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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Jan. 3rd – 11:00 AM - livestreamed from St. Claude church
– Ernest Montsion (*funeral collection*)

Friday, Jan. 8th – private mass – August Debusschere (*funeral collection*)

Sunday, Jan. 10th – 9:00 AM - livestreamed from St. Denis church
– Rose Vaillant (*funeral collection*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **For the Grace of Peace**

God's Share: Dec. 27th - \$970.00 (15) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$175.00 (DD) = **\$1,145.00**

Taxes & Insurance Fundraising: Dec. 27th - **\$150.00** - YTD = **\$6,355.00**

Readings for Sunday, January 10, 2021

Isaiah 55, 1-11; Ps. Isaiah 12; John 5, 1-9; Mark 1, 7-11

St-Claude Parish Office Hours:

The parish office will be open on **Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. Please remember to wear a mask if you need to come to the office.

Sunday Bulletins: The bulletins will be sent via email and are also available for pickup at André's since the doors of the church remain locked at this time.

January 3rd, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

***Sacrament of Reconciliation during the COVID-19 Pandemic: If you want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Fr. Peter for an appointment. He is super happy to make himself available for your spiritual well-being.**

Brothers and sisters, I am sharing with you an excerpt from the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the celebration of the 54th World Day of Peace- 1 January 2021. To read the full message, please click the following link:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe and healthy, and in the state of grace everyday! Let us take refuge in the Lord during these difficult times. I wish you all a happy and a grace-filled New Year! Fr. Peter

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

*** Educating for a culture of care**

Promoting a culture of care calls for a *process of education*. The “compass” of social principles can prove useful and reliable in a variety of interrelated contexts. Let me offer a few examples:

- Educating people to care begins in the *family*, the natural and fundamental nucleus of society, in which we learn how to live and relate to others in a spirit of mutual respect. Yet families need to be empowered to carry out this vital and indispensable task.

- Together with the family, *schools and universities* – and, in some respects, the *communications media* – are also responsible for education.[22] They are called to pass on a system of values based on the recognition of the dignity of each person, each linguistic, ethnic and religious community and each people, as well as the fundamental rights arising from that recognition. Education is one of the pillars of a more just and fraternal society.

- Religions in general, and religious *leaders* in particular, can play an indispensable role in handing on to their followers, and to society at large, the values of solidarity, respect for differences, and concern for our brothers and sisters in need. Here I

think of the words spoken in 1969 by Pope Paul VI to the Ugandan Parliament: “Have no fear of the Church; she honours you, she educates honest and loyal citizens for you, she does not foment rivalries and divisions, she seeks to promote healthy liberty, social justice, and peace. If she has any preference at all, it is for the poor, for the education of little ones and of the people, for the care of the suffering and abandoned”.[\[23\]](#)

- Once more I encourage all those engaged in public service and in international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, and all those others who in various ways are involved in the areas of education and research, to work towards the goal of a “more open and inclusive education, involving patient listening, constructive dialogue and better mutual understanding”.[\[24\]](#) It is my hope that this appeal, made in the context of the *Global Compact on Education*, will be broadly acknowledged and accepted.

****There can be no peace without a culture of care***

The *culture of care* thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace. “In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter”.[\[25\]](#)

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the “rudder” of human dignity and the “compass” of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way;[\[26\]](#) instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, “to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”.[\[27\]](#)

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Whom do we resemble?

There is King Herod who seeks to control everything in his kingdom. He manipulates people, meets them in secret and uses violence to get his way.

Reflection: Do I want to control everything? Am I guilty of manipulation to convey my point of view? Is my word still sincere?

There are the Magi who embark on a great journey and follow the Star. They meet, question, take risks, rejoice and give their most precious gifts to the Infant Child. Their mission completed, they return home by another path.

Reflection: Can I face the unknown and the unexpected? Whenever I trust, I experience the great mystery of God’s presence who came to earth to be part of our sacred history.

There is the swaddled and vulnerable child whose future will be that of a great King. Jesus will draw men and women to him and they will be his disciples. Our God is always present among us as King and Servant.

Reflection: How do I react to the Good News of God’s Word? Do I share God’s Word with my brothers and sisters? Do I trust the future?

There is Mary who is always present to each of us from the time the Son of God was born. She meditates on this great mystery that carries a deep meaning for all humanity.

Reflection: Whenever I reflect on my life, am I able to link my thoughts to those of Jesus and Mary and open my heart to others?

There is Joseph. He trusts implicitly in our God who is close to us. Joseph is the protector of this Holy Family throughout and beyond Christ’s childhood and daily life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a beautiful and loving family.

Reflection: Joseph was present during Jesus’ life. He taught Christ his trade as a carpenter. Jesus spent years living with Mary and Joseph and then would continue on his mission as God’s Only Begotten Son.

Pope Benedict XVI said. “*The journey of the Magi from the East is the start of a great pilgrimage which has continued throughout history. The Magi begin humanity’s pilgrimage to Jesus Christ, to our God who was born in a stable and who will be with us until the end of time.*” (Free Translation)



Wishing Everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Father Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.
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