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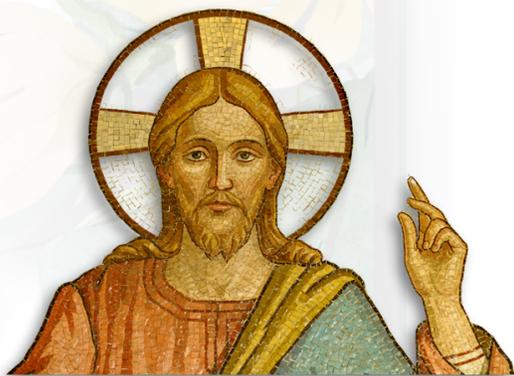
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Welcome  
to our Family  
of parishes



**WEEKLY** YEAR 6  
**NEWSLETTER**

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



**First Reading:** Wisdom: 9:13-18  
**Psalm:** 90  
**Second Reading:** Philemon: 9b-10,12-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

**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

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**SEPT  
21**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

GAMES & ACTIVITIES 4:00  
BBO 5:00  
WORSHIP 6:30



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

A lovely image that beautifully reflects the theme of this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) — depicting Jesus carrying the cross, accompanied by Simon as the fifth station of the cross. This powerful sculpture from Pasierbiec conveys the depth of discipleship and the cost of following Christ .

# SUNDAY SEEDS

Jesus tells His friends that following Him is not always easy. He says that anyone who wants to be His disciple must “carry their cross” and put Him first, even before other important things. Jesus wants us to think carefully about what it means to follow Him—and then to do it with love and courage!

## Children’s Prayer to Follow Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Help me to love You first. Give me courage to follow You, even when it is hard. Teach me to carry my little cross each day, and to share Your love with others.

~ Amen.

## Action Idea

This week, think of one small “cross” you can carry for Jesus—like helping at home without being asked, or being kind when it’s hard—and offer it to Him in prayer.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33), Jesus challenges us to consider the cost of discipleship. He reminds us that following him may require difficult choices—even more profound than familial loyalty—and calls us to “carry our cross” and commit wholeheartedly. He invites us to count the cost, much like one building a tower or a king assessing his chance in battle, ensuring we can follow through.

These themes are echoed in the First Reading (Wisdom 9:13-18), where human plans often fall short—but divine wisdom, given by the Holy Spirit, straightens our path. In the Second Reading (Philemon 9b-10, 12-17), Paul urges Philemon to welcome Onesimus not as a slave but as a beloved brother—signaling the transforming power of grace in community.

## Suggested Reflection Questions

Counting the Cost – What might Jesus be inviting me to “carry” or give up in order to follow him more faithfully in today’s world?

Transforming Relationships – How does the example of welcoming Onesimus as a brother challenge me to see others differently—even those I find difficult to accept?

Seeking Wisdom – In what area of my life do I acknowledge my limitations and invite the Holy Spirit’s wisdom to guide my decisions?

## PRAYER

### Prayer of Commitment to Discipleship

Lord Jesus,

You call us to follow You with undivided hearts. Give us the courage to carry our daily crosses, and the wisdom to seek Your will above all else. Teach us to count the cost of discipleship, not as a burden, but as a path to freedom and joy. Strengthen our love so that we may place You first— before comfort, possessions, and even our closest ties. May Your Spirit guide our choices, that our lives may reflect Your Gospel and lead others to know Your mercy and truth. ~ Amen.

## Upcoming Parish Events

and **MORE** on our website!

- **First Reconciliation / Holy Communion:** Registration is currently open. [For more information and to register here is the link.](#)
- **Common Plate:** every Tuesday at Precious Blood, Exeter 5:30pm to 7:00pm.
- **Olive Woods from the Holy Land Visiting Parishes:** September 6-7, at St. Peter Church (Goderich) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- **Jubilee Rosary Rally:** September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am at St. Patrick’s Church, Dublin. [See poster here](#) for more details.
- **Cemetery Sunday Celebration:** Goderich on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.
- **Leadership Team Meeting:** September 10, at 7pm.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** September 21, starting at 4pm, St. Boniface Church in Zurich. [Get your free tickets here and join us!](#)
- **You are invited to try Alpha:** Beginning September 22, at 5:30pm, St. Peter Church, St. Joseph. Please Email [brwest@tcc.on.ca](mailto:brwest@tcc.on.ca) or call 519 673 - 9299 for more information.
- **Baptism Prep. Class:** Thursday, October 16, at 6:30pm, St. Boniface Church in Zurich.

