The Epiphany of the Lord - January 8, 2017

The Wise Men set out on a journey following the signs and wonders that pointed them to the birth of a King. They are Gentile leaders, following the signs of other religious traditions. They do not know exactly for whom they are looking, but they set out in trust. When they seek more information from Herod, they are led in the right direction and set up to do harm to the One they seek. After paying Jesus homage, they are warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they go home by another way. We have so many opportunities to seek good information as we trust in God’s plan, and as many opportunities to protect and honour others. Whether supporting a young woman through an unplanned pregnancy, sharing our gifts with those who have less than we have, preventing human trafficking, and not supporting sweat shops or child labour, we can live like the Wise Men, bringing gifts and preventing harm by the way we live.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Joyce Waller, Roxanne Rau, Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Joyce Cole, Steve Brock, Fr. Martin Nyland, Patrick Mihm, Shirley Bedard, Barbara Rau, Ed Smith and Madeleine Denomme.

Mass Intention for the Week of January 9 - 15

THURSDAY: January 12
(We Pray for Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Lucille Masse - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Priscilla Brandt - St. Peter’s CWL

FRIDAY: January 13
(We Pray for Rev. Michael Parent)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am
+(Ann.) Theresa Hartman, +(Ann.) Louis Farwell &
+(Ann.) David Hanna - Cecelia Farwell
+Jim Shea - Karl & Mary Regier
Int. of Cecilia Tocker - Dick & Barb Rau

SATURDAY: January 14
(We Pray for Sister Mary Boere, Pastoral Minister)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
“Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00 - 8:45 am”
Int. of Sr. Mary Regier
- Anthony & Monique Hartman & Family
Int. of Tillie Rau - Paul & Shirley Bedard
+Ray Denomme - Pat & Steve Meidinger

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: January 15
(We Pray for Rev. Eduardo Barrera, F.M.M.)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

Social at St. Peter’s this Sunday following the 11 am Mass

Thank-you!!

Blessings Community Store of Zurich would like to thank your congregation for their generous donations to the Food Bank at Christmas and all year long. With your gifts we were able to help 100 families enjoy the Spirit of Christmas. We wish you all blessings in the coming year.

Social at St. Peter’s this Sunday following the 11 am Mass

There will be a reception in St. Peter’s Hall this Sunday, January 8 at 12 pm to begin our year of celebration for St. Andre’s visit. We will also be sharing information about events planned for the coming year. Everyone is invited!
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Come join us for some bible sharing during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The noon hour bible study will be held from Monday, January 16 to Friday, January 20 at the Zurich Mennonite Church; soup and beverages provided. We will end the week with a Christian Unity Service to be held on Sunday, January 22 at 3 pm at St. Boniface Church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount
This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Germany. They have chosen as their theme “Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us,” inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God’s reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ’s message of reconciliation. In this year when we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the healing of the Church is of utmost importance. King’s University College will be hosting this gathering of prayer at The Chapel at Windermere on The Mount (1486 Richmond Street) on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:30. Their choir will lead the assembly in song and they have invited the ministerial team from North Park Community Church to break-open the Word of God. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

CMOB
The next CMOB meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Sacristy.

Offertory Envelopes for 2017
Your 2017 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the entrance of the Church. Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, or if you would like to make your offertory donations through automatic monthly bank withdrawal please sign the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2017 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly.

2017 Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come Celebrate the 25th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally, on Saturday, March 4 from 9 am - 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (255 Front St. W.). Including Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There is also a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets ($25 for adults, $15 for youth) can be purchased online at http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Your Mailing Address
It will soon be time to prepare income tax receipts for 2016. If you have moved in the last year, please contact the church office and provide us with your current mailing address so we can bring our records up to date.

5th Annual Men of Faith Conference
All men & young men (16+) are being called to the 5th Annual Men of Faith Conference on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Michael’s Parish, London. Ken Yasinski and Fr. Ben Leudtke will be our keynote speakers. Come and join us for some great fellowship and opportunity to grow in your faith. Sign up online at www.famfi.ca or contact mike@legacypartners.ca for more information. Lunch, prizes and registration kits are included. $25 for students and $30 for adults if you pre-register, and $45 at the door.

Daily TV Mass Available Online
The National Catholic Broadcasting Council has made Daily TV Mass available online at www.dailytvmass.com for those who cannot get to Mass. The new website has a number of features including the ability to send a prayer request which will be included in their Prayer Intentions Book; light a virtual candle; as well as view any of the past 14 National Catholic Missions.

Retrouvaille Weekends
Retrouvaille is here to provide hope to couples who are hurting. There are two upcoming weekends in our diocese: January 20, 2017 in London and February 11, 2017 in Windsor/Essex. For more information, contact retrouvailleetondonsthom-as@gmail.com (for the London region) or 1015@retrouvaille.org (for the Windsor/Essex region).

Please Remember to Save Your…..
Pop Cans—Please save your aluminum pop cans to help support St. Boniface Church with their Restoration Fund. Pop cans can be dropped off in a plastic bag to John Jacobs (Hensall) or Doug Debus (Zurich).

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help St. Peter’s CWL by saving your Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs. At St. Peter’s there is a basket in the room under the stairs at the back of the church to put the milk bags in and at St. Boniface there is a box in the narthex for the milk bags. Anyone wanting to join in making the mats from Milk Bags please come to St. John by the Lake in Grand Bend on Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

Milk/Bread Bag Tabs – Please save your milk/bread bag tabs. Tabs are sent to Toronto for the plastic parts of wheel chairs.

Prayer Shawls/Monetary Donations – St. Boniface & St. Peter’s are accepting prayer shawls and monetary donations for shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact the parish office or Patty LaPorte at 519-236-4876. There are child size shawls also available.
Please Support These Local Businesses That Support Our Parish

Events at a glance....

- **Devotions & Social** - Sunday, January 8 at St. Peter’s to celebrate St. Andre’s death (January 6, 1937). Social at 12:00 pm in St. Peter’s Church Hall.
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Noon Hour Study** - January 16 - 20 at Zurich Mennonite Church
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **Christian Unity Service** - Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **CMOB** - Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in St. Peter’s Sacristy
- **K of C Card Party** - Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface Church

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Parish Office & School Contact Information

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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 (NRSV, Catholic edition)

Parish Organizations

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 the 9:00 am mass.

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.

Celebrating Our Faith

**Baptism**
Please 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 Saturday mornings 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.

Weekend Masses

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Pastoral Staff:

**Pastor:** Fr. Matthew George

**Secretary:** Lorri LaPorte

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm