3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27, 2019

The fulfillment of the Scriptures is found in the person of Jesus. We spend a lot of time waiting. Waiting for people; waiting for events; waiting for time to pass; waiting for the cable guy to show up. One thing we do not have to wait for is God's promises. That promise - of forgiveness and union - came in the person of Jesus Christ. And from the time of those who physically surrounded him to day, the message has been simple: repent and believe. And that seems a lot more fruitful than waiting around.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 1

MONDAY: January 28

TUESDAY: January 29
(Mrs. Kathryn Heemskerk, Pastoral Minister)

St. Peter's Church
11:30 am - Rosary & Devotions to St. Joseph & St. Andre
12:00 pm - Mass
+Madeline Denomme - Lil LaPorte
+Michael Frijters - Mark & Dianne Tucker

WEDNESDAY: January 30
(Rev. Franklin Mizzi, C.S.B.)

St. Boniface Church
6:25 pm - Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00 pm - Mass
+Mary & Shawn Fitzgerald - Michael & Kate Moriarty
Int. of Michael & Kate Moriarty - St. Boniface CWL
Int. of Carolyn & Joe Rau - The Rau Family

THURSDAY: January 31
(Rev. Henry Cassano)

Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
Int. of Virginia Denomme - St. Boniface CWL
+Leo Stock - Virginia Denomme

FRIDAY: February 1
(Rev. Christopher Bourdeau)

St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - First Friday
Adoration from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Int. of Mary Lou Denomme - Paul & Shirley Bedard
Int. of Sam Willert - Gord & Cecilia Smith
+Gerard Corriveau - Angela Watson & Family

SATURDAY: February 2
(Rev. Tom Ashton)

St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:00 am - 8:45 am
Int. of Fr. Matt George - Martha Risi
Int. of Karl & Mary Regier - Sister Mary
+Jean Geoffrey - Jerry & Rose Vanbruan

St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: February 3
(Mrs. Maija Wilson, Campus Minister)

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

Dear Parishioners: I wrote last week that I was happy to see winter reassert itself, but I completely forgot the strong feelings about the season that Lola, my cat (and 50% of my household), has on the subject. Perhaps some warmer, springtime thoughts are in order: 1) back in 2013, when I was first diagnosed with cancer, the Yukon flew me down to Vancouver, for an MRI and treatment at St. Paul's Hospital; I was astonished to learn that Vancouverites regard Valentine's Day as the end of winter! Spring (at least in some parts of the country) is literally right around the corner. 2) I see the Development & Peace Sharelent Campaign workshops have been announced for the whole diocese; if you would like to be better informed (and more involved!) about the massive issue of refugees and migrants facing our Church & society, please consider attending (Kathy Regier & I can arrange carpooling). Godspeed a holy Lent and the promise of the new life of Easter! 3) Fr. Murray Kuepmer, a Madonna House priest who teaches Moral Theology and is the house Spiritual Director at our Seminary has invited the priests of the Diocese to join the seminarians on their annual retreat; this will be an old-school “Grand Silence” retreat in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, wherein you only talk when you’re meeting with your Spiritual Director or celebrating Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours in the chapel. As far as I can recall, we always had a recreation break when the Bridge & Cribbage players would gather: pray that we will have the strength to keep the discipline! I'll be on retreat with them in late April. 4) Now that I’ve returned from my disastrous holiday, I think the road is clear to have a Novena of First Thursday Masses for vocations to the Priesthood. Please consider joining us at the chapel in the Bluewater Rest Home any Thursday at 3:30 pm (there’s usually more people present then the turnout at daily Masses in either of our churches!) and we’ll pray the Mass of Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, that our current priests and seminarians will be strengthened in their endeavors, and that more laymen will hear the call to serve the Church as priests. There! Some warm, happy thoughts to get us through our little winter. I want to thank all or sacristans who serve in both parishes (the last time Fr. Murphy was here, he tried on my alb!) Gerd Smith kindly offered to jump in with him, to make it fit better.); as I contemplate the future of our Family of Parishes, I worry that memorizing six sacristies, six sound and light systems, etc will prove too great a challenge! Remember when Homer Simpson learned how to make wine then forgot how to drive? We will count on sacristans more and more in the future: God bless you for your servant heart! In today's Gospel reading, Jesus announces his pastoral plan - what he and his ministry will be about in the years ahead. May each one of us make his plan of action our own! God bless you and your family this week. Fr. Matt

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Louise Merner, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Janet Durand, Steven Overholt, Donna Smith, Pat Mihm, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Tim (TJ) Klopp, Fr. Henry Cassano and all who minister in hospitals.
Office Closed & Bulletin News
The office will be closed on Friday, February 1. Please have all bulletin news to the Church Office no later then Wednesday, January 30 at noon.