## In God's Presence

### Weekday Mass & Requested Mass Intentions

**September 7 - September 13**

#### Nursing Homes

Huron View

Tue Sep 09 † James Hagan Jr. ☐ Peg Hagan 10:30 am

#### School Masses (at school location)

St. Joseph, Clinton

Thu Sep 11 † Matthew Nicholas Fusaro ☐ Mom, Dad, Sister & Brother 9:00 am

St. Anne's HS, Clinton

Thu Sep 11 † Maria Lourenco ☐ Estate 10:30 am

#### St. Peter, St. Joseph

Tue Sep 09 † Phil Laporte ☐ Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene 12:15 pm

Tue Sep 09 † Monique Verschuere ☐ Cursillo Group Reunion 12:15 pm

#### St. Boniface, Zurich

Wed Sep 10 † Maria Lourenco ☐ Estate 12:30 pm

Wed Sep 10 † Leo Charles Ducharme ☐ Ducharme Family 12:30 pm

Wed Sep 10 A Special Intention ☐ Steve & Pat Meidinger 12:30 pm

Wed Sep 10 Int. of Mary & Karl Regier ☐ Kathryn Regier 12:30 pm

Wed Sep 10 Int. of Francis & Doreen Hartman ☐ Anthony & Monique Hartman 12:30 pm

#### St. Peter, Goderich

Wed Sep 10 † Maria Lourenco ☐ Estate 12:15 pm

Thu Sep 11 † Cheryl Schmidt ☐ Gerard Schmidt 12:15 pm

Fri Sep 12 † Cory Robertson ☐ St. Peter CWL, Goderich 12:15 pm

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Wed Sep 10 † Maureen Garinther ☐ Joan DeZorzi 9:15 am

Wed Sep 10 Int. of Brenda DeJong ☐ Dianne & Mark Tucker 9:15 am

Fri Sep 12 † Angelo Xerri ☐ Shirley Ann Beecroft 9:15 am

Fri Sep 12 † Tony Relouw ☐ Sally & Paul Johnson 9:15 am

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

Thu Sep 11 - John and Leona Glavin ☐ The Glavin Family 9:15 am

Sat Sep 13 † John & Elaine Campbell ☐ Carla Revington 9:15 am

#### Precious Blood, Exeter

Fri Sep 12 † Doreen Dietrich ☐ Estate 12:45 pm

Fri Sep 12 † Jean Maloney ☐ Dorothy Smith & Family 12:45 pm

Fri Sep 12 † Marion Sullivan ☐ Kathryn Regier 12:45 pm

Fri Sep 12 Int. of Macrina & Anastasia Smart ☐ Nancy Smart 12:45 pm

**To offer a Mass for a loved one or in Thanksgiving please complete the online form here.**

## From the Office of BISHOP FABBRO

Please see a letter to the faithful from Bishop Fabbro [at this link](#) about Land Acknowledgements in the Diocese of London.

#### ADORATION & CONFESSION - WEEK OF September 7th

Tue, Sep 09	11am - 11:45am	St. Joseph	<b>B</b>	Confession
Wed, Sep 10	11:30am - 12:30pm	Zurich	<b>B</b>	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Sep 12	9:45am - 10:45am	Grand Bend	<b>A</b>	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Sep 12	11am - 11:45am	Goderich	<b>B</b>	Confession
Sat, Sep 13	9:45am - 10:45am	Mt. Carmel	<b>A</b>	Adoration & Confession



[Diocesan Ministers Prayer Calendar](#)

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Please complete the online [Baptism Registration Form](#) and email it to [LakeHuronCatholic@dol.ca](mailto:LakeHuronCatholic@dol.ca). The next **Baptism Prep Class** will be held Thursday, October 16, at St. Boniface Church, in Zurich, 6:30pm.

**First Reconciliation registration is now open:** Registration for First Reconciliation is currently open until the end of September 2025. Please visit [the sacraments page on our website here](#) for more information, important dates and to register.

**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](mailto: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](http://LakeHuronCatholic.ca). Confessions are also available by appointment: 1-877-450-6414.

**Office Hours Tuesday to Friday: OPEN 8:30am - 3:30pm | CLOSED 12:30pm - 1:30pm and Thursday afternoons for Staff Meeting**

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everyone I meet and serve  
You in all I do. Amen.*

Take a moment this week to  
rest in God's presence

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