

**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

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 — 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate Solidarity Sunday, I thought I would share the following which is an entry from a journal I wrote while I was on a ten-day exposure tour in Haiti from December 31st, 2000:

That morning, Sr. Maureen, a Holy Cross Sister, said the rain last night was a blessing! The Haitian people are afraid of the rain which is why we heard no loud music or gunfire last night. The next morning, I awoke to the roosters crowing at 6 a.m. Thankfully, it was a restful sleep. Realizing that clean water was so valuable in a country like Haiti, I used as little water as possible for my shower. Fr. Raoul from Bangladesh celebrated Mass and preached about the importance of family. "Who is my brother? Who is my sister?" Indeed, that is a necessary question when living or even visiting the poor here in Haiti.

After Mass, we met Ariel, a young American, originally from Haiti. At 21 years of age, Ariel had an excellent grasp of the English language but he says he has trouble with math and hopes to work with computers someday. We all gathered for breakfast, toast, oranges and cheese. Following breakfast, Fr. Gerald, a Holy Cross priest, gave us a brief history of Haiti and its capital, Port au Prince. He assured us that there is hope for Haiti and its people.

Afterwards, we began our trip to the Marche. Fr. Gerald noted that the traffic lights were working today. Yes, there was electricity! The streets were packed with vendors and many people. The trucks with blaring horns carefully moved through the crowded streets. It was an incredible sight! The air conditioned vehicles protected us from the chaos of the market as we watched the Haitians walk about the city. Once through the crowded streets, we came upon the Croix de Boussoles (compass). Fr. Gerald had said earlier that the slaves were replenished from Africa every 20 years. As I rolled down the window to take a few inconspicuous photos, we could smell the stench and feel the heat of this horrible area. It was unimaginable that people actually lived in these wretched conditions.

We parked our vehicle with two wheels on the curb as stated by the law and the group split up. Don and I went with Fr. Gerald and our driver. We walked directly to the artists who sold their paintings on the street. The vendors again were somewhat persistent as well as the beggars. The artists used beautiful colors in their paintings, but Fr. Gerald was looking for something realistic; something that reflected the true life of the Haitian people. We walked around the area for an hour while I noticed two men using sewage water to wash their vehicles and we visited the fountain at the site of the 1943 World's Fair.

We returned to the Sister's residence for lunch. We finished the dishes, went for a short nap

PASTORAL TEAM

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PARISH STAFF

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

and by 2:30 pm, we headed out again to see more of the historical sites in Port au Prince. The first stop “Champa Mona” or the Place of the Heroes of Independence. This site was renovated only two years ago. As Sr. Maureen said, “It gave the people of Port au Prince something to be proud of.” The public square included a children’s playground and a monument dedicated to many of their historical figures. The square was filled with many of the art vendors who were not as persistent as the street vendors. The place was buzzing with anticipation as preparations were being made for the New Year’s Eve celebrations. Many of the Haitians were dressed in their Sunday best; men, women and children. However, it did not take long to notice that we were being stared upon. After all, we were now the minority. We stuck out like a sore thumb. It was a humbling experience as spent our time viewing the artists’ works.

As we made our way through the Champa Mona; I felt somewhat relieved because several young Haitians stood very near me hoping to receive a handout or something. We made our way to the Presidential Palace. It was highly decorated for Christmas. Across the street from the Palace, stood two monuments of liberation, including one known as the Unknown Slave.

From here, we climbed into the vehicles and drove to St. Louis Roi de France Church. This church was decorated with Haitian-style murals depicting many biblical scenes. The colours were bright and the local artist’s work was beautiful. Fr. Gerald said this had to be the cleanest church in Haiti. The only downside to the church décor was Santa Claus above the crèche. After a 20 minute visit, we left the church and said our goodbyes to Ariel. I was sorry to see him go so soon. Ariel hugged everyone in the group (the biggest for Sr. Maureen) and waved goodbye to all. As we left, Sr. Maureen told us she had not contacted Ariel in the last 2 years since she had given Ariel money for college, but he never registered. He squandered all the money on clothes, a TV and a girlfriend. Today was like a second chance for Ariel. I hope to hear someday that Ariel will make all his dreams come true!

When we arrived at the Cathedral, we found 2 dozen men, women and children begging at the entrance of the Cathedral. (It’s funny though, Sr. Maureen is a bit cynical about their real need to beg, while Fr. Gerald was compassionate toward their sincerity.) We walked straight past these people and into the Cathedral where Mass was in progress. We sat down for a moment and then moved to the back of the Cathedral. It was a magnificent architectural structure. Sr. Maureen told me a local artist made all the wrought iron light fixtures. I commented that the Stations of the Cross (although beautiful and reminiscent of my home parish, St. Anne’s in Tecumseh) seemed artistically out of place. We left by the front entrance and found the Bishop’s residence next door to be quite extravagant. Fr. Gerald commented that the Church in Haiti was extremely conservative! I moved back to get a photo of the Cathedral and then turned around to find a huge market and slum area. I grabbed a few more photos and we walked back to our vehicles where we found a black Mercedes parked nearby with a naked child walking around the car. I found it to be a stark contrast between the rich and the poor in Haiti!

We travelled back to the Champ Mona. Fr. Gerald wanted some more art pieces so Don stayed with the vehicles and we browsed the vendor’s display once again until darkness fell. Upon our return to the Sister’s residence, we enjoyed another wonderful dinner. After washing the dishes, we decorated and got ready for Mass. We arrived at the Cathedral at 9:30 p.m. and listened to the choir sing for an hour. They were wonderful musicians and singers with guitars and a keyboard. We finally started our New Year’s Eve Mass at 10:30 p.m.

The assembly of Haitians was very jubilant and everybody sang with the choir. The tall dark Haitian gentleman next to me was very charismatic throughout Mass. Just before the consecration, the church bells signaled the New Year and the assembly sang as the gifts were brought forward. Being at church at the stroke of midnight fulfilled a dream for me. I could not think of a better place to be to celebrate the new year. Mass concluded at about 12:45 a.m. and we drove back for a New Year’s celebration. Sr. Elaine made appetizers, Don poured the champagne and we toasted to the New Year (while thought of my mother who was celebrating her birthday). We celebrated until 2:30 in the morning and then retired for the night.

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

It is with sadness that I inform you that Lisa Maselli is no longer employed as Pastoral Worker with Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. We thank Lisa for her wonderful efforts while she was with us during these last six months and pray that God will continue to walk with her as she seeks God’s presence in her future endeavors.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 22 — 28, 2021**

MONDAY: March 22

(We pray for Deacon James Panchaud)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:00 a.m.

Int. of John Paul Rau — Monday Night Prayer Group
Clem Regier — Peter & Bonnie Regier
Vonnie Overholt — Donna O' Brien

TUESDAY: March 23

(We pray for Rev. Murray Sample)

St. Peter, St. Joseph — 12 p.m. Noon

Madeline Denomme — Bev Bugler & Bedour Family
Harry (Sonny) Kumpf — Dianne Tschirahart

St. Peter, Goderich — 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Paul Mooney & Family — Estate

WEDNESDAY: March 24: Day of Confessions

(We pray for Deacon Brad Lewis)

IHM, Grand Bend — 9:30 a.m.

Int. of Vince Gulikers — Paul & Sally Johnson

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:30 a.m.

Lin Steffler — Anne Doherty

Precious Blood, Exeter — 9:30 a.m.

Ed Mittelholtz — Cecilia & Family

THURSDAY: March 25

(We pray for Parish Secretaries in the London Diocese)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Lino Spinosa — Camilla & Angelo Ippolito

OLMC, Mt. Carmel — 7:00 p.m.

Pat Glavin — Hazel & Family
David Koricina — Ambrose & Helen Koricina

FRIDAY: March 26

(We pray for Rev. John Sharp)

St. Boniface, Zurich — 9:15 a.m.

Michael Essery — Michael & Kate Moriarty
Stephen Watson — Angela & Family

Precious Blood, Exeter — 12 p.m. Noon

Harry Winters — Family

SATURDAY: March 27

(We pray for Rev. Arockiadoss Velanganni, O.F.M. Cap.)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

John Van Rooy — Jean Van Rooy
Robert James Brindley — Mary Ellen & Aric
Int. of Virginia Kieffer — Dave & Nancy Huber

SAT.: March 27 — Palm Sunday

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 28 — Palm Sunday

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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Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed.



Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, *get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic.* Visit devp.org/lent to learn more.

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. It runs until 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=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxhBQ0ZjQT09)

[pwd=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxhBQ0ZjQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664960058?pwd=YINsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxhBQ0ZjQT09)

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.

Day of Confessions: Wed., March 24



On Wed., March 24 Mass will be celebrated in Grand Bend, Exeter and Goderich at 9:30 a.m.

Confessions:

Grand Bend, Exeter, Goderich: 10 a.m. –12noon

St. Joseph, Mt. Carmel, Zurich: 2 -4 p.m.

Zurich, Exeter, Goderich: 6 -8 p.m.

Office Notation

On Tues., April 6 telephone and email messages will not be monitored.



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


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

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

C.W.L. News

 St. Peter C.W.L. Goderich Zoom General Meeting and 2021 Elections: Wed., March 31, 7 p.m. A Nominating Committee has been formed (Crystal Crowley, Denise Lalonde-Morris and Karen Wade). At the Zoom General Meeting it will be announced that nominations are open and will be accepted until April 16. At the Zoom General Meeting on Wed., April 28, 7 p.m., the new Executive will be announced following voting (if required). Please join us on March 31!

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1

7:30 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 2

11:00 a.m. Service
11:00 a.m. Service
11:00 a.m. Service
3:00 p.m. Service
3:00 p.m. Service
3:00 p.m. Service

Saturday, April 3

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4: Regular Schedule

Holy Thursday

Imm. Heart of Mary
St. Boniface
St. Peter, Goderich


Good Friday

St. Peter, Goderich
Imm. Heart of Mary
Precious Blood
St. Peter, St. Joseph
St. Boniface
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Holy Saturday

St. Peter, Goderich
St. Boniface
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Mass Registrations for Easter

 Please note that registrations for the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses will take place from Tuesday, March 30 at 9 a.m. to Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m. Mass registrations that week will close at 9 a.m. and not noon.

Collection Counters Needed

We are looking for Collection Counters for Precious Blood, Exeter. If you would like to volunteer please contact the parish office for more information.



Bill C-7

Now that Parliament has passed Bill C-7 access to euthanasia and assisted suicide has been expanded to the disabled, those with mental illness and those who have an advanced directive. Consequently, there is a pressing need for legislation in the province of Ontario to protect the conscience rights of healthcare providers. Such legislation is in place in other provinces in Canada, but not in Ontario. Many Canadians are alarmed at the implications that Bill C-7 will have for our country. Healthcare providers, of different religions and of no religion, are seriously questioning how they will practice in this new environment without legislation that protects conscience. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario supports the Ontario Conscience Rights Campaign. The campaign goal is to show the government that it will be supported by the public if such legislation is passed. It is important that we demonstrate our support during the month of March. You are encouraged to participate in the campaign by contacting your MPP. By visiting www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario you can send an email directly to the Ontario government and learn more about this critically important issue.

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 **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 .