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WEEKEND MASSES

GODERICH
SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 9:00AM

MOUNT CARMEL
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SATURDAY—5:00PM
SUNDAY 9:00AM

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Being a mission-oriented Church that forms disciples of Jesus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023—23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A—TWO WEEK BULLETIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of September has arrived which means a return to cooler weather, shorter days, and a time for harvesting. It also means the eventual return to the ice for those who love to play hockey or watch their favourite players and teams play the game. And, of course, it means the return to school for many children, young adults, and their educators.

Having also returned from my retreat this week with a deep sense of renewal and energy, I can see now that September is also an opportunity to begin anew! It is an opportunity to work with many young families who will be preparing their children for the sacraments, such as Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is an opportunity to renew our commitment to celebrate our Catholic faith in the Sunday Eucharist with God's family.

Sadly, for whatever reason, many have been complacent about practicing and living our faith, especially when it comes to celebrating that faith in hearing the Gospel and receiving the Eucharist each week. Complacency is destructive to the life of the church and our salvation. In the 5th century, St. Augustine, one of the early church Fathers, said, "On earth, we are wayfarers, always on the go. This means that we must keep moving forward.....If you are pleased with what you are, you have stopped already. If you say, 'it is enough, you are lost'. Keep on walking, moving forward, trying for the goal. Don't stop on the way, or to go back, or to deviate from it."

Theologian and author, Scott Hahn, in his book, Holy Is His Name, reminds us that throughout his letters to the early Christian communities, "St. Paul assumes that growth in holiness is a normal part of Christian life, and it requires our active engagement—our consent and cooperation. What we pray for is your improvement, he tells the Corinthians. Mend your ways (2 Cor 13.9, 11). Conversion, then, is not a once-in-a-lifetime event. It is a way of life."

My friends, today is an opportunity to renew our faith and encourage each other in our commitment to grow in holiness as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. Please take the opportunity to invite and encourage our family and friends to return to their faith by celebrating the Eucharist on Sunday with our Parish Family. Please also take the opportunity to join and invite others to participate in the Alpha Course, which begins Thursday, September 14th in Goderich. This is a great opportunity to renew our faith and relationship with Jesus, our friend and Savior.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 3rd - 9th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
September 10th - 16th, 2023

Nursing Home Masses

Tue, Sep 05, 2023			Tue, Sep 12, 2023		
Blue Water Rest Home, Zurich			Huronview Home for the Aged, Clinton		
10:30am—Mass	Doreen Dietrich	Estate	10:30am—Mass	Stephen Dietrich	Estate

St. Peter, St. Joseph

Tue, Sep 05, 2023			Tue, Sep 12, 2023		
11am—Adoration & Confession	Dr. Jack & Hellen Sales	Topolovic Family	11am—Adoration & Confession	Branko Draga Stjepan & Ana Kirin	Topolovic Family
12pm—Mass	Bill Brand	Toni Brand	12pm—Mass	Ivan Topolovec	Helen & Brian Blazon
	Joan Ducharme	Phil & Patty LaPorte		A Special Intention	Pat Langford
			Sat, Sep 16, 2023		
			2pm—Wedding	Nicholas Keep & Teresa Tran	

St. Boniface, Zurich

Wed, Sep 06, 2023			Wed, Sep 13, 2023		
11:30am—Adoration & Confessions	Lottie Grenier	Estate	11:30am—Adoration & Confessions	Int. of Paul & Jane Hartman & Family	Anthony & Monique Hartman
12:30pm—Mass	Int. of Margaret Suplat	Gary & Donna Blake	12:30pm—Mass	Marilyn Kelly	Mary Lou Denomme
	Int. of John & Mary Jacobs	Toni Brand		Virginia Denomme	Sandra Geromette
	A Special Intention	Mary Lou Denomme		Peter Bedard Sr.	Gerard & Rosemary Ducharme
	George Suplat	Margaret Suplat		Theresa Regier	Gloria DeGregorio
	Glenn Harburn	Janice Hartman & Family		Kevin McKinnon	Don & Elaine Beauchamp

St. Peter, Goderich

Tue, Sep 05, 2023					
11am—Funeral Mass	For William Van Osch	Obituary Link			
Wed, Sep 06, 2023			Wed, Sep 13, 2023		
8am—Adoration	Rohan Jayasundera	Michael Doherty	8am—Adoration	Doris Powers	Diane & Mark Lalonde
9:15am—Mass			9:15am—Mass		
Thu, Sep 07, 2023			Thu, Sep 14, 2023		
St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School					
10:15am—School Mass / Visit	Rosanne Yeats	Huron Perth Catholic DSB	12pm—Mass	Sean Rankin	Rita Tigert
Fri, Sep 08, 2023			Fri, Sep 15, 2023		
12pm—Mass	Eileen Riley	Suzette White	11am—Adoration & Confession	John Paul Rau	Michael & Kate Moriarty
			12:15pm—Mass		
Sat, Sep 09, 2023			Sat, Sep 16, 2023		
9am—Mass	Pauline Jacques	Barb Rau	9am—Mass	John "Jack" Armstrong	St. Peter CWL, Goderich
9:30am Adoration & Confession			9:30am Adoration & Confession		

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Wed, Sep 06, 2023			Wed, Sep 13, 2023		
9:15am—Mass	Int. of Fr. Vince Gulikers	Mark & Dianne Tucker	9:15am—Mass	Int. of Fr. Tony Laforet	Mark & Dianne Tucker
	Corry Huiberts	Martin & Lia Vandenberg		Bruce Fischer	Ken Reidy
Fri, Sep 08, 2023			Fri, Sep 15, 2023		
9:15am—Mass	Int. of Isaac Nickel & Family	Andrew Nickel	9:15am—Mass	Int. of Isaac Nickel & Family	Andrew Nickel
9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Viola Ducharme	Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene	9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Mary Murphy	Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

Thu, Sep 07, 2023			Thu, Sep 14, 2023		
9:15am—Mass	Peggy Davis		9:15am—Mass	Mike Hope	Theresa Hope
Sat, Sep 09, 2023			Sat, Sep 16, 2023		
9:15am—Mass	John & Leona Glavin	The Family	9:15am—Mass	Mike Hartman	Becky Sinning
9:45am—Adoration & Confession	Int. of Paul & Jane Hartman	Francis & Doreen Hartman	9:45am—Adoration & Confession		

Precious Blood, Exeter

Fri, Sep 08, 2023			Fri, Sep 01, 2023		
12:45pm—Mass	Cam McArthur	Huron Perth Catholic DSB	12:45pm—Mass	Louis Masse	Fred & Barb Truchon
1:15pm—Confession			1:15pm—Confession		

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar Please Keep In Your Prayers

- T 5-Sep-2023** Rev. Paul Auma, I.M.C.
W 6-Sep-2023 Rev. James Conlon
T 7-Sep-2023 Mrs. Bridget Corneil, Online Engagement Team
F 8-Sep-2023 *Madonna House Apostolate*
S 9-Sep-2023 Rev. John Jasica
- T 12-Sep-2023** Deacon Art Williams
W 13-Sep-2023 Rev. Mr. James Prins
T 14-Sep-2023 Rev. Robert Remark
F 15-Sep-2023 Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker
S 16-Sep-2023 Rev. Daniel Vere

Come and See Weekends

From Friday, November 10, 2023 to Sunday, November 12, 2023 or Friday, March 9, 2024 to Sunday March 11, 2024, St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17 years old and older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, provides spiritual help for discernment and offers the opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty of St. Peter's Seminary. A poster has been included at this [link](#) to advertise the event and please make sure you bring it to the attention of those in your community who might be interested.

For more information about either event, please get in touch with Fr. Danny Santos at vocations@dol.ca. To register, visit our website at www.dolpriest.ca/registration.

Cemetery Sunday in Goderich

Celebration at the cemetery will take place in St. Peter Cemetery at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2023**. Please join us for prayers, acknowledgment of burials over the last year, reading of the veterans role, and blessing of the graves.

