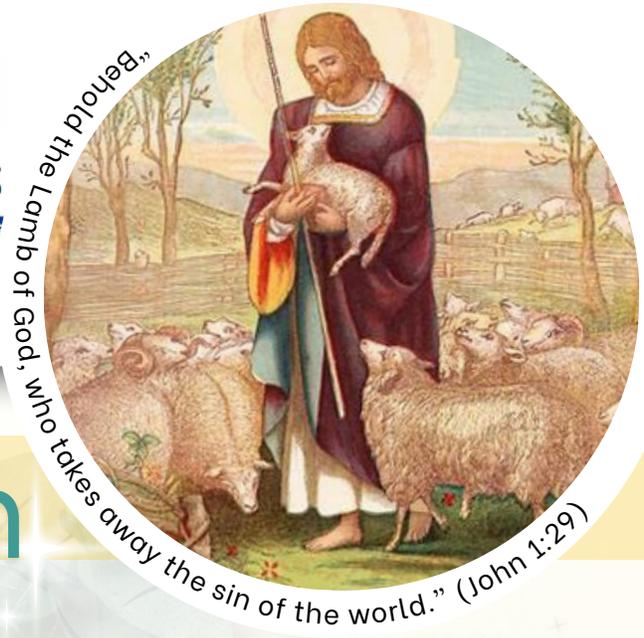




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WEEKLY Bulletin Welcome to our Family of parishes

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49.3, 5-6
PSALM 40
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1.1-3
GOSPEL: JOHN 1.29-34

Behold the Lamb of God: A People Who Belong

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to behold Jesus as the Lamb of God – the one who walks with us, leads us, and gives His life for the world. In Him, we discover not only our Saviour, but our Shepherd, who knows us by name and gathers us into one family.

As a Family of Parishes, we continue our journey together rooted in faith, guided by hope, and united in His love. Whether you are a long-time parishioner or joining us for the first time, know that you belong here. May this Eucharist renew our hearts and draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Tony and the Leadership Team



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Our Catholic Faith *Did You Know?*

When John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God," he is pointing to Jesus as the sacrifice who takes away the sin of the world. This title connects Jesus to the Passover lamb and reminds us that His love is a gift given for our salvation.

January 18, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist
by Almeida Júnior, 1895*

For Personal Prayer This Week

Jesus, our loving Shepherd and Saviour, thank You for giving Your life for us and calling us by name. Help us to trust in Your mercy, follow Your voice, and walk each day in Your love. Amen.

Walking with the Word



A Reflection on the Gospel - John 1.29-34 “Jesus, the Son of God. Proclaimed by John”

In this reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming to him and recognizes Him as the Lamb of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world. John explains that he did not fully know Jesus before, but God revealed Him so that all Israel could recognize Him. John testifies that he saw the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus like a dove, showing that Jesus is the one chosen by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit. John affirms to everyone that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

Questions for Reflection at Home

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be called the “Lamb of God” who takes away the sin of the world?
2. How do we recognize Jesus in our own lives, as John recognized Him at the Jordan?
3. In what ways does the Holy Spirit guide or remain with us, just as it came upon Jesus?

Sunday Seeds



Jesus is called the Lamb of God because He loves us and gave His life for us. Just like a shepherd cares for his sheep, Jesus watches over us every day and keeps us close to His heart.

Family Faith at Home

Talk Together: John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God.” What do you think it means that Jesus is our Shepherd who loves us and takes care of us?

Pray Together: Jesus, our Shepherd and our Lamb, thank You for loving us so much. Help our family to follow You with trusting hearts. Amen.

Upcoming Parish Events

Parish Key (in color on our [website](http://LakeHuronCatholic.ca))

- 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, Grand Bend
- OLMC** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Carmel

Continuing Parish Events

- **Youth & Family Mass Sundays:**
 - **PBE** • Jan. 18 (*every 3rd Sunday)
 - **STB** • Jan. 25 (*every 4th Sunday)
 - **SPG** • Feb. 8 (*every 2nd Sunday)
- ***unless notified otherwise
- **Common Plate: PBE every Tuesday** from 5:30-7pm.
- **Fishes & Loaves: SPG Tuesdays** see this [link](#) for more details.

***The full schedule for First Communion and Confirmation can be found under the Sacraments on our [website here](http://LakeHuronCatholic.ca).

This Week in Our Family of Parishes

For more visit our website at LakeHuronCatholic.ca

- **Jan. 17** • RCIA: **SPG** @11am
- **Jan. 17** • **First Communion Commitment Sunday** (all 5pm Masses)
- **Jan. 18** • **First Communion Commitment Sunday** (all morning Masses)
- **Jan. 25** • RCIA: **SPG** @2pm
- **Jan. 25** • **Coffee Sunday: STB** after Mass
- **Jan. 29** • **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: SPJ** @7pm
- **Jan. 31** • **Liturgy Meeting: SPJ** @ 12:30pm
- **Feb. 1** • **Confirmation Mass & Education Sessions: begin SPJ** @ 11:30am

We Hold Our Parish Family in Prayer

We pray for all who are sick, asking God to grant them healing and strength. We also remember those who have died, including **Herman Steffens, and Maria ‘Riet’ Winters**, and ask the Lord to bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

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.](#)

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 as soon as possible.

First Communion: Mar. 28 Retreat @ Precious Blood Church, Exter 10am – 2pm

Confirmation:

- **To register your child:** visit our website at LakeHuronCatholic.ca/Sacraments.
- **Feb. 1:** Mass and Confirmation Education Sessions begin and run on Sundays for 6 weeks.

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.

Employment and Job Opportunities

We are grateful for the many gifts within our parish community. If you or someone you know is seeking meaningful work in a faith-filled environment, please view the listings [here](#) for current employment opportunities.

- Youth and Family Coordinator – Lay Ecclesial Minister – Zurich
- Business Manager – Zurich – *Dcn. Jim VanLanen is retiring*
- Part-time Housekeeper – Mount Carmel
- Part-time Housekeeper – Goderich
- Part-time Musician – Grand Bend

Called to Serve at the Table of the Lord?

We are inviting parishioners who feel called to serve as Eucharistic Ministers to consider this beautiful ministry.

No experience is required – training is provided.

If you have a heart for service and a reverence for the Eucharist, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to register for training, please contact the parish office at:

1-877-450-6414

Adoration & Confession

ADORATION & CONFESSION - WEEK OF January 18, 2026					
Tue, Jan 20	Regular	11am - 11:45am	St. Joseph	B	Confession
Thu, Jan 22	New Date & Time	9:15am - 10:00am	Mt. Carmel	B	Adoration & Confession
Fri, Jan 23	Regular	9:15am - 10:00am	Grand Bend	B	Adoration
Fri, Jan 23	Regular	11am - 11:45am	Goderich	B	Confession

Weekday Mass Schedule & Intentions

January-18 - January-24					
Nursing Homes					
Exeter Villa					
Tue Jan 20	† Ann Hagan	□ Peg Hagan			10:30 am
St. Peter, St. Joseph					
Tue Jan 20	† Rollande Duffy	□ Anna Marie Patterson			12:15 pm
Tue Jan 20	† Ivan & Peter & Ljuba Topolovec	□ Branka Topolovec			12:15 pm
Tue Jan 20	† Stjepan & Anna Kiren	□ Topolovec Family			12:15 pm
St. Boniface, Zurich					
School Mass					
Fri Jan 23	† Jasia Hartman	□ Phil & Linda Regier			9:15 am
Fri Jan 23	In Thanks Giving	Margaret Suplat	□ Margaret Suplat		9:15 am
Fri Jan 23	Int. of Andrew & Marina Hartman	□ Janice Hartman			9:15 am
Fri Jan 23	Int. of Phil and Linda Regier	□ Margaret Suplat			9:15 am
St. Peter, Goderich					
Wed Jan 21	† Kay Sharp	□ Barb Eedy			9:00 am
Wed Jan 21	Int. of Anne Brand	□ Patricia Boughen			9:00 am
Thu Jan 22	† Mary Bee	□ St. Peter CWL, Goderich			12:15 pm
Thu Jan 22	† Mike Dalton	□ Jim & Patrica Martin			12:15 pm
Fri Jan 23	† Jim Robertson	□ Bridget Van Osch			12:15 pm
Fri Jan 23	† Marinus Botbyl	□ Rob & Karen Million			12:15 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grand Bend					
Wed Jan 21	† Rita and Real Schiller	□ Sharon Strong			10:00 am
Wed Jan 21	Int. of Rev. Antoine (Tony) Laforet	□ Sally and Paul Johnson			10:00 am
Wed Jan 21	Int. of Rev. Thomas Donohue	□ Sally and Paul Johnson			10:00 am
Fri Jan 23	Int. of Fr. Tony Laforet	□ Cathy & Andy Vrolyk			10:00 am
Fri Jan 23	Int. of Fr. Tom Donohue	□ Cathy & Andy Vrolyk			10:00 am
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mount Carmel					
Thu Jan 22	- Cindy Regan	□ John & Cecile Muller			10:00 am
Thu Jan 22	† Marie, Jim Marrinan	□ James Marrinan			10:00 am
Sat Jan 24	† Nell McCann	□ Estate			9:15 am
Sat Jan 24	† Marie, Jim Marrinan	□ James Marrinan			9:15 am
Precious Blood, Exeter					
Wed Jan 21 Funeral Mass - Herman Steffens					11:00 am
School Mass					
Fri Jan 23	† Beulah & Raymond Rivard	□ Estate			12:45 pm
Fri Jan 23	† Jean Coleman	□ The Coleman Family			12:45 pm

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