2nd Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016

Living as a faithful disciple of Jesus require that we strive to follow his example, practice his teachings in our lives and go where he leads us. And although we will have ups and downs, Jesus will work by his grace, and through our efforts to be faithful to him, to change and transform us so that we are blessed with joy and peace.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 - 28

MONDAY: February 22
(We pray for Beacon Lampary Lapham)

TUESDAY: February 23
(We Pray for Fr. Thomas Dula, Campus Minister)

St. Peter’s Church
11:30 am - Stations of the Cross
12:00 pm - Mass followed by Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Bernadette & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Int. of Larry Langan

*Nick & Dolly Jeffrey - Joseph Siemon

WEDNESDAY: February 24
(We Pray for Rev. Edward Berron)

St. Boniface Church - 7:00 pm - Teaching Mass
"Deviations to Our Lady of Perpetual Help"

For the safe arrival of the Holy Family

The Refugee Committee

*Bill Bedour - Miranda Armstrong

+ Gloria Bedour - Doug & Audrey Meidinger

THURSDAY: February 25
(We Pray for Rev. Joseph Quinn, C.S.B.)

Bluewater Resthouse - 3:30 pm

*David Stark - Pete & Bonnie Regier

Int. of Theresa Kolkman

+ Remy Denomme - Darill & Tilly Rau

FRIDAY: February 26
(We Pray for Mrs. Maria Mollica, Youth Ministry)

St. Boniface - 9:15 am
"Followed by Stations of the Cross"

(12th Ann.) Phil Overholt - Ven. Josephine Overholt

*Josephine Denomme - Mary Lu Denomme

+ Isidore LaPorte - Ursula Regier

SATURDAY: February 27
(We Pray for Rev. Pio D'Oria)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:00 - 8:45 am

*Bill Watson - Francis & Doreen Hartman & Family

+ Willie Overholt - Kathryn Regier

+ Glen Overholt - Gerard & Judy Grenier & Family

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: February 28
(We Pray for Rev. Fr. John Carier)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am

St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

St. Boniface Church - 7 pm - Sung Evening Prayer

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Dear Parishioners:

What great news, to finally welcome the Holy Family, our refugees from Syria! I know our community will be blessed by their very presence, and all our efforts to make them welcome. (At the same time, let’s not get carried away with our enthusiasm: I am very appreciative of the cautions our Diocesan Office for Refugees has offered, about not overwhelming this family in the first few days. Imagine what they’ve been through!) Renewing our prayer life, the Stations of the Cross, is well underway; please consider joining in sang evening Prayer on the Sundays of Lent (I wonder how much Islamophobia could be done away with, if we just sang more of our prayers?? Perhaps the famous Call to Prayer from the mosques of the world wouldn’t seem so strange if Christians also chant an evening Prayer?) Each Enchanted preparation continues, despite our recent weather! You may see young families celebrating the Rite of Enrollment at Masses over the next week, as we had to reschedule our retreat day. Please continue to lift up these special people in your prayers. This Tuesday will see conferences on St. Anne’s Home School: For the good warmth of the Deaf-Blind Confessions throughout our diocese on March 4th – every day in every community, all day long. Lent is our time of mercy! I beg you not to miss out on this season of grace, during the Great Jubilee of Mercy. (Speaking of the Holy Father, I am pleased to announce that we will be starting a 6-week study group on Francis’ great encyclical On Care for Our Common Home this Friday at 7 am at the Zurich Lith.).

The Lord is transfigured, and is transforming our world! May each one of you share in God’s glory this week.

Fr. Matt

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Everyone is Invited

On Wednesday, February 24 during the 7 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church Fr. Matt will be explaining the parts of the Mass during the Mass to the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families. All are invited to come and get refreshed on the reason why we do what we do!

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All Day Confessions

Pope Francis has said: “Do not be afraid to ask God’s forgiveness! He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us.” This year, once again, we will provide the opportunity for all the faithful to approach God through the sacrament of reconciliation. On Wednesday, March 9 the sacrament of penance will be celebrated throughout the entire day by every priest in our diocese. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

St. Boniface from 8 - 11 am; 1 - 5 pm and 7:30 - 9:00 am

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Thank-you!!!

Thank-you to everyone who is participating in any way to our annual Brother Bob Bake Sale. Thanks to those who donated prizes for our raffle table & baking for our bake sale; to those who bought tickets and are baking, for the ladies who worked hard and for the donations we received for the Continuation of Brother Bob’s Works in India.

St. Boniface CWL

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Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Stuart, Del Rau, Tanya Alexander, Donnegan, Joyce Cole, Barbag Regier, Debra Overholt, Veronica Bedard, Audrey Smith, Barb Consitt, Steve Brock and Nicole Brideau.

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Grace Masse (We pray for Deacon Larry Lamphier)

MONDAY: February 22 at 7:30 pm

TUESDAY: February 23 at 7:00 pm in St. Boniface Church

C.M.O.B. Crossings the Goal Program

The next C.M.O.B. meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church. Everyone welcome.

2015 Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for donations made during the 2015 year are now ready for pick up at the back of the church.