Cemetery Sunday in Mount Carmel

Sunday October 1st, 2023 at noon
At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Youth & Family Masses

September 24th at St. Boniface Church, 8:30am. Please contact Kristyn if you're interested in volunteering (reading, singing, hospitality, etc.)

kristynegli@gmail.com



Sacramental Information

Baptism

Please contact **Fr. Tony** at tlaforet@dol.ca if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are now being celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses. The upcoming Baptismal Prep. class will be held **Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Zurich**.

Confirmation 2023

Confirmation for those students entering **Grade 8** this year will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. However, the preparation for these students has yet to be determined. Therefore, we are inviting anyone interested in forming a Confirmation Team to help us discern and put together a program that will best serve volunteers, students and their families. The Confirmation Team will also assist in implementing this program as well. If you are interested in taking a leadership role or assisting with the Confirmation program in any manner, please contact Fr. Tony at tlaforet@dol.ca or 877-450-6414 at extension 222. If there is enough interest, we will gather on Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30pm (location TBD).

Part 2 of Confirmation Classes will begin for **grade 9's** in the Fall of 2023. Both parts 1 and 2 are necessary for students to be Confirmed. The first part, Alpha for Youth, is now complete. The second part of the Confirmation Program will commence in September, and parents will be contacted when this process is ready to begin by the email address they provided in their registration.

Marriage

Please contact **Fr. Vince** at least one year in advance:
vgulikers@dol.ca

Confession Heals The Soul

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, confession is good for the soul. None of us are perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions **include** a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks.

Find a time for Confession that works for you, we are here to help and you'll feel better for it.

Confessions also available by appointment



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Family of Parishes Updates and Events

What is my purpose?
Is Jesus still relevant?
Is God present in my loneliness?
How can I have hope?

Where can I ask these questions?

Try Alpha



Join us for Alpha!

Starting **Thursday, September 14th**
At **6pm in Goderich, for 11 sessions plus a Saturday Retreat Day October 28th**

To register [click here](#) • space is limited!

Contact Rachael McDonald for more information at:
905-699-5447 • email: rachaelannemcdonald@gmail.com

What is Alpha?

Who is it for?

Alpha Stories

How does it work?

Who will you invite?

Check out our Alpha webpage on [here](#) for more information and [to register!](#)

Each Alpha session **includes a meal, a short video, time to connect, and plenty of time to discuss. Childcare is provided.**

Alpha is a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment with people who like you, want to explore.

Try Alpha

Lake Huron Family Catechism

Bring the whole family to learn more about their faith at these bi-weekly classes. The Family Foundation Institute has spent many years developing these courses where parents can collaborate as the first educators of their families, working together to teach their children while also getting catechized themselves. These classes are much beloved by many, and have been a wonderful source of connecting Catholic families together and developing firm foundations in their faith. Now the Family Catechism is coming to the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes!

Classes begin in September and families meet bi-weekly

If your family is interested in joining or helping out, contact Tammy at t.taylorbendig@outlook.com for more information. The location is to be determined, based on which families are interested.

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“Made Perfect in Weakness”

a Family of Parishes Retreat

Sunday, October 1st – Tuesday, October 3rd

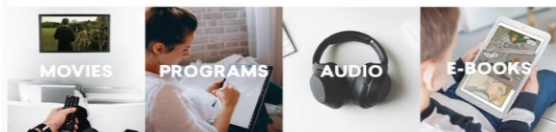
Drawing from the wisdom and writings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Fr. Steve Marsh will lead a retreat open to all our parishes, to learn how to become missionary disciples—not despite our weaknesses and failings, but *because* of them. Her “little way” makes becoming a Saint accessible to *all* people, because God said: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:8). Surprisingly, even though St. Thérèse lived in a convent, she was named the patron Saint of the missions! God revealed to her the path of how a small, ordinary person can become a missionary disciple within her own state of life, and how you can too!

