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TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. TO 12  
NOON

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY  
9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON  
1:00 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

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### SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 — EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**AS A WELCOMING FAMILY OF FAITH, WE ARE CALLED BY CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER,  
TO SHARE THE GIFTS OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE IN LOVING SERVICE TO ALL.**

### FINDING GOD



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The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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### PARISH COUNCIL

Jim Shanahan-Chair, Patrick Weber-Vice Chair, Denise Morris-Secretary, Tracy Van Diepen-Worship, Andrew Paul-Education, Joyce Essery-Social Services, Tim Martin-Temporalities and Sean McDade-Youth.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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**BAPTISMS**—PLEASE GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE AND REGISTER ON-LINE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

**MARRIAGES**—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ABOUT ONE YEAR PRIOR TO MAKING ANY ARRANGEMENTS.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—TAKES PLACE AT THE 9:00 A.M. MASS IN GODERICH (SEPTEMBER TO JULY).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKS OF JANUARY 7 – 13, 2019

### **MONDAY: January 7 – No Mass**

*(We pray for Rev. Lawrence Pare)*

### **TUESDAY: January 8**

*(We pray for Rev. Michael O'Brien)*

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 12:00 p.m.**

Int. of Tony & Marie Denomme – St. Peter's C.W.L.

Paul Frayne – Clarice Dalton

Dec. members of Bedour-Bugler Families

### **WEDNESDAY: January 9**

*(We pray for Deacon Gary Flewelling)*

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 9:00 a.m.**

John & Helen Lucky – Irene Kuran

Eugene Frayne – Joanne Doherty

Int. of Loretta Meyers – Betty Frayne

### **THURSDAY: January 10**

*(We pray for Rev. Jozef Denys)*

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 9:00 a.m.**

Dermott Wade – Goderich K. of C.

Sheila Buchanan – John Buchanan

Gerard Rau – Michael Jeffrey

### **FRIDAY: January 11**

*(We pray for Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.)*

#### **St. Joseph School, Clinton – 10:30 a.m.**

Kay Burns – MacGinty Family

Paul Kuenzig – St. Peter's C.W.L.

Jean Paul Lalonde – The Family

### **SAT.: January 12 – Baptism of the Lord**

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 5:00 p.m.**

Our Parish Family

### **SUNDAY: January 13 – Baptism of the Lord**

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 9:00 a.m.**

Our Parish Family

#### **St. Peter's, Goderich – 11:00 a.m.**

Our Parish Family

**ROSARY PRIOR TO MASS**~in an effort to improve things, we are asking our rosary leaders to start the rosary 25 minutes prior to Mass and finish 10 minutes prior to Mass. This will allow the choirs time to practice the psalms so we don't have both going on at one time. We also need a volunteer to lead the rosary for the Saturday evening Mass on the first weekend of each month. If interested please contact, Jim Shanahan 519-524-9951.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**~are to be submitted well in advance to ensure publication. Bulletin templates are created in advance and space is limited. *Please be prepared in the event that two week bulletins may be published from time to time.* Please keep announcements brief and concise. Announcement deadline is Monday.

**USE OF PARISH HALL**~please check with the office prior to using the church hall for availability purposes and please make sure to shut off all the lights and lock the doors when leaving. Thank you.

**JANUARY NOTATIONS**~the parish office will be CLOSED on Thurs., Jan. 17 and Wed., Jan. 23.

Rev. Ronnie will be taking time off from Mon., Jan. 14 until Sat., Feb. 9. During his absence Fr. John Sharp will celebrate weekday and weekend Masses. We welcome Fr. Sharp to our parish and are thankful for his assistance during Fr. Ronnie's absence.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**~Please dispose of any 2018 envelopes and please use your 2019 envelopes as your number has changed. We also ask that for the month of January you write your name on your offertory envelope for tracking purposes. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

**GODERICH C.W.L.**~*General Meeting:* Mon., Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. Columbus Convention Centre Lounge. We hope you can join us!

*2019 Membership Fees:* Place the \$25 fee in a CWL membership envelope (at the back of the church), update your contact info, and place it in the collection basket. We invite all women interested in becoming a member to visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

**DURING FLU SEASON**~some of our parishioners suffer from weakened immune systems, for various reasons and during the flu season try to take precautions against any infections. We need to be thoughtful and courteous toward those who would prefer not to shake hands when being welcomed at the doors of the church or during the sign of peace. We also ask those who do not wish to shake hands to gently let us know this by a smile, a wave and/or a word of greeting.

**FORMED**~Are you looking to deepen your faith with great Catholic content? Now available at St. Peter's, with free registration, check out: [stpetersgoderich.formed.org](http://stpetersgoderich.formed.org)

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For assistance please contact, Andrew Paul: 519-477-2231

or [andrew.dv.paul@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.dv.paul@gmail.com)

**AN INVITATION**~we would like to invite women of ALL ages to gather together to hear inspiring speakers and participate in praise and worship at *IF:West Coast*. At Trinity Church, Goderich on Feb. 8 (6-10 p.m.) and Feb. 9 (9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) Cost is \$30 (which covers all your snacks and lunch at the event). For more info. check *IF:West Coast* on Facebook or email Heather and Andrea at [ifwestcoast@gmail.com](mailto:ifwestcoast@gmail.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**~for those of you wishing to have your child baptized, please go to our parish website and register on-line. In order to have your child baptized, parents are required and godparents are invited to attend a Baptismal Preparation Course. For those who have registered to have your child baptized, courses will be held every second month. Baptismal preparation is valid for 2 years. For those who have had children previously baptized and if the preparation was done more than 2 year ago, baptismal preparation is required. Baptisms take place during weekend Mass times.

**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 (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) 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 [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com) or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**PRAYER LINE INTENTIONS**~That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. - Pope Francis  
That our daily living may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice and peace  
For the church and all who serve the church and for all people who preach and practice the Gospel of Christ  
For those suffering from illness, depression, disability, addiction, disappointment, poverty, and hopelessness, may they trust that God will not abandon the work of His hands, but will abide with them, sharing their joy and their pain.

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**~the directories are currently in transit. The directories will be available for pick-up at the back of the church following all weekend Masses on Jan. 26/27 and Feb. 2/3. Joanne Doherty has compiled a list of those who are entitled to receive a photo directory and will be on site to distribute them. Thank you for your patience and once again thank you to Joanne Doherty for your dedication to this project.  
For those who requested additional directories you may also pick them up at the same time. If paying by cheque: payable to St. Peter's Parish. \$14.15/ copy. Please have the correct amount of money.  
*Reminder:* there are still photos to be picked up from the parish office.

### Passages from Pope Francis

*The follow passage is taken from the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation: The Joy of the Gospel:*

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. (par. 1-2)

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** *How am I encountering Jesus in my day to day living? Does it fill my heart with joy and gladness? Do I want to tell others about it? How is the consumer world in which I live, interfering with my spiritual growth? Have I noticed myself more impatient and less compassionate than I once was years ago?*



### Your Offerings to the Parish

**Dec. 22/18 – Jan. 1/19**

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