First Friday Adoration
There will be Adoration on Friday, February 1 from 8:00 am - 4 pm at St. Boniface Church. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the Church.

Feast of St. Blaise
Blessing of Throats
February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of the Throats will follow all weekend Masses.

World Day for Consecrated Life
Next Sunday we will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.

St. Boniface CWL
Brother Bob Bake Sale - Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 before and after Mass. All proceeds to Jesu Ashram in India. Baked goods for our table would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off before Mass. Thank-you for your generous support.

Western Fun & Country Western
Ladies Fun Night
Huron-Perth Region CWL members are invited to a Western Fun & Country Western Ladies Fun Night on Tuesday, May 7 at the Zurich Community Centre. Social Hour: 6 pm & Dinner: 7 pm. Cost: $25 per person. Live music by Mozart’s Melody Makers, Line Dancing, Wear your best Country & Western attire for the occasion. For more information contact Carrie Van Osch at cvanosch@gmail.com. Hosted by: St. Peter & St. Boniface CWL.

Share Lent Campaign Workshops
Workshops for this year’s Share Lent campaign are being planned in early February. This year’s theme is, “Share the Journey”. In the London Deanery the workshop will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm at St. Michael’s Parish. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool please call the church office.

COR
COR Youth Retreat (youth in grade 11 & 12 and up to age 21). Another exciting COR retreat will unfold during the weekend of March 29, 30, 31. COR 34 will take place in Dublin, Ontario. It is a weekend where teens discover more about themselves and respecting others, experience a re-connection with God, meet new friends and just have a whole lot of fun through games and music. Pick up an application at your parish, at St. Mike’s or St. Anne’s High Schools or by contacting John & Sarah Moylan at smoylan44@gmail.com or feel free to call 519-444-8025. Please submit applications by March 22nd at the latest (the sooner the better) for this amazing weekend for youth.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Awards
The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is pleased to host the 15th annual St. Teresa of Calcutta Faith in Action Awards, which recognize exemplary service to Catholic education. The nominees for this award represent all stakeholder groups in Huron-Perth Catholic – employees, parents volunteers, priests and parishioners. The award recipients will be recognized at our Catholic Education Week Mass to be held on Monday, May 6, 2019. Nominations forms are available in each school, parish, and posted on the Board’s website at www.huronpertheatholic.ca. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019. Please consider nominating someone worthy of this award.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
We will end the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a Christian Unity Service to be held on Sunday, January 27 at the Exeter United Church (42 James St.). Potluck meal at 4 pm with a worship service at 5 pm.

Ultreya
The January ultreya will be on Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm at the Knights of Columbus Convention Centre, Goderich. We will have our February ultreya at 2 pm as well. Men’s cursillo weekend is March 21 - 24. The women’s cursillo weekend is March 28 - 31. Anyone wishing to go on a cursillo weekend or inquire about it please call Eileen at 519-524-9400 or Marie at 519-955-9320.

2019 Pure Life Summit
All high school, college and university students, young adults and parents are invited to the 2019 Pure Life Summit - February 9 - “Into the Deep” featuring Kelsey Skoch from FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) @ St. Andre Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London. Fr. Patrick Beneteau; Vocation Director for the Diocese of London and Patrick Hoffman; former CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) missionary will also be speaking. SOLI Sisters from Cambridge and Queenship of Mary Sisters from Ottawa will be joining us. Register online at www.famfi.ca or contact Connie at cvanderheyden61@gmail.com for more info.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! This year’s theme is “Hope in the Midst of Suffering”. Takes place Saturday, March 2 from 9 am to 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. There will be inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring; there will be an adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits; there will be a youth Mass (with Sunday readings) be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for youth. For additional info, please visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, call 647-243-9441, or email contact@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca
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Parish Organizations

Parish Advisory Council: A combined council meets regularly 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.

Website
Our website is regularly updated. There is a monthly calendar of events, important information and great pictures.
www.bluewater.dionet.ca

Parish Pastoral Council
Kristie Cresswell
Cynthia Forler
Lynette Graham
Ray Mathonia
Janet Soudant
Marg Suplat

Weekend Masses
Sat 5:00 pm St. Peter (mid April to mid October)
St. Boniface (mid October to mid April)
Sun 9:00 am St. Boniface
11:00 am St. Peter

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

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)

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.