

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

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

ZURICH

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

EXETER

SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.

MOUNT CARMEL

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, MAY 23, 2021 — PENTECOST SUNDAY

From the Pastor's Desk,

Dear Friends,

After much discussion and prayer with our staff and some of our parish leaders, we have decided to begin plans to celebrate the reopening of our churches. On Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m., Fr. Matt will gather online with parishioners who will help us prepare for the grand reopening of our churches. (Please contact Fr. Matt at mgeorge@dol.ca if you wish to help with planning). Although we need to continue to be patient and vigilant during this pandemic, we can and should be hopeful that one day soon we can return to our churches to celebrate the Eucharist and so many more of the sacraments once again as a family.

We should also remember that our six parishes came together as a Family of Parishes last September, but we have never had the opportunity to meet and greet one another and to celebrate this new reality as a community of faith. Fr. Matt, Fr. Vince and I are looking forward to the day when we can see the faces of our parishioners and call you by name. This celebration will be an opportunity to gather as a family and grow stronger in unity as brothers and sisters.

Finally, we are announcing this good news as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the birth of the church and we need to mark the birth of our Family of Parishes and the reopening of our churches with a huge celebration. At Pentecost, the doors, windows and hearts of the faithful were opened wide as we welcomed and received the Holy Spirit! The church grew by leaps and bounds and we pray and hope that our Family of Parishes will also grow by leaps and bounds as well. We pray that we will allow the Holy Spirit to move each of us as we strive to become disciples of Jesus and to fulfil the mission Jesus has left us; to proclaim the Good News to everyone. As Fr. Matt proclaimed on Ascension Sunday, "We need to find the courage to go to the fringes of society and our churches because this is where we will find our salvation."

My friends, I always thought that Pentecost should be celebrated for more than one day of the year. Pentecost should have its own season, like Christmas and Easter. As we plan this celebration to reopen our churches, I believe we should celebrate the season of Pentecost now and until we open our church doors in the near future.

May the joy of the Risen Lord and the strength of the Holy Spirit always fill your hearts with his peace!

Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet
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

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
May 24 — 30, 2021**

MONDAY: May 24

(We pray for Rev. Louis Rivard)

Lottie Grenier — Estate
Sharon Klooster — Francis & Doreen Hartman
Rose Campeau — Karl & Mary Regier

Funeral Mass for Stephen Dietrich (Mt. Carmel)

TUESDAY: May 25

(We pray for Rev. William Kornacker)

Branaka & Danny Bigec — Ivan & Branaka Topolovec
Danny LaPorte — Phil & Patty LaPorte & Family
Maria Mathonia — George Mathonia

WEDNESDAY: May 26

(We pray for Rev. Piotr Wojakiewicz, C.S.M.A.)

Agnes Doherty — Armstrong Family
Rev. Robert Morrissey — Wszola Family
Darl Rau — Tillie & Family

THURSDAY: May 27

(We pray for Shirley Markham: Parish Nurse)

Lin Steffler — Coley & Evy McDonagh
Tom Ryan Jr. — Kate Ryan
Mary Dietrich & Glavin Family — Rosemary McCallum

FRIDAY: May 28

(We pray for Diocesan Administrative Assistants)

Carolyn Rau — Gerard & Rosemary Ducharme
Donald Kenny — Clarence & Joan Regier
Dec. mem. of Pavkeje & Murray Families —
Mary Pavkeje

SATURDAY: May 29

(We pray for Deacon Christopher Stoesser)

Martha Wick — Joe & Joyce Essery
Cynthia Abraham — Kevin & Karen Wade
John O'Donnell — Jim & Rose Shanahan

SAT.: May 29 — Most Holy Trinity

SUN.: May 30 — Most Holy Trinity

Our Family of Parishes

Office & Mass Update

Please note that no one will be available to respond to telephone messages or email on both Tuesday, May 25 (stat. holiday) and Tuesday, June 1. On June 1 we will be attending a Zoom Conference hosted by the Diocese of London. If an emergency should arise you may always call our toll free number: 1-877-450-6414 and press 9.

There will be **NO Mass** on Tues., June 1 and Wed., June 2 due to a Diocesan Workshop.

Update on the Sacraments



The Bishop has granted us permission to baptize during this lockdown. Please contact Fr. Tony at taforet@dol.ca if you wish to have your child baptized.

