



## ST. DENIS Parish

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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Roger Landriault (*Marie-Rose Antoine*)

Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation  
Mass at 10:00am – Angela Dondo (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Deceased family members (*D & M Dequier*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Souls in purgatory

God's Share : Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - \$270.00 (15) + \$6.45 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$436.45

God's Share : Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$280.00 (16) + \$10.00 loose + \$0.00 (dd) = \$290.00

Church cleaning : Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Massinon & Yvonne Cantin

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 12<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 19<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Dorothee & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the sacristy in St-Claude.

**Parish Finance Committee of St-Denis and St-Claude:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory in St-Claude.

## The Epiphany of the Lord (A) - January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Prayer Intentions for January, 2020

- *Promotion of World Peace:* We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his ministry among us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
- For those who mourn, who are sick, and who suffer from loneliness.

### Epiphany Sunday:

This Sunday marks the occasion for the blessing of homes. If you want to have your home blessed, Fr. Peter will be happy to visit you. Please notify him to make an appointment by calling 204-952-4531.

**Let us keep a thought in our prayers for:** Mrs. Julienne Souque (née Dupras), who passed away in Winnipeg on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the age of 92 years. Her funeral mass was held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 in St-Claude. Our condolences go out to her family and friends who are grieving.

### A Thousand Thanks:

As we begin the new year of 2020, hats off to all the volunteers who donated their time and talent to the church in preparation for the Christmas celebrations. Thanking also those who continue to work for the proper functioning of the parish. Without you, certain tasks could not be accomplished so well.



### Memorial Service in honor of the 2019 deceased members and friends of St-Claude – Haywood: January 12, 2020

The holidays is a time for memories and remembering, but it is not always a happy time. Sometimes we can feel very much alone in the midst of the celebrating. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone. For these reasons, the St-Claude Catholic parish will offer Candlelight Memorial Services on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the St-Claude Church. Come out and share with us in a time of remembrance. The service will be followed by a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. See program on bulletin board.

### Marriage Tip:

Always think loving thoughts. Never let the devil creep in with negative talk.

### Reflection for the separated/divorced:

*“Christ doesn't promise life will be 'a party.' He promises hope – a light at the end of the tunnel.” – Pope Francis, May 30, 2014 (from a tweet)*

Reflect on the quote from Pope Francis. Know that even in your darkest moments Christ will be your light.



### Readings for Sunday: January 12, 2020

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Ps 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 (R. see 11b); Acts 10.34-38;  
Matthew 3.13-17

### Talk with the Archbishop - for separated/divorced people - January 12, 2020

A "Talk with the Archbishop" meeting for separated/divorced persons will take place on Sunday, January 12, 2020, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the Provencher Salon of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface (151 avenue de la Cathédrale). This meeting will be a 'workshop' type and is part of a series of meetings with Bishop LeGatt. The goal is to create diocesan initiatives for separated/divorced persons. The event is an opportunity to share experiences, and to see how to meet the needs of separated/divorced persons in our archdiocese.

Refreshments and a light snack will be offered. On-site childcare will be available. For information or to register before January 8, 2020, please contact Sophie from the Marriage, Family and Life Service at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface: [mfv@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfv@archsaintboniface.ca); 204-594-0274.

### Papal Blessing

The Apostolic (Papal) blessing request form is available on the diocesan website [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) under 'Chancery'. The directives on how to proceed for the request and the fee payment are also included. The request may be placed for an anniversary of birthday, wedding, sacerdotal and diaconal ordinations or religious life. The request should be sent to the Apostolic Nuntiatura at least one (1) month before the date of the anniversary celebration.

### Do you plan to get married in 2020? Congrats!

Did you know that it is recommended that you set a meeting with your parish priest or parish life director as one of the first steps in planning your wedding? Please schedule this meeting at least six months prior to your desired date for the ceremony. It will be a pleasure to accompany you and your fiancé as you prepare for this important celebration! Only after this initial meeting should you set a definitive date for your wedding.

Following the meeting, please make sure to register for both components of the Marriage Preparation Process:

- 1 – Marriage Preparation Course (various dates)
- 2 – Fertility Health Awareness Seminar (April 23, 2020)

For more info on marriage preparation, please visit the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website ([www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)) section: "Marriage, Family and Life – Marriage Preparation".

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 - 25, 2020

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world from January 18 - 25. The theme for 2020 is **"They showed us unusual kindness"** (cf. Acts 28:2). The materials have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On February 10th many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of Saint Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

In Winnipeg the 2020 Week of Prayer will be marked by a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30 PM on Sunday, January 19 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 200 Dalhousie Drive. All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with church leaders and to pray in a special way throughout the entire week of prayer.

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for CHRISTIAN UNITY  
**2020**

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# Following the Star



When I was younger, the Feast of the Three Kings, which we now call Epiphany Sunday, always fascinated me. I asked a lot of questions. Who were these Magi? How many were there? Were they really kings? Were their names Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspard? Did they represent different races?

St. Matthew's Gospel tells us that the Magi came from east of the Jordan and were alerted to Christ's birth by the appearance of a star in the sky. These astrologers represented the world of the Gentiles who would welcome Jesus as Lord and be open to hearing the Good News of salvation. The travelers alerted King Herod to his existence: *Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage* (Mt 2:2).

It is not important to know whether this star followed a mysterious or unusual trajectory which was visible only to a select few. Instead this star was a sign that announced the coming of the Savior King, just as the angels informed the shepherds in Bethlehem that this Infant would lead them to salvation. The word, *Catholic*, from the Greek word *katholikos*, or *universal*, indicates that God's message was destined for *men and women of good will*.

In St. Matthew's Gospel we read of the visitors' conversation with King Herod and his powerful entourage. The travelers did not reveal Christ's birthplace in the grotto in Bethlehem and returned home by another route. Years later, the authorities refused to believe Christ's teachings and initiated confrontations that ultimately resulted in the crucifixion of Mary and Joseph's Son.

The Magi went to the manger in Bethlehem and presented symbolic gifts to the Infant. They knelt before the King of the universe and offered him the *gold* of their hearts. They proclaimed that he is God and Lord by bringing the *incense* of their prayers. They acclaimed the One who would rise from the dead with the *myrrh* of their fulfilled hopes.

Who are today's Magi? Will they again come from the East? What offerings will they bring? Our answer is they will bring the best of what they have: the goodness of their hearts, their deep spirituality and the joy that animates their lives.

**Gilles Leblanc**

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