



ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

Box 58, 53 Saint Augustine Street
Haywood, Manitoba, R0G 0W0

Parish administrator : Father Solomon Arthur, SMA
E-mail: pstclaud@mymts.net
Telephone: 204-379-2434 - St. Claude - Fax: 204-379-2399
Secretary: Denise Danais – Email: seclaude@mymts.net

Bulletin / Secretary / Cemetery: André Lambert
Phone: 204-379-2175 - Haywood - Cell : 204-872-3697
E-mail: parstdenis@gmail.com

Parish web site : www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca

Diocese web site: www.archsaintboniface.ca

Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Jan. 21st - 9:00 am – Simone Dheilly (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, Jan. 28th – 9:00 am – Ted Tkachyk (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sunday, Feb. 4th - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (*Roland & Yvonne Dequier*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Danielle Poirier

God's Share : Jan. 147th - \$162.00 (13) + \$5.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$187.00

Church Cleaning : Jan. 1st to Feb. 15th – Simone Lambert & Yvonne Bazin

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 21st</u>	<u>January 28th</u>	<u>February 4th</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection:	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilly family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Michelle Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for January 2018

Evangelization: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Invitation to all parishioners:

All parishioners are welcome to the presbytery in St. Claude at any time if you want to greet, see or speak to Father Solomon. You only have to ring the doorbell to the sacristy and you will be welcomed, even outside of office hours. Welcome to all!

Let us pray for all the sick members of our community!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 21st, 2018

Week Day Masses :

Father Solomon now celebrates mass every day - at the Pavilion on Wednesdays at the usual time of 2:45 pm and at the Manor on Thursdays at 9:00 am.

Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Friday are celebrated at 9:00 am in the sacristy during the winter. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Saturday mass is at 8:00 pm in the church in English and Sunday at 11:00 am in French.

2018 Share Lent Workshop: Peace and Dialogue – Thursday, February 1st, 2018

Do you want to learn more about the campaign, so you can present it in your parish? Everyone is welcome to a workshop held on Thursday, February 1st; registration at 6:30 PM; supper and presentation from 7 – 9 PM; held in the Bishop's Dining room downstairs at 151 de la Cathédrale Ave., Winnipeg. (Please buzz 215 to come in). D & P members from outside the city of Winnipeg are asked to contact the animator regarding carpooling and compensation for mileage and accommodations. Food and refreshments will be provided. For more information: Rachele Rocque, 204-231-2848, rocque@devp.org.

French Canadian Entertainment Evening: Saturday, January 27, 2018

Concert (in French) by Mme Diva at 4:00 p.m., supper at 5:30, music by Angéla Durand and band *Chiens de Prairies* at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by École Gilbert-Rosset and Comité Culturel of St-Claude and Haywood.

Tiger Mountain League for Life Annual Banquet – February 9, 2018

Annual Banquet on Friday February 9th, 2018 at the Holland Community Hall
Supper 6:30pm; Speaker: Kate Scatlett; Rainbow & Live Rose Auction
Dance to follow. Sponsored by Tiger Mountain League For Life
Tickets and information: Stephanie 204-526-5320

Marriage Preparation Course: March 9-11, 2018:

'It Takes Three' Marriage Prep Course, in Holland, March 9-11th, 2018. If you or anyone you know is planning a marriage, please talk to your priest and register for this preparation seminar at 526-2504.

Marriage Tip

Couples separated by distance have blessings and challenges. Absence can make the heart grow fonder, but it can also cause loneliness and temptations. Plan ways to keep close even when you're far away.

Stewardship Reflection - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 2018

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

The Soldier and the Deck of Cards

A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise.

The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an Army Sergeant came in and asked, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?"

The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant said, "Looks like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?"

"You see the **Ace**, Sergeant, it reminds that there is only one God.

The **2** represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The **3** represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The **4** stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The **5** is for the five virgins, there were ten, but only five of them were glorified.

The **6** is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The **7** is for the day God rested after working the six days.

The **8** is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time.

The **9** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked Him.

The **10** represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan. One of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the Joker of eternal hell.

The **Queen** stands for the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

The **King** stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with a **365** total, one for every day of the year.

There is a total of **52** cards in a deck, each is a week, 52 weeks in a year.

The **4** suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

Each suit has **13** cards, there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for."

The sergeant just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 21st, 2018

Haven't you understood?

The Bible passages that we read today are quite remarkable as they relate an episode in the life of Jonah. He had tried without much success to convert the inhabitants of the city of Nineveh. The Gospel also provides us with two bits of information: a small comment explaining the essential point of Jesus' preaching and a brief passage on how the Lord recruited his first disciples. Finally we cannot forget Saint Paul who was convinced that the end of the world was imminent. These passages have a connecting theme.

Let's look at Jonah's circumstances. His adventure is related in a text we believe dates from the 5th century before Christ. It describes how the Prophet Jonah dared to preach conversion to a corrupt city. He demanded an urgent response, but his message fell on deaf ears. The citizens of Nineveh not only ignored but resisted his preaching.

Five centuries later Jesus used similar language as he preached. Christ's words can be summarized: *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news!* (Mark 1: 15).

Another interesting perspective is found in the following passages. They record that Jesus recruited disciples to continue his work so that his call to faith could be spread throughout the world.

In his era, Jonah preached about conversion and repentance. Jesus' message to his disciples had the same sense of urgency. From early on, Christ trained them to take up the tasks and challenges of conversion.

As disciples, we face many challenges. When we speak of conversion, it requires us to step back, focus on what is essential, and even change our perspective and ways. This process can make us fearful, irritated, and upset. Preaching conversion doesn't always guarantee good audience reception. It can be compared to those who oppose evidence of climate change or to members of the Curia who do not support Pope Francis' preaching, despite the fact he is following up with what the Cardinals had requested of the future Bishop of Rome. If we speak about conversion, we must be prepared to be humble. True disciples must acknowledge that they are sinners. The proud, the conceited, and those who believe they are not *like other people*, have difficulty with conversion and repentance because they ignore their own weaknesses and errors. However, the urgency to convert is real.

Jonah warned the citizens of Nineveh to change their ways. Two millennia ago, Jesus called us to repent. Today this message is preached by Pope Francis and courageous prophets who care for humanity. Lord, ensure that we are not deaf to their words.



Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli