

**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, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 — 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

It's not unusual for many of us to feel we are constantly running on a treadmill. We are always busy and on the go here and there, but never getting anywhere. We get up in the morning, work, care for the children, put supper on the table and then go to sleep only to start the cycle over again the next morning. Though the Coronavirus has slowed things down for most of us, it has also increased the monotony of life for many. There are times when we're not even sure what day of the week it is. All of this can cause us to question the meaning of our lives and wonder if the flurry of activity is really worth it.

In today's first reading, Job laments the same feelings when he says, "months of emptiness and nights of misery". Job has experienced numerous tragedies, including the death of his wife and children, and the loss of all his possessions. In his grief, he couldn't find the strength to pick himself up from the ground. These are sentiments we can very easily share, especially during these dark and cold winter days in this lockdown.

While Job poses the problem, Jesus provides the solution. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus has had a very long day. The people of Capernaum, hearing that he had the power to heal and cast out demons, were bringing the sick to him while he stayed at the house of Peter's mother-in-law. Finally, when everyone had left, Jesus slipped away to a deserted place to pray. He needed time away from the crowds and the demands of the people to spend time alone with his father.

For Jesus, prayer was a source of strength. All the power to preach the good news, to heal and to cast out demons came from the time he spent praising and adoring his Father in secret. Like all of us, Jesus needed to step away from his busy and demanding life to take stock of his Father's presence and love.

If we are going to live lives filled with peace and joy, prayer is vitally important to us. As we approach the season of Lent, this is an opportune time to renew your commitment to pray daily; to pray the daily scriptures, the rosary, the Divine

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Mercies, the Stations of the Cross, online Adoration or simply giving daily praise to God. Prayer brings clarity to our minds when we are confused and calm to our spirits when we are anxious. Prayer encourages us to live a life of faith, hope and love.

Our lives are about much more than what we do day in and day out. Our lives are rather about who we are — children of God made in his image and likeness. Through prayer, we will see ourselves being renewed and transformed daily by God's presence and power. Our lives will be marked, not with the monotony of the daily grind, but with the amazing joy and peace which come from the Holy Spirit!

(Adapted from "Overcoming the Drudgery of Life" by Douglas Sousa)

Last week, I spoke about the need to share our resources with a young mother and her children who are in need of a home. Some prayers were answered when a handful of parishioners responded with their donations. If you wish to contribute to the *Benevolent Fund* we have established for this family or if you have further questions, please call me at 519-236-4191-x-222 or contact Fran Roelands at 519-870-6519, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council or contact Margaret Sutherland at 519-319-3696. Indeed, let us continue our work being a mission-oriented church that forms disciples of Jesus!

Registrations for First Reconciliation are slowly growing! Parents may find a registration form on our parish website or the school website. Simply fill out the registration form and email it to Lisa Maselli at lmase@dol.ca or myself, Fr. Tony at tlaf@dol.ca. We will contact parents when we receive these registration forms and inform you when our online classes for parents will begin. These online classes will be lead by members of our Pastoral Team and supported by parish lay leaders who will be ready to assist and walk with you, the parents.

I have been on the phone this past week with a number of parishioners who have responded to the call to be "lay leaders". However, we are still praying for many more parishioners who will answer God's call to become lay leaders. These leaders will assist parents and support their efforts in raising their children in the Catholic faith as they promised at their child's baptism. We will provide training for all our lay leaders. Please contact me, tlaf@dol.ca or Lisa Maselli, lmase@dol.ca if you are willing to respond to this request.

Yes, we are still looking for a recording secretary for our Parish Pastoral Council. Please, please, please consider this invitation to help us lead our Family of Parishes. 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. Please check out our website for the latest information on our Family of Parishes.

And finally, please consider phoning our parishioners who are either elderly and/or are isolated during this lockdown. They may require 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

STUDY DURING LENT!

Lent is the perfect time to renew our commitment to grow in faith. It is a time to reflect on the richness of our faith which includes the wonderful papal documents written by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Therefore, the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes invites you to a 6 week study on *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). This Apostolic Exhortation encourages us to recognize the need to evangelize with joy the hope that Christ's message brings to our world. Please email Lisa Maselli at lmase@dol.ca to register and indicate to her which evening or if Saturday morning is the best time for you to participate in this study.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
February 8 — 14, 2021**

MONDAY: February 8

(We pray for Deacon Ronald Vermette)

Rick Masse — Teresa Salvador

Int. of Lucille Masse — Sr. Anne Regier

Vonnie Overholt — Rob & Maureen Leyser & Family

TUESDAY: February 9

(We pray for Leonia Downie)

Michael Frijters — Mary, Kay, Mike, Isaac & Catherine Lobsinger

Greg Willert — Phil & Patty LaPorte

Tony White — Coley & Evy McDonagh

WEDNESDAY: February 10

(We pray for Rev. Gerald Craig, O.F.M. Cap.)

Int. of Rev. Matthew George — Paul & Sally Johnson

Int. of Steve & Pat Meidinger — Virginia Denomme

Rev. John Pluta — Michael & Kate Moriarty

THURSDAY: February 11

(We pray for Rev. Arthur Hathaway, C.S.B.)

Int. of Morley Thompson — Peter & Mary Angela Rutten

Glen O'Rourke — Milt & Barb Dietrich

Thomas A. McCauley — Peter & Jeanne McCauley

FRIDAY: February 12

(We pray for Christine Toffolon, Pastoral Minister)

Int. of Ray Hartman — Family

Int. of Virginia McDonald — St. Boniface C.W.L.

Vince Thompson — Marilyn & Family

SATURDAY: February 13

(We pray for Rev. Glen Ball)

St. Peter, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.

Janeann Haid — Chris & Michelle Pletch

SAT.: Feb. 13 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUN.: Feb. 14 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Family of Parishes

Special Collections

World Mission Sunday – Collected Feb. 6/7, 2021. *Donations may also be made in the donations section on our website.*



Please see the link below.

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2021-01-January/World%20Mission%20Sunday%20Announcement.pdf>

Help Stop Bill C-7 (Medical Assistance in Dying)

The federal government has been given an extension to Feb. 26 to pass amendments to the Criminal Code that will make Medical Assistance in Dying (“MAID” or euthanasia) more accessible, putting the disabled and elderly at risk of having their lives terminated, possibly without their full consent. Please read the CCCB’s response and contact your MP. More information and contact options are available at this [link](#).

Housing Needed!

A member of our parish family is in need of permanent housing; a single mom with three young children. She has exhausted all efforts to find accommodation through the usual agencies and is in desperate need of our help. If anyone knows of an apartment or small house which might suit this family's needs, please call the Parish Office or email Fr. Tony at tlaforet@dol.ca.



Remember Matthew 25 : 40. “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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

Please visit our website at:
<https://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/>

Bishop Fabbro’s Covid Update # 17

<https://www.dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-for-january-29-update-17>

Mass Intentions & Mass Cards



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

If you are wanting a Mass Card or wish to request that a Mass be celebrated, please email the office with your request. Masses are \$10.00.

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

Our Website

We encourage you to visit our parish website on a regular basis as more information may be found on the website that may not appear in the bulletin.

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

Assumption University Learn for Life Course

Assumption University invites you to register for the Learn For Life course "Rome and Jerusalem: Catholic Jewish Relations: This course chronicles the historical relationship between Catholics and Jews from the birth of Christianity in antiquity to the Spanish Inquisition during the Renaissance." Register at www.assumptionu.ca/learnforlife. Additional details are on the poster at this [link](#).

News from Brescia University College

Brescia is still accepting applications to all programs that start in September 2021. If you want to know more, you can attend a "virtual open house" during March Break on Saturday, March 13. As well, they are offering Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Awards of \$500 each to all incoming students who are CEFO Student Award winners. If you or someone you know might be interesting in attending Brescia please share this information. Additional details are at <https://brescia.uwo.ca/>

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

The next Veritas Lecture features Darren Dias, OP, whose lecture is, "Interreligious Dialogue Today: A Christian Perspective." It will take place on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm. You register for the lecture at this [link](#).

The Pope Francis Fund – Application Process is Open

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.

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>

Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation – Catholic Family of Parishes in Norfolk

Marriage Preparation Course on March 26 and 27 by Zoom. Coordinated by Mike and Pat Fiddler, it's open to all couples planning for marriage. Register by phoning the parish office at 519-582-1312 and ask for Barb Balog.

Marriage Preparation – Bruce Tallman
This course is available any time, to any couple via Zoom. For more info. email btallman@rogers.com or call 519-433-0981. More info. is available at this [link](#).

Marriage Preparation – Catholic Engaged Encounter
Virtual Marriage Preparation Weekends in 2021 will be offered for couples in Ontario on Feb 20-21, April 16-18 (**FULL**) and June 11-13. The cost is \$150.00. Engaged couples can view the CEE program website and register at this [link](#). Additional weekend added: May 14-16.

Diocese of London

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