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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Jan. 17th – 11:00 AM - livestreamed from St. Claude church
– **Bernard Billerot (Henriette Joly)**

Friday, Jan. 22nd – private mass – Paul Dedieu (funeral collection)

Sunday, Jan. 24th – 9:00 AM - livestreamed from St. Denis church
– **Jacques & Thérèse Furet (Cécile & Albert Furet)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Danielle Poirier**

God's Share: Jan. 10th - \$235.00 (17) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$270.00**

Meetings with Father Peter: Though we would like Father or any priest to be available to his parishioners at all times, they are only human and cannot be in two places at once. For this reason you are asked to call ahead and set a time with Father before coming to see him. We must be patient for we are not the only one Father is ministering to. Father is doing his best to make himself available even through this pandemic. Very challenging.

Tree Lighting results:	Income:	Lights Sold	\$2,115.00
	Expenses:	Lights purchased	\$191.98
		Gazette	50.00
			241.98
	Profit:		\$1,873.02

Shared – Haywood Hall, Accueil d'Âge d'Or and St. Denis Church - **\$624.34** each.

Many thanks to all who purchased bulbs and for the organizers. Well done!

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Prayer Intention for January, 2021

Human Fraternity – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated **18 to 25 January 2021**. The 2021 theme – “*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*” (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

*They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And he saved them from their distress.
He sent out his word and healed them,
And delivered them from destruction.
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
For his wonderful works to humankind.
(Psalm 107:19-21)*

Lord God,

I pray for all who have become sick or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the world.

In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,
In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,
In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have fallen sick,
Welcome into your arms the ones that died,
Comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.
In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.
In love, I give glory to your name.
In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray.
Amen.

Parish Life:

- On behalf of the Parish, Fr. Peter would like to thank all who helped to decorate as well as take down the Christmas decorations in our two parishes.
- On Tuesday, January 12, at the request of the staff of the St. Claude Pavilion, Fr. Peter visited and celebrated the sacrament of the sick for our resident parishioners there. It was a blessed day for him as well as for the sick and the elderly parishioners. The visitation shelter that has been built attached to the Pavilion, is very convenient and safe for one-on-one visits. Fr. Peter would like to thank the staff of the Pavilion, especially Josiane De Smet for having well organized for his pastoral visit. The sacrament of anointing of the sick is a sacrament of healing and strengthening for the spiritual well-being of the sick and the elderly people. Therefore, do not hesitate to contact Fr. Peter if your loved one needs to receive this sacrament.

Readings for Sunday, January 24, 2021

Jonah 3, 1-5.10;

Ps. 24 (25) 4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9, 7;

1 Corinthians 7, 29-31;

Mark 1, 14-20



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 at André's since the doors of the church remain locked at this time.

Marriage Tips:

"We must pray that married couples will love their vocation, even when the road becomes difficult." (Saint John Paul II)

How can you be a spiritual and practical support for other couples and families going through difficult times?

Stewardship January 17, 2021 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, to live your Stewardship, by asking the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Samuel, Andrew and others



Throughout this year, from one Sunday to the next, we will learn how Jesus invited people to become his disciples. We will also read about the difficulties they would encounter as they followed in Jesus' path. How does the process start? How do you really become a disciple? This Sunday's readings provide a guide to the art of becoming a disciple.

Listening

A disciple's first requirement is not an ability to preach or to speak, but to listen. We see it in the first reading where young Samuel is very attentive to the Lord's calls. The psalmist says to God: *Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear* (Psalm 40:6). Finally, in the Gospel, St. John the

Baptist's disciples listen as he reveals the presence of the Messiah among them.

There is an astonishing aspect to listening. Young Samuel thinks he is listening to Eli, the priest, when it is actually God who is speaking to him. Simon Peter listens to his brother Andrew and follows him to meet Jesus who then invites him to become a disciple. Concerning our own discipleship, we should not expect a voice to suddenly come from heaven, or for Jesus to speak to us. It is through other people that Jesus will make his invitation ring out in our ears.

Journeying

There is a double journey in today's Gospel. First, the physical journey: two of St. John's disciples follow Jesus and want to know where he lives. Then their mindsets evolve as they slowly perceive Christ's identity. St. John the Baptist initially introduced Christ as *Jesus of Nazareth*. Then he becomes the '*Rabbi*', the teacher who transmits his wisdom to us. Finally, he is the *Messiah*, King David's descendant who will fulfill God's promises to his people. We follow a similar process as we slowly discover the mystery of Christ. We can never believe that we have understood everything about Christ, which would reduce Him to the limits of our experiences, language and concepts.

Discovering Christ and Discovering Ourselves

When Simon, Andrew's brother, met Jesus, Christ said to him: *You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)* (John 1:42) When he discovered Christ, Peter discovered himself. Christ revealed to him the meaning of his life. Being Christ's disciple means following Him. It also means that we give up our pre-conceived self-image and discover our truest and deepest identity as we set out on our own life journey.

Georges Madore

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