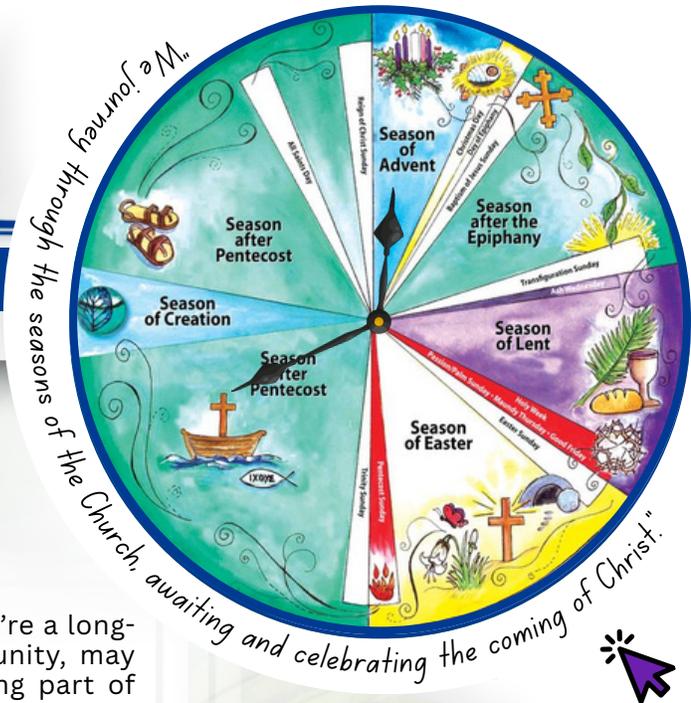


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WEEKLY BULLETIN YEAR A

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

DECEMBER 7TH 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent



First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm: 72
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

- 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**
Sunday 9am
 - St. Boniface, Zurich**
Saturday 5pm | Sunday 8:30am
 - Precious Blood, Exeter**
Saturday 5pm | Sunday 11am
 - St. Peter, St. Joseph**
Sunday 11:30am



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2025

Christmas Schedule

	Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day Mass	The Holy Family Vigil Mass	The Holy Family Mass	Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass	Mary Mother of God Mass
	Wednesday 12/24/2025	Thursday 12/25/2025	Saturday 12/27/2025	Sunday 12/28/2025	Wednesday 12/31/2025	Thursday 1/1/2026
St. Boniface, Zurich	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend	5:00 PM	9:00 AM		9:00 AM	5:00 PM	
St. Peter, Goderich	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	
Our Lady of Mount Camel, Mount Carmel	5:00 PM	11:30 AM		11:15 AM		10:00 AM
Precious Blood, Exeter	5:00 PM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM	11:00 AM		10:00 AM
St. Peter, St. Joseph		9:00 AM		11:30 AM		10:00 AM



Pieter Bruegel the Elder, *The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist*. Public Domain. Image via Wikimedia Commons.

For Reflection



1. What in my life needs to be pruned back so new growth in Christ can take root?
2. How can I make room in my heart this Advent for the coming of the Holy Spirit?
3. What would it look like for me to “prepare the way of the Lord” in my daily life?

Prayer

God of promise, send Your Spirit into our hearts. Help us to turn from sin and prepare a straight path for Your Son. May our lives bear the fruits of repentance and joy this Advent. Amen.

Matthew 3:1-12 - John the Baptist

John the Baptist calls out in the desert: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2). His fiery words remind us that Advent is more than preparing for Christmas celebrations – it is preparing our hearts for Christ. John points to the One who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (v. 11).

Isaiah proclaims the coming of a shoot from the stump of Jesse, upon whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest (Isaiah 11:1-2). This is the Messiah who brings peace, justice, and hope for all nations. St. Paul urges us to live in harmony so that we may “glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” with one voice (Romans 15:6). Advent calls us to repentance, but also to hope – trusting that God’s Spirit brings new life even from what seems dead.

Sunday Seeds



John the Baptist told everyone: “Get ready, the Lord is coming!” He wanted people to change their hearts and live God’s way.

