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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, January 19th - 9:00am – August Debusschere (D. & M. Dequier)

Friday, January 24th - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation
Mass at 10:00am – Lucille Middleton (funeral collection)

Sunday, January 26th - 9:00am – Alphonsine DiNottia (Tognet)
(Gamby and Katopodis families)

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

God's Share : Jan. 12th - **\$267.00** (20) + **\$7.25** loose + **\$60.00** (dd) = **\$334.25**

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 19th</u>	<u>January 26th</u>	<u>February 2nd</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly
Offerings & Collection	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilly family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Yvonne Bazin	Lucille Dheilly
Counters:	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

Readings for Sunday: January 26, 2020

Isaiah 9.1-4; Ps 27.1, 4, 13-14 (R. 1a);
1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18; Matthew 4. 12-23

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - January 19th, 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.

Short Presentations of Catechesis on the Mass

Beginning this Sunday, we present a short catechesis on each part of the Mass in order to help our parishioners understand better the meaning of the Eucharistic celebration. We will have a short presentation before every weekend celebration. (It takes about 2-3 minutes). The presentations will cover the four parts of the Mass as follows

- the introductory rites
- the liturgy of the Word
- the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- the Concluding Rites

that are distributed into 37 short catechesis.

Today, we start with the beginning of the Mass:

A. THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

First Catechesis: The introductory rites and the entrance procession

The opening rites include everything that precedes the liturgy of the Word, i.e.

- The entrance procession of entry and the entrance song
- The greeting of the priest
- The Kyrie,
- The Glory in Excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)
- The Opening Prayer (The Collect).

These rites have the character of introduction and preparation.

The entrance procession and the entrance song

a. The entrance procession

- The procession of entry symbolizes the march of the people in prayer to meet God. (cf Dom Robert. Le Gall, Dictionary of Liturgy, 1987.)
- In addition, the entrance procession expresses mutual reception between the faithful and the Lord. That is to say, we come to the house of God, He welcomes us. In turn, we open our hearts to welcome him.

b. The entrance song

During the process, the entrance song:

- opens the celebration
- introduces us to the spirit of the liturgy of the day
- accompanies the priest's entrance procession with the other ministers and
- serves to encourage the active participation of the assembly.



Marriage Tip:

Winning an argument is not about proving you're right. It's not YOUR problem or MY problem. It's OUR problem. Sometimes the marriage can win if you lose.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the sacristy.

Receiving Communion and Anointing of the Sick at Home:

If you wish to receive communion at home on Wednesday afternoon (*Friday in Haywood*), after Mass at the Pavilion, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or old age, please contact Fr. Peter. Some people have recently moved, and it would be good to be notified of the changes. Regarding the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (in case of an emergency or before a surgery), please contact Fr. Peter at 204-952-4531. Thank you for your cooperation.

Federal Government Launches Consultation on Assisted Suicide



Ottawa announced the consultation process on Jan. 13 as it amends the Criminal Code to permit greater access to assisted suicide. The amendments are in response to a Quebec court decision last September that struck down parts of the existing law as unconstitutional.

The consultation asks Canadians to weigh in on how far to extend access to medical assistance in dying, specifically whether assisted suicide and euthanasia should be expanded to include advance directives, mature minors and people who wish to end their lives solely because of mental illness.

The consultation ends on January 27 at 11:59 PM (PST). You can participate by clicking the website: <https://justice.survev-sondage.ca> For information from Justice Canada about the consultation, click [survey_maid_eng.pdf](#). For information from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops about euthanasia and assisted suicide, or for a Catholic Register article about the ethical issues surrounding the survey, click <https://www.cccb.ca>.

Parish of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes – Friday, January 31, 2020

Fundraising organized by the N.D. Knights of Columbus in partnership with their parish. Pizza supper, wings, fries and more. Hockey game of Jets vs Boston will be televised. Please see the bulletin board poster for more information.

World Day for Consecrated Life 2020 – February 2, 2020

Please join us for the annual prayer service for World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be held on **Sunday February 2nd at 3 PM at Saint Boniface Cathedral**. The service will take the form of Taizé prayer. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

The primary purpose of World Day for Consecrated Life is to pray for women and men religious, and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life in the church.

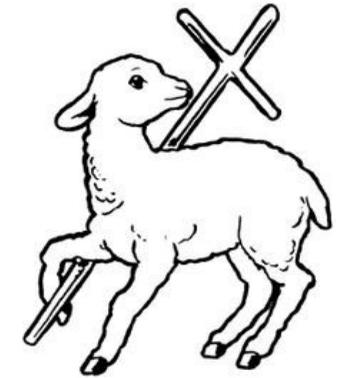
This year, we will particularly acknowledge the contribution of the **Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)**.

Tiger Mountain League for Life Banquet - February 14, 2020

at 6:30PM, at the Holland Community Center. Speaker Msgr. Maurice Comeault, silent auction, and dance to follow. Deadline for tickets February 7, 2020. For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Antoine & Céline Hutlet in St. Claude at **204-379-2517**.

The Lamb of God

From the beginning of his Gospel, St. John endeavors to make us understand who Jesus is and what his mission entails. He comments that people are often at odds with God, the Source of life. Each of us has experienced a rupture in our relationship with God. While God is love, truth, compassion and communion, too often we are egotistical, unfaithful, hard of heart, and divided among ourselves. We may think of sin as acts such as lying, stealing, or assaulting. Yet, sin is primarily a state: an estrangement from God or, as St. Augustine has said, whatever keeps us distant from God. The acts we call sins are simply the symptoms and result of this fundamental divide.



A paradox

How can God save us from this divide and restore communion with Him? St. John tells us it will not require a super being or a terrifying force. On the contrary, God will accomplish this through the weakness and innocence of a man, Jesus, who was abandoned and condemned to death.

A powerful image

How can we explain this paradox between power and weakness? Referring to the experiences of the Jewish people, St. John recalls the rite of the paschal lamb that took place during the time when the Jews were leaving Egypt (Ex 12:1-28). This rite consisted of sacrificing a small lamb, then collecting the blood and using it to paint the doorposts and lintel of their homes. During the night an Angel of Death passed over and struck down the firstborn of the Egyptians. The Angel spared the houses whose doors were marked with blood. Thus, by the blood of an innocent lamb, the Jews were saved from death.

St. John applied this image to Christ. From the first chapter, St. John the Baptist revealed Jesus' mystery and mission by these words: *Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world* (Jn 1:29). During his passion, Jesus shed his blood on the day and at the hour when the paschal lamb was sacrificed in the temple of Jerusalem (Jn 19:14). On the cross, Jesus' bones were not broken, as specified by the ritual concerning the paschal lamb (Jn 19:36).

Broken body, Risen body

In Christian churches, after the recitation of the Our Father, the priest or deacon proceeds to break the bread for the communion of the faithful. This gesture is accompanied by a litany of invocations to the Lamb of God. This litany reminds us of both the power and the weakness of Christ, who died and rose again.

Father Georges Madore

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