Share Lent Pilgrimage

Working to end inequality in Paraguay

This week our pilgrimage travels to Paraguay where we meet Liz Bentzine. Her country is one of the poorest in the world, 77% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz’s family are part of a peasant movement supported by Development Services International who also work to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the campesinos. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. “I just want to live peacefully with my family,” she says. This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our Share Year-Round monthly giving program. Brochures are available at the back of the church.

2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come Celebrate the 24th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5 from 9 am - 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with Fr. Matt, Fr. Robert Martin, St. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also a separate All Day Confessions will be celebrated throughout the entire day by every priest in every diocese. In our parishes the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

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Come and See Weekend: March 4-6

St. Peter’s Seminary, London invites men 17-45 years old to a discernment retreat for considering a call to the priesthood. The weekend offers a firsthand experience of seminarian life, provides spiritual helps for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. For more information or to register, please contact vocations@dol.ca or 1-888-548-9649

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Heart of Mary Women’s Evening

Ladies, Lent is upon us. Spend time learning and growing in your faith at our next monthly gathering, Monday, February 22 at 7:30 pm. There are four locations to choose from.

Dublin - Jan O’Rourke (jorourke@quadro.net), Stratford - The Annex Room (Christine@annexroom.com), Kinkora - Linda Holshof (steveslidingterrace@bell.net), Listowel - Tanya Ashenden (tanya@birchlaw.ca). Please RSVP to the location you plan to attend. If you have further questions, please contact Colleen at firecracker2@hotmail.com 519-345-1331 or Linda at lindsalissyl@yahoo.ca 519-527-1841. Bring a friend!!!

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Medjugorje for Youth Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner for 2016 is scheduled for Sunday, February 28 at the Archie Park Hotel in Stratford. Doors open at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm. Cost is $80/adult ($30 tax receipt); $30/student. Guest Speaker Fr. Graham Keep will be speaking on Mary & New Evangelization. For tickets please contact Veronica Kolkman at 519-347-2689.

Where is Christ in your life now?

Take time to reflect and redirect your life. A Catholic Cursillo weekend can give you that time, and the spiritual food you need for reflection. Everyone is welcome. Cursillo provides a chance for people to recognize and appreciate the presence of the Holy Spirit; touching their hearts and minds and allowing them to better understand His abundant love for each and one of us. Those who attend a Cursillo Weekend are given an understanding that it is possible to live more fully and better connect with God’s presence and message to our homes and communities.

When: Men’s March 3 - Women’s March 10 - 13

Where: Michaelite House, London, ON (Cost included, $20 (educational aid available to those unable to meet this expense)

Contact: Tom & Laurie Diemand 519-595-4806 or tidiemand@gmail.com

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The JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Questions of the Week

“Transformed by Christ”

Reading 1 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (the covenant with Abram)

Reading 2 Philippians 3:17-4 (Christ our goal)

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36 (Jesus transfigured)

Questions of the Week

"Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you underestimate why they’re lonely. Especially if you do.""Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask Christ Jesus to have mercy on you both and then burn or bury it.”
Parish Organisations

Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets every month to discuss and plan pastoral initiatives and practical functioning of the parish. If you have suggestions, please consider contacting one of the members.

Youth Ministry: Youth from grades 5 to 8 gather regularly for fun, faith and friendship. See the website for information.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Every Sunday at both 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.

Catholic Cemeteries: We have the privilege of having cemeteries associated with St Peter and St. Boniface Churches. Information can be found on the website.

Other Organizations: Catholic Women’s Leagues, Knights of Columbus and others.

Parish Pastoral Council

Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Kathryn Regier
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

Weekend Masses

Sat
5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
7:00 pm St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)

Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
11:00 am St. Peter

St. Boniface and St. Peter Parishes

MISSION STATEMENT

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV, Catholic edition)

Parish Pastoral Staff:
Pastor: Fr. Matthew George
Secretary: Lori LaPorte
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Websites

www.bayviewgolfclub.ca
www.briancoombs.com
www.bluewater.dionet.ca
www.musicboxmusicstudio.com

Proceedings

Celebrating Our Faith

Baptism
Contact the office as you await the birth of your child or while you are awaiting adoption.

Reconciliation
God sent His Son so that we might be saved! Experience God’s healing through the sacrament of reconciliation after the 12:00 pm Mass and Devotions on Tuesdays at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Saturdays from 8:00 - 8:45 am at St. Boniface or by appointment.

Marriages
The sacrament of marriage is a beautiful expression of God’s love for the world! Minimum six months notice is required during which time the engaged couple must attend a Marriage Preparation Course.

Sacrament of the Sick
If you know of a person who is in hospital, or who is homebound because of illness and is desiring the sacrament of the sick, contact the office to make arrangements.

Bluewater Nursing Home
A weekly mass is offered on Thursdays at 3:30 pm in the chapel. All are welcome.

Devotions
St. Joseph and Saint André - Tuesday after the 12:00 pm Mass - St. Peter’s. Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass - St. Boniface. Every first Friday at St. Boniface Church there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm—come be transformed by the healing power of Jesus.