUCHON

PARISH STAFF

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FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS: KAREN KESTER-X-242 AND LORI LAPORTE-X-241

with Christ and the choice to remain and abide with him. We may recognize our journey within these many roads to discipleship; which of these paths is yours? Will we pay forward what we have received? Do we have the courage and strength to follow Jesus' example and invite others to come and see? When we, like Andrew, tell others about finding the Messiah, we become part of the hope of discipleship. We become instruments for others to encounter the truth and grace found only in Jesus Christ.

This week, parishioners who participated in the Fall Alpha session were reunited and shared their Alpha experience. During this time, we were reminded of the need to create a Culture of Invitation in our Family of Parishes. Come and see, Jesus says, as he invites each of us to grow deeper in our relationship with Him through this experience of Alpha. If someone invites you to Alpha, please accept the invitation to grow in relationship with Jesus.

Also this week, our Intercessory Prayer Team met online as we pray for lay leaders who will hear the invitation to assist in sacramental prep., RCIA, members of a Senior Leadership Team and ministers of hospitality. With six parishes working together, it will take a team effort to build the church; this Family of Parishes, to be a beacon of hope and to serve the community; especially the poor among us.

Our Transition Team will soon be transformed into the Parish Pastoral Council as we meet with Bishop Dabrowski and the diocesan team. We wish to thank Eugene Glavin (OLMC), Christa Ducharme (St. Boniface), Donna Overholt (Precious Blood) and our recording secretary, Laurie O'Meara who have recently resigned from the Transition Team. Your leadership and dedication to this transition process is greatly appreciated. As we move forward, we need a new recording secretary. Please consider this invitation to help us lead our Family of Parishes by serving a recording secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council. (Contact Fr. Tony at: tlaforet@dol.ca)

Despite the lockdown, we will offer an online Baptism Prep. course next Wednesday, January 20. Please contact, Lisa Maselli at lmaseilli@dol.ca if you wish to join us. And please join us daily (12 noon & 8:30 a.m. on Sunday) for our live-streamed Celebration of the Eucharist. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered by appointment only during this lockdown.

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 of 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.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
January 18 — 24, 2021**

MONDAY: January 18

(We pray for Deacon Reginald Quesnel)

Ina & Timothy O'Connor — Kate & Mike Moriarty
Anthony & Maria VanLoon — Gerard & Henrica Masse
Ed Smith — Laura Overholt

TUESDAY: January 19

(We pray for Deacon Mark Castanier)

Michael Frijters — George & Marg Suplat
Madeline Denomme — Brenda & Pete Teichert
Tina Van Diepen — Joan Walden & Rosemary Mathers

WEDNESDAY: January 20

(We pray for Rev. Jose Montepeque)

Raymond Clark — John & Gera Peters
Marjorie Medinger — Doug & Audrey Medinger
Cecelia Farwell — Eugene & Joanne Hartman

THURSDAY: January 21

(We pray for Rev. John Comiskey)

Emile, Irene and Beatrice Masschelein — Cecile Muller
Jane Gillespie — Mary Morley
Dan Murphy — Jim & Patricia Martin

FRIDAY: January 22

(We pray for Rev. Paul Kim)

Rick Masse — Sr. Anne Regier
Vonnie Overholt — Annette Overholt
Harry Winters — William & Anny Duenk

SATURDAY: January 23

(We pray for Rev. Paul Nicholson)

Marg Reynolds — Doreen Doherty, Kate & Paul O'Brien

SAT.,: Jan. 23 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUN.,: Jan. 24 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Family of Parishes

Ontario in A State of Emergency



On January 14, we started a State of Emergency in the province due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **During this time the parish offices and churches 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 continue to be live-streamed.

Online baptismal preparation will continue on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Please see the link below for the most recent announcement from Bishop Fabbro:

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2021-01-January/2021%2001%2013%20COVID-19%20Update-16.pdf>

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.

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>

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.

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 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>



Mass Intentions

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

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

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/>

Are you experiencing a sense 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/>

Diocese of London

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

Bluewater Rest Home Update

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

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.

The Pope Francis Fund – Application Process

The Pope Francis Fund has opened the application process for grants to be distributed in 2021. Last year nine organizations received funding and this year a total of \$42,500 is available. The application process and criteria are at this [link](#). The list of 2020 recipients, including stories about they put their funding to use, is at this [link](#). Application details and criteria are available at ww.dol.ca.” The application process closes on February 28.

Retrouvaille Weekends – Upcoming Dates for Windsor and London

The Windsor Retrouvaille Community is holding a virtual Retrouvaille weekend starting Thursday, February 11 until Sunday, February 14. Space is limited and the deadline for Registration is January 31. Interested couples should go to the Windsor Retrouvaille [website](#) to register. London/ St Thomas Retrouvaille is hoping to have an in-person weekend in London, that will adhere to the appropriate government mandated COVID-19 protocols, on Friday, April 9 until Sunday, April 11. If we are in lockdown, we will offer a virtual weekend. Couples must register at www.retrouvaillelondon.com as space is limited and confidentiality is assured. For more information, please see the PDF flyer at this [link](#). Additional JPG images that can be used in parish bulletins are [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Is it Okay for Catholics to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19?

The letter from the CCCB, written by the bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, explains why taking the COVID-19 vaccine is morally permissible according to Catholic teachings. The letter is available in [English](#) and [French](#). The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna/NIH vaccines have been deemed “ethically sourced” by the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute (CCBI) and others. With the Lozier Institute, the CCBI has been following the development the vaccines and you can learn more about their analysis at this [link](#).