



## ST. DENIS Parish

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**LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Odile Divorne (*Divorne family*)

Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Roger Landriault (*nephew of Marie Rose Antoine*)

Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Diane Dufault (*Marcel Dufault & family*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week : Odile Divorne.

God's Share : Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - \$180.00 (19) + \$0.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$300.00

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 27<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection:	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilley	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

**Tree Lighting:** Many thanks to all who bought lights in honor or memory of someone. A profit of **\$2,255.00** was realized, which is split between the church, the hall and the Club d'Âge d'Or for a total of **\$751.67** each. Well Done !!

**Tax receipts:** receipts for 2018 are ready for pick-up. Thanks for your continued support.

### Readings for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 96.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac (R.3)  
1 Corinthians 12.4-11; John 2.1-12



## *The Baptism of the Lord (C)*

*January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

### **Prayer Intention for January 2019**

*Evangelization:* 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.

Let us pray for our Priest Moderator, Father John.

Let us pray for Deacon Peter Le who is continuing his studies and will be ordained on June 1, 2019.

Let us pray for all members of our community who are sick.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):** Date changed to Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

### **Monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus: Date change.**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

### **Souvenir Books of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We have extra books for sale. If you wish to order, please use the order form and contact the parish office with your payment.

There are CDs available that were recorded for the 200th. You will find some on the tables. They are **FREE**. Help yourself.

### **World Day for Consecrated Life**

The annual prayer service for World Day for Consecrated Life will be held on Saturday, February 2 at 7 PM at St. Boniface Cathedral. The purpose of World Day for Consecrated Life is to pray for women and men religious, and to give thanks for the gift of religious life. This year, we will acknowledge the many contributions of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal (Grey Nuns). The Grey Nuns were the first religious to arrive at the Red River settlement in 1844. Over 175 years, the Grey Nuns have made an immense contribution towards building the Church in Saint Boniface and throughout western and northern Canada. To say nothing of building the health systems, education systems, and social service systems in Canada and other parts of the world.

### **Stewardship Reflections - January 13, 2019 - Baptism of the Lord**

*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’ ” (Luke 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

## Marriage Tip

What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility. In what way are you and your spouse most different?

### Created for Connection - A Guided Retreat for Christian Couples: February 1-3, 2019 \*LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER\*

Are you looking to enrich, reenergize or heal your marriage? The Service of Marriage, Family and Life at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface invites you to participate in an outstanding guided retreat for Christian couples, which will be taking place February 1-3, 2019! Couples will be invited to deepen their connection and create more secure loving relationships, by exploring 7 conversations for lasting love. The retreat is based on the life-giving and highly effective method for helping couples: emotionally focused therapy. Retreat location: St. Benedict's Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave, West Saint Paul, MB. Cost: \$350/couple. \*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 18, 2019\* For information and to register: Marie Brunet, [mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca), 204-594-0274. [View poster.](#)

### Winter Camps for Children & Youth, 8 to 17 years old

Come have fun at dynamic and exciting winter camps in St. Malo for children & youth who desire to grow in their Catholic faith. The CSE (Catholic School of Evangelization) offers amazing weekend camps in English for: 8 to 12-years old - January 25 to 27, 2019; for 12 to 15-years old - February 8 to 10, 2019 and the annual bilingual winter *Revive Retreat* for 15 to 17-years old - February 15 to 18, 2019. French-language camp dates are available on the [CSE website](#). Early-bird discounts end Friday December 7, 2018.

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY** at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net).

For more information: [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net), 204-347-5396.

### Caisse Financial Group Annual General Meeting: January 28, 2019

at 7:00 p.m., at the Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street, Winnipeg, MB

Registration at 6:15 p.m.

*NB – The meeting will be conducted in French (simultaneous translation in English)*



*"Today's feast encourages us to reflect on the main mission God has assigned for each of us as well as the many missions of our lives."  
(Homily for Baptism of the Lord)*

*The Baptism of the Lord (C)*

*January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

## And Jesus prayed ...

The celebration of Jesus' Baptism concludes the cycle of festivities around the Nativity. It is a meaningful focal point. Each year, the liturgy offers us one excerpt from the four Evangelical Gospels. Each has its own character and this year, through St. Luke's Gospel, we recall these events.



St. Matthew tells us how John the Baptist felt unworthy and hesitated to baptize Jesus. St. Mark, as does St. John the Evangelist, wrote that John the Baptist baptized in the Spirit. St. Luke with his particular understanding provides a precise detail of his own: *Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying...*

While Jesus waited patiently with others, he prayed. This was his first messianic action and he displayed the humble attitude of someone who prays while standing in line. We acknowledge this fundamental union with us. Jesus is telling us that He receives everything from his Father, which is confirmed by the voice that comes from heaven: *You are my Son*. He is blessed by the Holy Spirit: *... the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.*

Christ's Baptism brings us to His mission. How will we react to it? His travels on the roads of Palestine will enlighten us, but we have already learned about Christ from the prophetic words of Isaiah. To add more details at the outset, Sunday's liturgy evokes the strong images that accompanied our Advent services: *Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God ... Every valley shall be lifted up ... Here is your God! ... He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them ... And gently lead the mother sheep.*

This is Christ's mission: to console, lift up valleys and free humanity from its structural flaws which generate injustice and lead to wars. His prayer, as he mingles with the crowd, is to carry all of us whom he has come to save in his heart.

If Baptism enlightened us to the totality of Christ's mission, aren't we also called to fulfill our individual missions? To quote St. Paul in his letter to Titus: *He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the waters of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*. Our Baptism, through Christ, enables us to forge new solidarities in our world. And Jesus prayed ... for each and every one of us.

**Jacques Houle, c.s.v.**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli