27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 6, 2019

God’s gift is not a spirit of timidity, but one of faith-filled courage. Courage lies at the heart of all our readings today - the courage to be faithful before the Lord in all things. Like the disciples, we, too, should be unafraid to ask him for an increase in faith. For Jesus reminds us that even with the smallest amount of faith, we have the capacity to do great things in his name.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 - 13**

**MONDAY: October 7**
(Vocation Support Prayer: Rev. Nelson Cabral)

**TUESDAY: October 8 - No Mass**
(Mr. Ian Duckworth, Youth Ministry)

**WEDNESDAY: October 9 - No Mass**
(Deacon John Vezina)

**THURSDAY: October 10**
(Rev. Donald Lococo, C.S.B.)

- Bluewater Resthome - 3:30 pm
- Communion Service

**FRIDAY: October 11 - No Mass**
(Deacon Charles (Chuck) Stillwell)

**SATURDAY: October 12**
(Rev. Gregory Bonin)

- St. Boniface Church - No Morning Mass
- St. Peter’s Church - 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: October 13**
(Rev. Francis (Jack) Hurley)

- St. Boniface Church - 9:00 am - Mass for the People
- St. Peter’s Church - 11:00 am - Mass for the People

**Mass Notations**

There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses celebrated at any of the parish sites from October 7 - 19 as Father Matt will be away on a much deserved holiday.

**Saturday Night Mass**

Our Saturday night Mass will move back to St. Boniface on Saturday, October 19 at 5 pm.

**Salt + Light TV Features Diocese of London**

The first episode of the new Salt + Light TV show, ”This Place,” features the Diocese of London. The show premiered on television last week and is now available online. To watch the episode please visit [https://saltandlighttv.org/thisplace/](https://saltandlighttv.org/thisplace/). There are two video supplements also being produced: an interview with Bishop Fabbro, and another with Fr. Peter Keller filmed at St. Peter’s Seminary.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers needed**

St. Boniface Church is in need of new Readers & Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to volunteer for one of these ministries please contact the parish office.

**Dear Parishioners:** What a week of wet weather! (And I’m heading to the Maritimes, the home of wet weather! Hmm.) I’ve said a Mass ‘For Fine Weather’ this week, so don’t blame me. While we are merely troubled, the rest of the world is suffering: the Bishop has sent around a request for help for the Bahamas, that the CCODP is partnering with CARITAS groups in the Caribbean to get funds directly to the people in need. I haven’t heard about any government matching funds, but please be as generous as you can, in rebuilding these peoples’ lives. I read about a camp of Haitian people who lost everything they had as they were waiting for the local bureaucracy to process them: can you imagine - while trying to better your life, to go through such trauma? Pray for the Bahamas! We had an excellent (well-attended) meeting for 1st Reconciliation Families on Wednesday: I am so impressed by the journey of faith these young families are on - a couple people asked about getting their children baptized and/or received into the Church! Pray and fast for these courageous families. Fr. Chris Pietraszko (the new administrator of Holy Name of Mary, St. Mary’s) called about being on the COR team and getting their background checks in: there’s another group of people worthy of our prayers and assistance - our young people! Pray for the Team, and all the youth that will be making their retreat this year. The change in the weather seems to have affected my cat Lola: when we look at each other, I get the sense neither one of us is particularly impressed with the other. Thank goodness our good God actually delights in us! “He will have them sit down, he will put on his apron and serve them.” Alleluia! God bless your family this week. Fr. Matt

**Special Collection: Emergency Relief in the Bahamas**

From Bishop Fabbro: It is with great sadness and concern that we have learned of the extensive damage left behind by the hurricane and tropical storm in the Bahamas. I am always amazed by the generosity of the people of our diocese at the time of a natural disaster, and ask you to support emergency relief efforts for victims of the hurricane and tropical storm through collections that will be taken up in our parishes. If you would like to make a donation to the Emergency Relief in the Bahamas please make cheques payable to your parish and place in an envelope marked “Emergency Relief in the Bahamas”. The money collected will then be forwarded to the Diocese of London. The Diocese of London will then forward all funds collected to the Canadian Catholic Organization of Development and Peace.

**Bibles**

We will be purchasing some large print Catholic NRSV Bibles for use during Adoration. If anyone would like to buy a personal copy for $40 please contact the church office by October 15.
Prayer List
Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish family suffering from illness, Reese Thomson, Fr. Martin Nyland, Shirley Bedard, Marie Cyr, Theresa Davies, Carolyn Rau, Nanc Wilkins, Fr. Matt George, Tillie Rau, Barbara Coker and all who minister in hospitals.

Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering
The first meeting of our Parish’s leadership will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Zurich Community Centre. The Diocese would like to have 30 people from each parish in leadership. If you have been involved in Ministry in our parishes, please consider attending this important meeting.

St. Boniface CWL
CWL Meeting - Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 pm in the Hall with Joan & Rose's group in charge. Members are asked to come out and bring a friend.
St. Boniface C.W.L. will be holding their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in St. Boniface School Gym. There is something for everyone. Fresh homemade baking, crafts, fresh produce, Kid's Corner, Penny Sale, raffle tickets, lunch and refreshments. Free Admission and everyone is welcome.

St. Peter’s, Goderich
Knights of Columbus
Several members of the former Zurich Knights of Columbus have transferred to the St. Peter’s, Goderich Knights of Columbus. If anyone is interested in transferring there, please call Phil LaPorte 519-236-4876. The meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This Sunday October 6th, Phil LaPorte and Matt LaPorte are joining the 4th Degree Knights at St. Peter’s Church in Goderich.

Ham & Sausage Supper
The Exeter/Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus and the CWL’s are hosting their annual Ham and Sausage supper at Precious Blood in Exeter on Sunday, October 6, from 5-7 pm. Adults $15 and those under 12 are $7. The little guys are free. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds to the purchase of liturgical literary materials for Precious Blood and Mount Carmel. Come on out and enjoy some fellowship along with a great meal.

Stratford Pro-Life
Life Chain - Sunday, October 6 from 2 - 3 pm along Huron & Ontario Streets, Stratford. Refreshments to follow at St. Joseph’s Parish Hall
Annual Dinner - Saturday, October 19 at the Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Cr. Stratford. Social: 5:30, Dinner: 6:30. Guest Speaker: Lia Mills a young fiery and passionate twenty two year old who’s life story proves that even the most unqualified can make a difference in this world. Tickets: Adults $25 and Students $18. For tickets contact Doreen Hartman at 519-237-3295.

January 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019
St. Peter’s
Actual Budget
Operating:
Revenue
Collections $63,026 $63,050
Other 1,194 1,240
Total Revenue $64,220 $64,290
Expenses 66,563 65,484
Surplus (deficit) ($2,343) ($1,194)

St. Andre:
Collections $12,836
Expenses 260
Surplus (deficit) $12,576

Capital (January 2019 - September 2019):
Revenue $4,193
Expenses 0
Surplus (deficit) $4,193
Actual Balance in Building Fund Account at Diocese of London $73,314

St. Boniface
Actual Budget
Operating:
Revenue
Collections $89,362 $88,260
Other 11,747 12,000
Total Revenue $101,109 $100,260
Expenses 103,693 105,476
Surplus (deficit) ($2,584) ($5,216)

Capital (January 2019 - September 2019):
Revenue $5,264
Expenses 0
Surplus (deficit) $5,264
Actual Balance in Building Fund Account at Diocese of London $183,422

Are you on the voters list?
Contact elections.ca or call 1-800-463-6368.
Events at a glance:

- **Saturday Night Mass moves to St. Boniface** - October 19
- **Family of Parishes Encounter Gathering** - October 20 at the Zurich Community Centre from 2 – 6 pm
- **Dedication of St. Peter’s Mass & Potluck Supper** - Tuesday, October 22 at St. Peter’s at 6 pm
- **Community Card Party** - Tuesday, October 22 at St. Boniface Church at 7:15 pm
- **Finance Meeting** - Wednesday, October 23 at St. Boniface at 7:30 pm
- **A Slice of Faith Pizza & Discussion Group** - Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Boniface Church
- **School Mass** - Friday, October 25 at St. Boniface Church at 9:15 am
- **St. Boniface CWL Fall Bazaar** - Saturday, October 26 from 10 am - 2 pm in St. Boniface School Gym
- **Volunteer Appreciation Social** - Sunday, October 27 from 2 – 4 pm at St. Peter’s Parish Hall
- **First Friday & 12 Hour Adoration** - Friday, November 1 at St. Boniface Church

**SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR PARISH BY REMEMBERING TO INCLUDE YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

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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)

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 7 to 12 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 on Tuesdays at 11:30 am before the Mass at St. Peter’s or before Mass on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 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 St. André - Tuesday at the 11:30 am - St. Peter’s.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesday at 6:25 pm - 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.