

**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

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MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH

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PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

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Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 — 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Pastor's Desk

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday! Laetare means rejoice! Indeed, we might rejoice because we are halfway through Lent. Or we might rejoice because much of the snow has melted as a result of this week's warmer weather. Or we might even rejoice because we have set our clocks one hour ahead so we will have more daylight and spring will soon be here.

As we continue with our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it's an opportunity to rejoice in the hope that awaits us at Easter; the reality that Jesus our Saviour will rise from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with His amazing joy!

Even as we continue with the restrictions and safety protocols (like our Lenten practices) brought on by this pandemic, perhaps the vaccine we have received or will soon receive, is the shot in the arm that we need to give us hope for a return to a new normal. Receiving the vaccine is our opportunity to rejoice during this pandemic which is far from over. Like Laetare Sunday, it is a time to pause and rejoice in a God whose love for us is unrelenting despite our sinful inclination. Time and again as the scriptures remind us, God reaches out his hand to us and saves us from evil so that we might be restored to a newness of life as His sons and daughters.

This week, let us celebrate God's unrelenting love for us with joy and always remember today's entrance antiphon from Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast." Thank you God for the gift of your only-begotten Son, Jesus!

May you rejoice and continue to have a blessed and prayerful season of Lent.

Fr. Tony

Pastor of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR: REV. ANTOINE (TONY) LAFORET-X-222
ASSOCIATE PASTORS: REV. MATTHEW GEORGE-X-224 AND REV. VINCE GULIKERS-X-223
DEACONS: JOHN LAMMERS-X-235, BRIAN McDONALD-X-236, FRED TRUCHON

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 15 — 21, 2021**

MONDAY: March 15

(We pray for Rev. Russell Shantz)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Maud Inwards — Kate & Michael Moriarty
Int. of Tammy Rader — Richard, Rose & Family
Int. of Julie & Doug Debus — Kathryn Regier

TUESDAY: March 16

(We pray for Sr. Magdalena Vogt, C.P.S. Pastoral Min.)

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 12 p.m. Noon

Mirko Svigac — Ivan & Branka Topolovec
Patrick Mihm — Elaine

St. Peter, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Mary Humphrey — Terry & Anne Dalton

WEDNESDAY: March 17

(We pray for Rev. Anthony Eboth)

IHM, Grand Bend — 12 p.m. Noon

Rick Hodkinson — Dianne & Mark Tucker

St. Boniface, Zurich — 7:00 p.m.

Carolyn Rau — Dick & Barb Rau
Int. of Rev. Matthew George — Gord & Cecilia Smith

THURSDAY: March 18

(We pray for Rev. Stanislaw Izdebski)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Int. of John Paul Rau — Jo-Ann & Family

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Betty Glavin — Mike Glavin & Family
Peter Kaumanns — Irmgard & Family

FRIDAY: March 19

(We pray for Sisters of St. Joseph)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Theo & Elizabeth Vink — Frances & Doreen Hartman
Rick Masse — Pat & Evelyn Regier

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Harry Winters — William & Anny Duenk

SATURDAY: March 20

(We pray for Deacon David Cummings)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Rita McCauley — Peter & Jeanne McCauley
Adolf Weber — Christa & Family
Raphael Spaleta — Lambert Family

SAT.: March 20 — 5th Sunday of Lent

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.: March 21 — 5th Sunday of Lent

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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All Day Confessions

Mark your calendars for Wed., March 24. More details to follow....

Share Love, Share Lent: Raise a toast to yourself!



Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace? The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South. *Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday.* You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! Learn more at devp.org/lent

Family Resources for Lent 2021

The Diocese of London has prepared resources for Lent including: Tips for Family Prayer, a Lenten Reflection video with Bishop Fabbro (French transcript is available) and a Family Prayer Challenge. To access printable versions in English and French languages, at this [link](#).

9 Days for Life Novena

Our local Knights of Columbus and the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes are hosting a 9 Days for Life Novena on Zoom to pray for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. From Fri., March 19 to Sat., March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! The contact details are: Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 856 6496 0058. Passcode: 066817



[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664960058?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664960058?pwd=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxuBQ0ZjQT09)

[pwd=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxuBQ0ZjQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664960058?pwd=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxuBQ0ZjQT09)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the R.C.I.A. process. If you are interested in helping or for more information contact, Fr. Tony tlaforet@dol.ca or 1-877-450-6414-x-222.

Letter from Bishop Fabbro: Solemnity of St. Joseph

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2021-03-March/2021%2003%2019%20Year%20of%20St.%20Joseph%20Letter%20to%20the%20Faithful.pdf>

Easter Flowers & Decorations



Until **next Sun., March 21** we will be accepting donations for Easter flowers and decorations. Donations are to be placed in an envelope labelled "*Easter 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 mailbox.

Bereavement Team



We are looking for volunteers to be part of a bereavement team. Team members would help with the preparation of funerals and walk with those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have an interest in becoming a member of this team please contact, Rev. Tony Laforet: tlaforet@dol.ca or 1-877-450-6414-x-222. Training will be provided.

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

Office Notations



The offices are open by **appointment only**. We ask that you call to book an appointment or if you require Mass cards.

As we continue to work from home, email and phone messages will be answered when time allows during the office hours posted on the front of the bulletin.

Bulletin Announcements

The deadline to submit announcements for the bulletin is Wednesday by 12 noon. We ask that announcement be kept short and concise. Not all information will appear in the bulletin and we remind you to visit our parish website regularly for additional information.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Preparation will be online this year, given our COVID-19 protocols. Fr. Matt will be leading an online Youth Alpha and will need adult and high school-aged youth to serve as small group discussion leaders, once the video presentation is completed each week. Also, we are looking for people to accompany our Candidates in prayer, as they undertake their preparations. If you can help initiate our young people, please contact Fr. Matt at mgeorge@dol.ca



Wanted

Family looking for a 3-bedroom house to rent as their current lease is up May 1. Seeking housing in Mount Carmel, Dashwood, Zurich, St. Joseph, Hensall areas. Please notify Fr. Tony: tlaforet@dol.ca

What does the future of the church look like?

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

Private Prayer/Adoration



We are considering opening all churches on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. for an hour of private prayer or possibly adoration. In order to do so, it would require volunteers from each church. Our aim is to have all 6 churches open at the same time to create unity in prayer. If you are able to volunteer please call or email the parish offices.

Jesu Ashram Update

While our last video call with Fr. Julius had more technical flaws than our first, it was equally as inspiring and informative, thanks be to God! (Seeing archival video of Brother Bob Mittelholtz SJ in action sure makes things real.) Anyone wishing to watch the recording of the call can ask for a password from www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca

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 **DO-NATE**. <https://lhcfp.dol.ca/donate>

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>

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 .