- **Try this...** Help prepare your home for Christmas in a way that also prepares your heart: each time you set up something (tree, nativity, decorations), say: “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Upcoming Parish Events

For more visit our website at LakeHuronCatholic.ca

- **Dec. 6 | Saint Nicholas Day**
- **Dec. 6 | National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women (Canada)**
- **Dec. 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- **Dec. 9 & 10 | Day of Confessions** (see schedule page 3)
- **Dec. 10 | Christmas Carolling for our Homebound**
- **Dec. 13 | Leadership Team Retreat**
- **Dec. 14 | Pancake and Sausage Breakfast:** At **IHM** at 10am.
- **Dec. 14 | Soup Sunday:** At **SPJ** after Mass.
- **Dec. 14 | Coffee Sunday:** At **SPG** after 9am Mass.
- **Dec. 24 | Office Closed:** from noon and reopens January 6
- **Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve**
- **Dec. 25 | The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day**
- **Dec. 26 | Saint Stephen’s Day / Boxing Day**
- **Dec. 28 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- **Dec. 28 | Bishop Fabbro is celebrating the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year at St. Peter’s Cathedral in London. All are welcome to attend in person or via the livestream.**
- **Dec. 31 | New Year’s Eve**
- **Jan. 1 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God / New Year’s Day**
- **Jan. 6 | Office Reopens:** at 8:30am

If you would like to join us for prayers please visit the website for locations, times and dates. We have 3 locations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. [Click here for more information.](#)

Parish Key (in color on [website](#))

- STB** St. Boniface Church, in Zurich
- SPG** St. Peter Church, in Goderich
- SPJ** St. Peter Church, in St. Joseph
- PBE** Precious Blood, in Exeter
- IHM** Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Grand Bend
- OLMC** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in Mt. Carmel

Continuing Parish Events

- **Youth & Family Mass Sundays:**
 - **SPG | Dec. 14th**
 - **PBE | Dec. 21st**
- **Leadership Meeting:** **PBE Dec. 17th** at 6pm
- **Mystagogy:** **STB** runs one Sunday per month at 4pm. Next date coming soon.
- **R.C.I.A.:** **STB** 1pm and runs Sundays ending at Easter. Next date is Dec. 14th
- **Common Plate:** **PBE** Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm
- **Fishes & Loaves:** **SPG** Tuesdays see this [link](#) for more details.

School Events

- **St. Boniface School Christmas concert Dec 10** with snow date Dec 11, in the school gym
 - 9:30am dress rehearsal for whole school
 - 12:45pm matinee open to families
 - 6:00pm evening performance
- **St. Boniface School Christmas Feast Dec 16**
- **Precious Blood School Christmas Dinner Dec 16**

In God's Presence

Weekday Mass Intentions

December-07 - December-13

Nursing Homes

Huron View

Tue Dec 09	† Bridget Hagan [] Peg Hagan	10:30 am
Tue Dec 09	† Doreen Dietrich [] Estate	10:30 am

St. Peter, St. Joseph

Tue Dec 09	† Marilyn Durand [] Huron-Perth Catholic DSB	12:15 pm
Tue Dec 09	Int. of Monique & Tony Hartman & Family [] Wendy and Pete Vergeer	12:15 pm

St. Boniface, Zurich

Wed Dec 10	† Caroline Rau [] Lori, Austin & Murray Armstrong	12:30 pm
Wed Dec 10	† Michael Hartman [] Yvonne Hartman and family	12:30 pm
Wed Dec 10	† Michael Moriarty [] Bill & Ann Phelan & Family	12:30 pm
Wed Dec 10	† Josef Risi [] Gerard & Rosemary Ducharme	12:30 pm
Wed Dec 10	Int. of MaryLou Denomme [] Laura Overholt & Family	12:30 pm

St. Peter, Goderich

Wed Dec 10	† Funeral for Joan (Van Osch) Middegaal	11:00 am
Thu Dec 11	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	12:15 pm
Thu Dec 11	† Mary Lou Robinson [] Adele & Mike Drennan	12:15 pm
Thu Dec 11	† Hannah Rosario Connolly [] The Smith Family	12:15 pm
Thu Dec 11	Int. of Muriel Murphy [] St. Peter CWL, Goderich	12:15 pm
Fri Dec 12	† Murray Biluk [] The Biluk & Roswalka Families	12:15 pm
Fri Dec 12	Int. of Geraldine Goss [] Monday Night Prayer Group	12:15 pm
Fri Dec 12	Int. of Ann Lalonde [] St. Peter CWL, Goderich	12:15 pm
Fri Dec 12	Int. of Vince Gulikers [] St. Peter CWL, Goderich	12:15 pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend

Wed Dec 10	† Tillie Rau [] Jerry & Rose Vanbruaene	9:15 am
Wed Dec 10	† Dec. members of the Schiller Family [] Sharon Strong	9:15 am
Wed Dec 10	In Thanks Giving Jason Oud [] Jason Oud	9:15 am
Fri Dec 12	† Jim DeZorzi [] John & Gera Peters	9:15 am
Fri Dec 12	† Catherine McCotter [] Angela O'Shea	9:15 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel

School Mass

Thu Dec 11	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	9:15 am
Thu Dec 11	† James, Larry & Patricia Marie Marrian [] Michelle & Braden Seabrook	9:15 am
Sat Dec 13	† Anne Cronyn Lewis [] Carla Revington	9:15 am
Sat Dec 13	† Marie Marrian [] Gary, Arlene & Olvin Van Boxmeer	9:15 am

Precious Blood, Exeter

Fri Dec 12	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	12:45 pm
Fri Dec 12	† Dorothy Drager [] Huron-Perth CDSB	12:45 pm

Bishop Fabbro's Advent/Christmas message can be found on our website at this [link](#) in English and French. Downloadable/printable PDFs are available there as well.

ADORATION & CONFESSION - WEEK OF December 7, 2025

Tue, Dec 09	9am - noon	St. Joseph	B	Confession
Wed, Dec 10	See Day of Confessions Schedule			
Fri, Dec 12	9:45am - 10:45am	Grand Bend	A	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Dec 12	11am - 11:45am	Goderich	B	Confession
Sat, Dec 13	9:45am - 10:45am	Mt. Carmel	A	Adoration & Confession

Sacraments

Baptism: Please complete the online [Baptism Registration Form](#) and email it to LakeHuronCatholic@dol.ca. The next Baptism Prep Class will be held Thursday, **January 8, 2026**, at St. Boniface Church, in Zurich, 6:30pm.

Confirmation:

- **To Register:**
 - Please visit LakeHuronCatholic.ca/Sacraments
- **Parent / Candidate Meeting:**
 - Zurich, January 6th at 7pm
 - Goderich, January 7th at 7pm

First Communion:

- **Parent Night:** St. Boniface Church, in Zurich, Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm

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

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

Reconciliation (Confession): We 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.

We pray for all who are sick, asking God to grant them healing and strength. We also remember those who have died, **especially Joan Middegaal**, and ask the Lord to bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

IHM CWL held a very successful Raffle, draw date Nov 4/25. The following are the Raffle Ticket winners:

1st prize 1 Night Getaway with 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts [donated by Oakwood Resorts] – **Barbara Anne Ottewell, Tobermory**

2nd prize Live Edged Coffee Table [created and donated by Bob Lovie] – **Thea Stokkermans, Grand Bend**

3rd prize Diamond Bracelet [donated by Lia & Martin Vandenberg] – **Carolyn Mele, Grand Bend**

4th prize \$150 Gift Certificate to The Lake Hound [donated by Rice Homes, Grand Bend] – **Kalina Amatruda, Waterloo**

5th prize 2 Tickets to Huron Country Playhouse 2026 Season [donated by Drayton Entertainment] – **Lina Henry, Grand Bend**

6th prize \$100 Gift Certificate at No Frills [donated by Dani & Matt's No Frills, Grand Bend] – **Walter Borecki, Thedford**

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and purchased tickets!

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Day of Confessions

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

** St. Peter, St. Joseph
9am – 12pm

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend
10am – 12pm
St. Boniface, Zurich
10:30am – 12:30pm, 2pm–4pm, and 6:30pm – 8pm
Precious Blood, Exeter
10:30am – 12pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Carmel
1:30pm – 4:30pm and 7pm – 8:30pm
** St. Peter, Goderich
4pm – 7pm

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