The Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019

The Epiphany points the way toward life. Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the person of the Magi) of the life of God himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in his divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person’s journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7 - 13

MONDAY: January 7
(Vocation Support Prayer:
Rev. Lawrence Pare)

TUESDAY: January 8 - No Mass
(Rev. Michael O’Brien)

WEDNESDAY: January 9 - No Mass
(Sister Marija Ivic, S.F.B.Z., Pastoral Minister)

THURSDAY: January 10
(Rev. Jozef Denys)
   Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
   “Communion Visit”

FRIDAY: January 11
(Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.)
   St. Boniface Church - 9:15 am - School Mass
   +Ivan & Marjorie Meidinger - The Family
   Mass of Healing for Fr. Matthew George -
   Staff & Students of St. Boniface School
   +Bernadine Regier - Ursula Regier

SATURDAY: January 12
(Ms. Cathryn Hall, Pastoral Minister)
   St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
   Sacrament of Reconciliation - 8:00 am - 8:45 am
   Int. of Cecilia Tocker - Dick & Barb Rau
   Int. of Fr. Matthew George - St. Boniface K of C
   Int. of Marie Cyr - St. Boniface CWL
   St. Peter’s Church - 2:00 pm
   “Blue Christmas Mass”
   St. Boniface Church - 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: January 13
(Rev. Michael Parent)
   St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am
   St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am

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.

The Newly Baptized
Welcome to our parish family Patrick Francis Hartman, son of Andrew & Marina who was baptized at St. Boniface Church.

Prayers & Sympathy
Prayers and sympathy are extended to the families of Marjorie Meidinger, mother of Debbie Pennings and Bernadine Regier, sister-in-law of Ursula Regier and Warren & Helen Regier who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank-you!!
On behalf of Doug & Julie Debus we would like to extend a big thank you and appreciation for all the help with decorating our church for Christmas. Thanks to Karl & Erin Regier & family, Ray & Karen Mathonia, Rick Smith & son, Kathryn Regier, Loretta Ayotte and Rose Rader. God Bless you all!

Blue Christmas Mass
If anyone is facing any particular struggle in life please join us on Saturday, January 12 at 2 pm at St. Peter’s Church for a Blue Christmas Mass.

Sacristans, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers needed
Both St. Boniface & St. Peter’s Churches are in need of new Sacristans, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these ministries contact Martha Mungar (St. Peter’s) at 519-236-7321 or the parish office (St. Boniface) at 519-236-4191.

Your Mailing Address
It will soon be time to prepare income tax receipts for 2018. 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.
2019 Offertory Envelopes Are Now Available

Your 2019 weekly offering envelopes are now available in the entrance of the Church. Please do not use your previous years envelopes in 2019 as envelope numbers have changed and your contributions will not be recorded properly. 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.

Men of Faith Conference 2019
Faith in the World Today
Saturday, January 19, 2019

Registration is now open to hear from Dr. Edward Sri: Into His Likeness - be transformed into a disciple of Christ, Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age: Today’s Challenge for Men, New Evangelization and Extraordinary Mission of our Times AND Rev. Dr. Bob McDonald: Real Men Do Cry. Cost: $20/person, $25/student, $45/person at the door. Space will be limited so register early. Location: St. Michael’s Parish, London, ON. For more information or to register visit Family Foundations Institute at info@famfi.ca.

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

Conversations over the Fence: Creative Initiatives in Ecumenical and Inter-faith Relations with Archbishop Donald Bolen. Since the Second Vatican Council, we can say with confidence that dialogue is constitutive of the Church’s life in the world. Dialogue and relationship building takes many shapes and some of those creative efforts, including receptive ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with some of those creative efforts, including recepitive ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith convivial ecumenism, scriptural reasoning, dialogue with Indigenous spiritual traditions and interfaith conversations in the sphere of culture. Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 pm in the Joanne & Peter Kenny Theatre, Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, London. Free parking and admission.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Each year the Christian community gathers in prayer with the confident hope of healing all that is divided in Christ’s Body. We do so to answer Christ’s call that “All be one” (John 17:21). This year, Bishop Fabbro, CSB, has asked us to gather with the Anglican Diocese of Huron on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm at St. Paul’s Cathedral (Queen’s and Richmond, London) for a time of prayer and fellowship. All are welcome. Please visit www.dol.ca/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity for more information.

Retrouvaille Program

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the program, or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 1 – 3, 2019, please phone 519-243-0687, email retrouvaille-londonstthomas@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Have a Rosary - Need a Rosary?

There is a box at the back of our Churches containing several rosaries. If you wish a rosary, please feel free to take whichever one you like. If you have extra rosaries at home which you are not using, please put them in the box. At the end of the year, if there is a large number, we will send them to the missions.

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). We are still looking for someone to take over this project crushing the pop cans and bringing them to Zubick’s in London about once a year. If you would to volunteer please contact the church office.

Milk Bags and Pop Can Tabs—Please help the Rotary Literacy Program 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.

CCCB Initiative for Life and Family
Prayer for Families & Small Groups

Jesus in the manger, you took up residence in our world in a stable. From the beginning of your arrival, people were surprised at who you turned out to be. Help us to be like the Wise Men, seeking your presence even in unexpected places. May the end of our Christmas season leave us looking for Jesus in all the small and surprising places a child might be found hiding. Amen.
Events at a glance....

- **School Mass** - Friday, January 11 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **Blue Christmas Mass** - Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm at St. Peter’s Church
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - January 21 - 25
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, January 22 at 7:15 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** - Thursday, January 24 at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **First Friday Adoration** - Friday, February 1 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **Blessing of Throats** - February 2 & 3 at all Masses
- **School Mass** - Friday, February 8 at 9:15 am at St. Boniface Church
- **World Day of the Sick** - Monday, February 11 - Mass at 11:30 am at St. Boniface Church with lunch to follow

SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Weekend Masses
Sat  5:00 pm  St. Peter  (mid April to mid October)
    9:00 am  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)

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.

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

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.