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WEEKLY Bulletin

Welcome
to our Family
of parishes



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42.1- 4, 6-7
PSALM: 29
SECOND READING: ACTS 10.34-38
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3.13-17

Baptized and Beloved: Stepping Forward in Faith

Dear Parish Family,

At the Baptism of the Lord, we hear God proclaim: *"You are my beloved."* Those words are spoken over each of us.

As we step into Ordinary Time, may we walk together as a family of faith – growing, serving, and living Christ's love in the world. Thank you for being part of our parish home.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Tony and the Leadership Team



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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

Our Catholic Faith *Did You Know?*

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time – reminding us that Christmas is not only something we celebrate, but something we live.

January 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord

A Reflection on the Gospel - Matthew 3.13-17

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus enters the Jordan to stand with us and reveal God's love. Isaiah foretells the gentle Servant filled with the Spirit, and in the Gospel the Father proclaims Jesus as His beloved Son. St. Peter reminds us that Christ was sent to bring goodness and healing to all. As we remember our own baptism, we are invited to renew our identity as God's children and to follow Christ with humility and courage.

Questions for Reflection at Home

1. How does recalling my baptism influence the choices I make this week?
2. Where is God calling me to bring goodness or healing to others?
3. How can I open myself more fully to the Holy Spirit?

**Sunday Seeds**

John the Baptist was baptizing people and teaching them to turn back to God. This Sunday we remember that Jesus also came to the Jordan river to be baptized. When Jesus came out of the water, the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit came like a dove, and God said, "This is my beloved Son."

The readings remind us that Jesus brings peace and hope. Our baptism makes us part of God's family. The Holy Spirit helps us to love, share, and follow Jesus each day.

Try one or more of the following activities: 1) colouring a star; **2)** on each star, write a good deed like say a kind word, give someone a smile, be patient, say a prayer for someone who is sad; **3)** pick one star to take home and try to do the deed written on that star.



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For Personal Prayer This Week

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus You revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Renew in us the grace of our baptism, and help us to live each day as Your children, filled with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Upcoming Parish Events**Parish Key** (in color on our [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** • Jan. 11 (*every 2nd Sunday)
 - **PBE** • Jan. 18 (*every 3rd Sunday)
 - **STB** • Jan. 25 (*every 4th Sunday)
- **Common Plate:** **PBE** every Tuesday from 5:30-7pm.
- **Fishes & Loaves:** **SPG** Tuesdays see this [link](#) for more details.

***For more First Communion and Confirmation Dates please see page 4 under Sacraments or view [online here](#).

This Week in Our Family of Parishes

For more visit our website at [LakeHuronCatholic.ca](#)

- **Jan. 10 • Confirmation Commitment Sunday** (all 5pm Masses)
- **Jan. 11 • Confirmation Commitment Sunday** (all morning Masses)
- **Jan. 11 • next RCIA: SPG**
 - relocating to St. Peter, Goderich  **New Location**
 - from 2pm-4pm.
 - seeking sponsors to journey with candidates in faith. If you are open to this calling, please consider phoning Nancy at the office, ext. 200.
- **Jan. 11 • next Mystagogy:** **STB** at 4:00pm
- **Jan. 14 • Leadership Team Meeting:** **PBE** at 6:30pm
- **Jan. 15 • Parish Pastoral Council:** **SPJ** at 7:30pm
- **Jan. 17 • First Communion Commitment Sunday** (all 5pm Masses)
- **Jan. 18 • First Communion Commitment Sunday** (all morning Masses)

In God's Presence

Sacraments

Baptism:

1. Please complete the online [Baptism Registration Form](#).
2. Email the form to LakeHuronCatholic@dol.ca.
3. The next Baptism Prep Class will be announced soon.

First Communion:

- **Jan. 13 Parent Night** @ 7pm St. Boniface, Zurich
- **Jan. 17 Commitment Sunday** @ all 5pm Masses
- **Jan. 18 Commitment Sunday** @ all morning Masses
- **Mar. 28 First Communion Retreat** @ Precious Blood Church, Exter 10am - 2pm

Confirmation:

To register your child visit our website at LakeHuronCatholic.ca/Sacraments.

- **Jan. 10 Commitment Sunday** at all 5pm Masses
- **Jan. 11 Commitment Sunday** at all morning Masses
- **Feb. 1 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Feb. 8 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Feb. 15 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Feb. 22 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Mar. 01 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Mar. 08 Mass and Confirmation Education Session** @ 11:30am St. Peter Church, St. Joseph
- **Retreat Day - after March Break**
 - *details to be confirmed*
- **Confirmation Celebration Bishop Fabbro**
 - *details to be confirmed*

*** Interested in volunteering for Confirmation Education Sessions? Contact Nancy Smart ext. 200

Marriage:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

Call at 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.

Prayers

To join us for prayer, please visit our website for locations and dates. We gather on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. [Click here for more information](#).

Weekday Mass Schedule & Intentions

January-11 to January-17		
Nursing Homes		
<u>Huron View</u>		
Tue Jan 13	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	10:30 am
Tue Jan 13	- Jean Lalonde [] Denise Morris	10:30 am
St. Peter, St. Joseph		
Mass Cancelled - Tue Jan 13		
St. Boniface, Zurich		
Wed Jan 14	† Tillie Rau [] Lynn Marie & Mike Finney	12:30 pm
Wed Jan 14	† Bill, Christine & John Woodhouse [] C. & D. Woodhouse	12:30 pm
Wed Jan 14	Int. of Karl & Mary Regier [] Janice Hartman	12:30 pm
St. Peter, Goderich		
Mass Cancelled - Tue / Wed / Thu Jan 14, 15, 16		
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend		
Wed Jan 14	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	9:15 am
Wed Jan 14	Int. of Fr. Vince Gulikers [] Cathy & Andy Vrolyk	9:15 am
Mass Cancelled - Fri Jan 16 (10am)		
Funeral: Larry Laforet - Fri Jan 16 (11am) - Obituary ...may he rest in peace		
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel		
Thu Jan 15	† Marie Marinan [] Lynn & Jim Vanhie & family	10:00 am
Sat Jan 17	† Nell McCann [] Estate	9:15 am
Sat Jan 17	† Maria Lourenco [] Estate	9:15 am
Precious Blood, Exeter		
Fri Jan 16	† Jean Coleman [] The Coleman Family	12:45 pm
Fri Jan 16	- Theresa Ringler [] Fred & Barb Truchon	12:45 pm

Adoration & Confession

Key: B = before mass... A = after mass

ADORATION & CONFESSION - WEEK OF January 11, 2026					
Tue, Jan 13	Cancelled	11am - 11:45am	St. Joseph	B	Confession
Wed, Jan 14	Regular	11:30am - 12:30pm	Zurich	B	Adoration & Confession
Thu, Jan 15	New Date & Time	9:15am - 10:00am	Mt. Carmel	B	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Jan 16	Cancelled	9:15am - 10:00am	Grand Bend	B	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Jan 16	Cancelled	11am - 11:45am	Goderich	B	Confession

DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

We pray for all who are sick, asking God to grant them healing and strength. We also remember those who have died, including [Larry Laforet](#), and ask the Lord to bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

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*Lord, help me to see You in
everyone I meet and serve
You in all I do. Amen.*

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rest in God's presence

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