This is a wonderful opportunity to get away and reconnect with the Lord without the distractions of work and life. This retreat will be taking place in Oxley at the Holy Family Retreat House (121 Victoria St, Harrow). The retreat will begin at 3pm on Sunday, October 1 and conclude with Mass and then breakfast on Tuesday, October 3. The cost is \$300.00 for single occupancy and \$495.00 for double occupancy. Meals are included in the registration fee. Carpooling is suggested.

To register please email Brenda Teichert at brendateichert@hotmail.com or Martha Mungar at mkmungar@hay.net – Please note the deadline for registrations is September 17, 2023.

Contact Brenda Teichert at brendateichert@hotmail.com or 519-524-4364 for more information.

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All parishioners of the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes have access to FORMED! FORMED provides the very best Catholic content to help families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. There are thousands of movies, children's programs, e-books, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device. Registration is easy and there is no cost to you. Directions to register are found on our website at: lakehuroncatholic.ca/formed

There is so much on the site we know it may be a bit overwhelming, so why not start with “*This Week on Formed*” which gives a few seasonal suggestions. Formed is an enjoyable way to grow in your faith. Why not give it a try!

Continued from [previous bulletin...](#)

MYTH #3 “I WON’T HAVE GRANDCHILDREN.” When a mother of a priest was asked at her only child’s ordination if she was sad she would never have grandchildren, she responded, “It’s not about me.” She was simply grateful that her son had found God’s will for his life. Many parents of priests are surprised to find that they gain “spiritual grandchildren”—thousands of people whose lives have been profoundly influenced by their son’s priesthood. There is a special joy in meeting people who exclaim, “You’re Fr. Jacob’s mother? He’s such a great priest!”

Office Notice Re: Cheques & E-Transfers

Please ensure that all cheques are made payable to your parish and NOT to Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes. For e-transfers please use the email address for your parish found below, under “4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes”. **Please be sure to include your first and last name as well as your email address in the notes section of e-transfer.** This is important for tax receipt purposes. Mass stipends follow the same rules as donations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

4 Ways to Donate to Our Family of Parishes

E-Transfers: send funds from your account to your parish site:

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- St. Boniface – stboniface@dol.ca
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- IHM – ihmgrandbend@dol.ca
- Precious Blood – preciousblood@dol.ca
- OLMC – ourladymc@dol.ca

PAD: sign-up and donate from your account. Please contact Lori Laporte-x-241 or Karen Kester-x-242: 1-877-450-6414 or email: lhcfp@dol.ca for more information.

Envelopes: contact the office for a box of offertory envelopes.

Pllenty: Donate with your credit card via our Pllenty link at the parish website under **DONATE**.

lakehuroncatholic.ca/donate

Did you know there can be tax advantages when donating shares? Find out more [here](#). If you would like to donate shares to your parish please contact Lori or Karen. Please consider your parish in your Estate planning.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Birth: 1581 • Death: 1660 • Feastday: September 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his studies in theology. He was ordained in 1600. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbonne, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and then Rome to continue his studies. There he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor, and established hospitals for them. He later extended his ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests.

Cook Wanted

Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 4 priests, paid position, cost of food is covered. Please contact Jim Van Lanen at jvanlanen@dol.ca.

Volunteer Opportunity - RCIA

This is a great opportunity for volunteers to teach and walk with new Catholics through the RCIA process. Please contact Fr. Tony 1-877-450-6414 ext. 222 or email: tlaforet@dol.ca.

Opening for Musicians in Goderich

Donna Archambault is retiring from leading the 5pm Saturday evening Mass choir! If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please contact the office at 1-877-450-6414.

Share your Talents Musicians!

Opening for Musicians at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend and Precious Blood, Exeter. Please contact Fr. Tony 1-877-450-6414 ext. 222 or email: tlaforet@dol.ca.

Do you love to Decorate?

Do you have a creative flare? Decorators, please contact Fr. Tony by email at tlaforet@dol.ca.

