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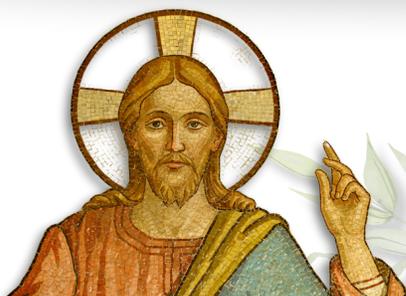
Being a Mission Oriented Church that Forms Disciples of Jesus

Sunday, August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Times

WEEKLY
BULLETIN

Year C



First Reading: Jeremiah: 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalms: 40
Second Reading: Hebrews: 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Welcome to our Family

6 parishes, one family
in Christ. United in
spirit and
strengthened by
community.

SUNDAY MASS

St. Peter, Goderich
Saturday 5pm | Sunday 9am
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Carmel
Sunday 11:15am
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend
Saturday 5pm | Sunday 9am
St. Boniface, Zurich
Sunday 8:30am
Precious Blood, Exeter
Sunday 11am
St. Peter, St. Joseph
Saturday 5pm | Sunday 11:30am

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"Jesus invites us to pick up our crosses and follow Him—even when it brings hardship or division (Luke 12:49–53). May this image inspire our reflection on the cost of discipleship and the grace that sustains us."

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

You came to set the earth ablaze with the fire of Your love.

Give me the courage to follow You without fear, even when Your call brings challenge or division.

Strengthen me to persevere in the race of faith, casting aside all that holds me back.

May my life bear witness to Your truth, and may I never grow weary in doing good.

Amen.

A Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You are my friend and my leader.

Help me to be brave and follow You, even when it's hard or people don't understand.

Fill my heart with Your love and joy so I can share it with everyone.

Amen.

Help Wanted – Housekeeper for the Rectory

We are seeking a Housekeeper for Mount Carmel Rectory. Duties include light cleaning and upkeep of the rectory building. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Deacon Jim Van Lanen or Fr. Tony.

We sincerely thank Mary Ann Craner for her many years of dedicated service and care for our parish!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – August 17, 2025

- First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10): Prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern for speaking truth to power. But Ebed-melech intervenes, rescuing him from death with royal approval.
- Second Reading (Hebrews 12:1–4): We are urged to cast off the burdens that hinder us and to run the race of faith with endurance, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus—the pioneer of our faith—who endured suffering for the joy set before him.
- Gospel (Luke 12:49–53): Jesus proclaims that his mission brings not peace, but division—even within families—calling us to discern what unconditional allegiance to him may cost.

Suggested Reflection Questions

- Rescue in the Mud: In what ways have you experienced God—or someone else—lifting you out of a "muddy cistern" of fear, discouragement, or hardship? How might you become a lifeline for someone else in their moment of need?
- Running the Faith Race: What burdens—past regrets, anxieties, distractions—are slowing you down spiritually? What daily practices or small changes could help you "cast them off" and run with renewed vigor?
- Division or Commitment?: Jesus warns that his message may divide even close relationships. How do you respond when your faith convictions create tension with loved ones? Is there a way to remain steadfast yet compassionate in those moments?



Sunday Seeds

Following Jesus – Even When It's Hard Sunday, August 17th

Sometimes Jesus asks us to do things that aren't easy—like being kind to someone who isn't kind to us, or telling the truth even if it might make people upset. In the picture, Jesus is carrying His cross. He did this because He loves us so much!

Try this:

This week, think of one way you can follow Jesus, even if it's a little hard. Maybe help someone at school, share with a friend, or say "I'm sorry" when you need to. Then ask Jesus to help you be brave, just like He was.

Sacraments

Baptism: To begin the process, please complete the online [Baptism Registration Form](#) and email it to LakeHuronCatholic@dol.ca.

First Reconciliation & First Communion: Registration for First Reconciliation will open in September 2025.

Confirmation: Confirmation will take place in Spring 2026.

Marriage: Engaged couples are asked to contact Fr. Tony at least one year in advance to begin marriage preparation: tlaforet@dol.ca.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call at the onset of serious illness or when death is imminent: 1-877-450-6414 ext. 9.

Reconciliation (Confession): Catholics are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament regularly. It brings peace, healing, and grace to the soul. Check the full schedule online: LakeHuronCatholic.ca. Confessions are also available by appointment: 1-877-450-6414.