Parents with children in Grade 2 are invited to our on-line **Formation Meeting** on Thurs., May 27 at 7 p.m. (for parents only), Please visit our website to register your child for First Reconciliation and First Communion. During this time, we found that some young people who prepared for First Communion last year during the pandemic, but did not yet receive their First Communion. If this is the case for your son or daughter, please email Fr. Tony at taforet@dol.ca if you require additional information.

At this time, we are still looking for volunteers to help prepare Grade 8 students for Confirmation. We need your assistance, so please pray about this request and respond if you are willing to assist us with these preparations for Confirmation.

Our next RCIA Meeting will be this Thurs., June 3 at 7 p.m. Please contact Fr. Tony Laforet at taforet@dol.ca if you wish to join us.

Job Posting: Pastoral Worker/Minister



Please see the attached link to view the job posting and details for the employment opportunity within Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes for the position of Pastoral Worker/Minister.

https://ec-prod-sites.s3.amazonaws.com/20719/documents/2021/4/312%20New%20Family%20Pastoral%20Minister_ed.pdf

Online Mass Requests



Good news!!! It is now possible to request Mass intentions on our website. Please go to www.lhcfp.dol.ca and scroll down until you see Online Mass Registrations. This will bring you to an online request form.

Diocese of London

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

Post Pandemic Life



One day (soon, God willing!), when everyone is fully vaccinated and it is completely safe, we will have a precious few weeks to welcome everyone back to Sunday Mass. That Sunday - whenever it is - must represent the best, most hospitable warm welcome and heart-moving celebrations our parishes are capable of. Remember the soul-searching that followed 911? Our window of opportunity will be very slim, as the people's spirit in those first few weeks will not come back at some later time. I invite all interested parishioners and a representative of each parish group (C.W.L., Knights, Social, Social Justice, Prayer, School, etc.) to join in an initial brainstorming session Wed., May 26 at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to mgeorge@dol.ca for registration. Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Laudato Si Retreat with Sr. Sue Wilson

Pope Francis invited us to celebrate the fifth anniversary of his encyclical, Laudato Si' on the care for our Common Home from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021. As the special year draws to a close, you are invited to a Laudato Si' retreat with Sr. Sue Wilson, CSJ from the Office of Systemic Justice on Sat., June 5 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Click the link to register: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

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

Covid Update from Bishop Fabbro #19

<https://www.dol.ca/news/covid-19-update-from-bishop-fabbro-update-19>

Collection Counters Needed



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

First World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

One day before the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, grandparents of Jesus, Pope Francis has established the first World Day of Grandparents and Elderly to be celebrated on July 25, 2021. Please save the date. More information about the celebration of this day in the Diocese of London will soon be available. For more information about how the Amoris Laetitia Family Year will be celebrated throughout the Diocese of London, please contact: familyandyouthministry@dol.ca.

Summer Employment Opportunity

We are considering hiring a student for the summer months to assist us with RCIA, sacramental prep and other ongoing programs until we hire a pastoral worker. Please call or email me at tlaforet@dol.ca if you have questions or are interested in this opportunity.

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

A Letter from Bishop Fabbro

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2021-05-May/2021%2005%2024%20Letter%20to%20the%20Faithful.pdf>

Office Notations

We find ourselves in an extended third 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. Messages and emails will be monitored as time allows.

Mass cards will not be distributed during this time.

All sacraments will be celebrated only if the pastor deems it to be a serious need.

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.

4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes

E-Transfers: simply send funds from your account to your parish site: St. Peter, Goderich stpetersgh@dol.ca

St. Boniface - stboniface@dol.ca

St. Peter, St. Joseph - 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>



Save A Family Plan's COVID-19 Crisis Campaign

Save A Family Plan is currently raising funds to assist impoverished families in India impacted by the pandemic. Donate today or consider supporting a family in starting a small business initiative so that they can become self-reliant. For details, visit www.safp.org or call 519-672-1115.

Live Streaming Masses from Zurich

During this extended provincial wide stay at home order and with our reduced capacity both indoors and outdoors to 10 people, 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 & churches remain closed). Fr. Vince Gulikers will also celebrate a private Mass on Saturday mornings. You may view the Masses by visiting our parishes YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN_P25W7IF9pI3SnXAyu5KQ. The link can also be found on our parish website <http://www.lhcfp.dol.ca/>

Wishing everyone a blessed Pentecost!