Becoming a Faithful Disciple

The Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is hosting a discipleship conference called "Becoming a Faithful Disciple" with David Wells from England on Saturday September 23, 2023. The event will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Spirit & Life Centre (St. Joseph Church Hall) in Chatham. This event is open to all parish staff and parishioners are welcome. Limited seating is available. The event is free but donations to the conference, which includes lunch, are welcome. More information and to register [click here](#) and on a downloadable poster at this [link](#).

Faithcation Retreat 2023 "Priest, Prophet, King"

This retreat is a time to rest, relax, and encounter Jesus as "Priest, Prophet and King". When we truly experience the love, peace and joy of Christ, our lives are totally transformed. This retreat will be led by Fr. John Jasica and is open to the faithful from any parish in the diocese. The weekend runs from 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 29 to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 1. Registration fee: \$275 (includes two nights' accommodation, meals, and retreat materials). Detailed info and registration available at this [link](#).

CWL Parish Events

St. Peter Church, Goderich CWL: Ladies' Luncheon & Fashion Show: Wed., Sept. 27, KofC Centre. Ladies, this is a major fundraiser and we need all the help we can get! To volunteer, call Evy McDonagh 519.524.6069. For tickets, call Evie Shand 519.524.2017.

Fashion Show Boutique Donations: Women's clothing, purses, jewellery and footwear will be accepted on Wednesdays, between 12 noon and 2:30 pm, on the following dates at the Columbus Centre -Sept. 6 and 13. Gift basket donations and donations of food product for the luncheon are requested and will be gratefully accepted during boutique hours.

General Meeting and Potluck Dinner Mon. Sept. 25 is cancelled: Our first Fall General Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be Oct. 30 in the KofC 1/3 Hall.

St. Peter Church, St. Joseph CWL: Potluck Dinner & General Meeting Ladies, please join us **Tuesday, September 12, 2023** in the Parish Hall. Social begins at 6:00pm. Meeting at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Precious Blood Church, Exeter CWL: Precious Blood CWL continues to collect Hansen's Independent grocery receipts. Please place them into the wooden box on the table in the church entrance. Your trash is our treasure as they give us a percentage of the subtotal back which we use for community outreach. Thank you in advance!



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Financial Overview

Period Ending
July 31, 2023



St Peter, Goderich					Immaculate Heart of Mary			
	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*
Operating Receipts	\$18,498	\$137,146	\$133,850	\$122,283	\$13,937	\$77,558	\$55,650	\$56,285
Operating Expenses	\$20,925	\$155,015	\$141,800	\$144,422	\$7,534	\$56,673	\$55,950	\$58,901
Surplus (Loss)	(\$2,427)	(\$17,869)	(\$7,950)	(\$22,139)	\$6,403	\$20,885	(\$300)	(\$2,616)

Precious Blood					Our Lady of Mount Carmel			
	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*
Operating Receipts	\$8,222	\$61,742	\$66,050	\$61,538	\$7,827	\$60,255	\$61,700	\$54,065
Operating Expenses	\$9,407	\$73,057	\$73,550	\$72,068	\$12,681	\$68,211	\$67,550	\$74,948
Surplus (Loss)	(\$1,185)	(\$11,315)	(\$7,500)	(\$10,530)	(\$4,855)	(\$7,956)	(\$5,850)	(\$20,883)

St. Peter, St. Joseph					St Boniface			
	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*
Operating Receipts	\$9,679	\$63,303	\$51,350	\$63,778	\$9,184	\$92,492	\$71,150	\$91,497
Operating Expenses	\$11,543	\$58,774	\$50,250	\$59,834	\$11,313	\$88,980	\$80,290	\$95,481
Surplus (Loss)	(\$1,864)	\$4,529	\$1,100	\$3,944	(\$2,129)	\$3,511	(\$9,140)	(\$3,984)

Lake Huron Family of Parishes				
	July 2023	2023 YTD	Budget YTD	PrvYTD (2022)*
Operating Receipts	\$67,346	\$492,495	\$439,750	\$449,446
Operating Expenses	\$73,404	\$500,710	\$469,390	\$505,654
Surplus (Loss)	(\$6,057)	(\$8,215)	(\$29,640)	(\$56,208)

PrvYTD is for Comparison over last year.