In God's Presence

Weekday Mass & Requested Mass Intentions

August 17 - August 23

Nursing Homes

Exeter Villa

Tue Aug 19	† Doreen Dietrich □ Estate	10:30 am
Tue Aug 19	† Marion Sullivan □ Catherine Sullivan Regier	10:30 am

St. Peter, St. Joseph

Tue Aug 19	† Pat & Elaine Jeffrey □ The Family	12:15 pm
Tue Aug 19	Int. of Langford Family □ Patricia Langford	12:15 pm

St. Boniface, Zurich

Wed Aug 20	† Elaine Jeffrey □ Mary Lou Denomme	12:30 pm
Wed Aug 20	† John Jacobs □ Karl & Mary Regier	12:30 pm
Wed Aug 20	Int. of Andrew & Marina Hartman □ Francis & Doreen Hartman	12:30 pm
Wed Aug 20	Int. of Loretta Zettell □ Kate Moriarty	12:30 pm

St. Peter, Goderich

Wed Aug 20	† Maria Lourenco □ Estate	9:00 am
Thu Aug 21	† Cheryl Schmidt □ Gerard Schmidt	12:15 pm
Fri Aug 22	- John Ward □ Gilbert & Anne Brand	12:15 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Wed Aug 20	† Cecilia & Lloyd Strong □ Sharon Strong	9:15 am
Wed Aug 20	† Michele Arcangelo DeRita □ Rosa DeRita	9:15 am
Fri Aug 22	† Maureen Garinther □ Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene	9:15 am
Fri Aug 22	† Joseph Kuntz □ Jack & Kasey Santandrea	9:15 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

Thu Aug 21	† Nell McCann □ Estate	9:15 am
Thu Aug 21	† Paul Cronyn □ Carla Revington	9:15 am
Sat Aug 23	† Maria Lourenco □ Estate	9:15 am
Sat Aug 23	† Margaret Ann Hagan Bixby □ Peg Hagan	9:15 am

Precious Blood, Exeter

Fri Aug 22	† Beulah & Raymond Rivard □ Estate	12:45 pm
Fri Aug 22	† Martin Mommersteeg □ Nellie Mommersteeg	12:45 pm
Fri Aug 22	† Jean Maloney □ Helen Creces	12:45 pm
Fri Aug 22	† Mary Jansen □ Gary & Gail Sararas & Family	12:45 pm

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

ADORATION & CONFESSION - WEEK OF AUG 17

Tue, Aug 19	11am - 11:45am	St. Joseph	B	Confession
Wed, Aug 20	11:30am - 12:30pm	Zurich	B	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Aug 22	9:45am - 10:45am	Grand Bend	A	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Aug 22	11am - 11:45am	Goderich	B	Confession
Sat, Aug 23	9:45am - 10:45am	Mt. Carmel	A	Adoration & Confession

Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar

If you would like to support our parish financially, please consider donating using the parish codes provided. Your generosity helps sustain our ministries and outreach efforts—thank you!

Upcoming Parish Events

*and **MORE** on our website!*

- **Olive Woods from the Holy Land Visiting Parishes:**
 - **August 16-17** St. Boniface and Precious Blood parishes.
 - **September 5-6** St. Peter Church (Goderich) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- **Common Plate:** August 19th and September 2nd, then every week Tuesdays at Precious Blood, Exeter 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- **Leadership Team Meeting:** August 27 at 7pm
- ★ **Year of JUBILEE Worship Nights!** Join us 7pm, Sunday evening, August 31 at St. Peter Church in St. Joseph!
- **Cemetery Sunday Celebration:** Goderich on Sunday, September 7th, 2pm at the Cemetery.

A Heartfelt Thank You! - Goderich Pilgrimage Days
[Click Here to Read More...](#)

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store needs volunteers!
[Click here for more information](#)

Open House – 90th Birthday Celebration!
 Come and celebrate Mary Lou Denomme's 90th Birthday **Saturday, September 13** from 2–4pm in the gymnasium of the Mennonite Church.
 All are welcome to drop in and share the joy!

We hold in prayer all who are sick, that God may grant them healing and strength. We remember those who have died, especially Tony Relouw, and ask God's comfort and peace for all who mourn.

St. Peter, Goderich
 Join the family of Margaret (Garvey) Bolland and Dr. Peter Bolland, long-time parishioners of St. Joseph's, Kingsbridge, for their Rite of Committal on **Sunday, August 24 at 11:00 am** at St. Joseph's Cemetery. All are welcome for prayer, remembrance, and fellowship. Light refreshments will follow.



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everyone I meet and serve
You in all I do. Amen.*
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rest in God's presence

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