* 2022 has effects of Covid shutdowns & subsidies

<< This section is for information purposes only
It is simply our 6 parishes added together.

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We thank you all for your prayerful and financial support.

Thank you for your generosity.

Father Antoine (Tony) Laforet and your Finance Committee members.

YTD = Year to Date

Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes Finance Committee Members

St. Peter, Goderich - Paul Scholten
St. Boniface - Ted Soudant
St. Peter, St. Joseph - Michael Jardine
Recording Secretary- Benda Teichert
Pastor - Fr. Antoine (Tony) Laforet

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Jim Karry
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Open
Precious Blood - Jake Sweeny

Business Manager - Jim Van Lanen

Shared Expenses(shared staff salaries, office expenses etc.) split as follows as of 1 Jan 2023)

St. Peter, Goderich - 29%
St. Boniface - 16%
St. Peter, St. Joseph - 10%

Immaculate Heart of Mary - 13%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - 15%
Precious Blood - 16%

Based on Parish Donations (Sunday Offering, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving)

Commentary

- >Utility Bills, ALL Natural Gas were higher than expected, cost increases of ~ 50% higher than last year.
- >St Peter Goderich Large in and out YTD Share Lent at \$9,100, / \$6,600 more than budgeted, Thank you.
Diocesan assessment adjustment catchup of \$1K (large in& out donations raises both receipts and expenses)
~ \$1,300 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels, all covered by generous donation from parishioner.
- >Precious Blood. ~ \$4,700 expense/refurbishing Sacred Vessels & tabernacle all covered by generous donation from parishioner.
- > St. Peter St Joseph ~\$5,100 non budgeted expense to add electrical outlets to hall and new Stove for Kitchen
- > St. Boniface. Blessed by some large onetime donations into Operations YTD ~\$15,000
Expenses include some larger in and outs I.E. Jesuit+Aplha .



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25 August 2023

To: The Faithful of the Diocese of London

Re: Truth and Reconciliation Fund Annual Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just over a year ago on the 'penitential pilgrimage' that Pope Francis made to Canada, he said, "In a fraternal spirit, I encourage the Bishops and the Catholic community to continue taking steps towards the transparent search for truth and to foster healing and reconciliation." This year I am pleased to announce an exciting initiative, an annual collection for the diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Fund.

In December 2021, I established a Truth and Reconciliation Committee for the Diocese of London. Over the last twenty months the Committee has initiated dialogue with local Indigenous and Métis Peoples and promoted educational opportunities for clergy and diocesan employees. In June, the Committee provided an update on their work ([click here](#)) and information on approved projects ([click here](#)).

They have already done a lot of good work but, in their own words, "there is much more work to be done" as we continue the journey on the path to healing and reconciliation. The Committee's mandate includes promoting a fundraising campaign. The bishops of Canada have promised to raise \$30-million for the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Over the next few years, the Diocese of London will be contributing \$1.8-million towards that fund. The goal of the IRF is to support projects that advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, promote culture and language revitalization, foster education and community building and initiate dialogues involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth focusing on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

Today I am writing to you, the faithful of the Diocese, inviting you to support this fund. Your contributions will help us to reach our \$1.8-million commitment and to support local projects that are determined in collaboration with the First Nations and Métis people within the diocese and, as well, with other Indigenous organizations and service providers.

On the weekend of 23-24 September, the weekend before National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30th, each parish will take up a special Truth and Reconciliation Fund collection. We are grateful for your financial support, and we ask that you pray that our Catholic community will continue taking steps that foster healing and reconciliation.

Some have already contributed to the fund. I thank them for their support. Others have asked how they can contribute online. You can make an online donation through your parish or use the Diocese of London's online giving link (<https://dol.plenty.com>). Please select "Truth and Reconciliation Fund" from the available options or add it as a comment, so that your gift can be allocated properly.

I thank you in advance for your support of this important work as we journey together with Indigenous people, seeking truth, reconciliation, healing, and justice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB
Bishop of London