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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, February 2nd - 9:00am – Juliette Ellchuk (*Dheilily family*)

Friday, February 7th - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation
Mass at 10:00am – Auguste Debusschere (*funeral collection*)

Sunday, February 9th - 9:00am – Marcel Marin (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Marie-Rose Antoine

God's Share : Jan. 26th - \$305.00 (19) + \$52.00 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$517.00

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 2nd</u>	<u>February 9th</u>	<u>February 16th</u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilily	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection	Marcel Dheilily family	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet
Communion:	Lucille Dheilily	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

Readings for Sunday: February 9, 2020

Isaiah 58.6 -10++; Ps 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R. 4);
1 Corinthians 2.1-5; Matthew 5.13-16



Marriage Tips

Do the two of you have a favorite song or a good musical memory? Make a playlist and spend some time slow (or fast!) dancing together.

The Presentation of the Lord (A)

February 2nd, 2020

Prayer Intentions for February, 2020

- **Listen to the Migrants' Cries** - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
- 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.



Happy Birthday, Father Peter!



Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 2:00 in the sacristy.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Practice: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the sacristy. Let us pray for these children who are soon to receive this sacrament.

3rd CATECHESIS: The Penitential Act

We continue the short catechesis which explains the course of our liturgical celebrations. Today, we present the penitential act which takes place after the greeting of the celebrant "*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*"

- The penitential act is a form of general confession of sinfulness of the whole assembly, relying on the mercy of God so that he may cleanse us before meeting him in the Eucharistic celebration.
- This rite begins with an invitation from the celebrant to acknowledge our sins, followed by a brief moment of silence to allow an examination of conscience.
- Then the assembly is invited to recite or sing the "*Kyrie eleison*" which means "*Lord, have mercy*". These words come from the Gospel: it is the cry of the Canaanite woman (Mt 15, 22) and the cry of the blind beggars (Mt 20, 30).
- The *Kyrie* is both a prayer of supplication and an acclamation by which the faithful implore the mercy of the Lord.
- The celebrant concludes the penitential act with a prayer of absolution or forgiveness.
- The assembly responds "*Amen*", expressing its gratitude for the forgiveness received.

World Day for Consecrated Life 2020 – February 2, 2020

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)**. Please pass this message on to all members of your community, parish, friends and family!

Receiving Communion and Anointing of the Sick at Home:

If you wish to receive communion at home on Wednesday afternoon, after Mass at the Pavilion, (Friday morning in Haywood) 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.

Annual Day of Prayer for Missions in Canada – Sunday, February 9, 2020

Archbishop LeGatt encourages us to take part in this new initiative because our diocese is strongly supported by CMIC for our 8 Northern communities. This year, in our diocese, the Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions will happen on February 9, 2020.

Please note that this is a diocesan mandated special collection. Parishioners who have collection envelopes will already have an envelope for the support of CMIC on this Day of Prayer. Cheques can be made **payable to the parish** and the funds collected will be remitted to the diocese.

However, the priority is to pray for the Missions in Canada.

On the tables at the back you will find the official prayer, special envelopes and an information pamphlet on Catholic Missions in Canada. Help yourself.

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**.

Cana Session for Couples



CANA is a six-day session for couples to strengthen their marriage and deepen their spiritual life, offered by the Chemin Neuf Community at the St. Charles Retreat Centre. The live-in session includes talks, prayer, time together as a couple, relaxation and celebration. In 2020 Cana will be offered over three weekends: April 25-26, May 15-17, and June 6-

7. Couples sleep at the Centre and must commit to all three weekends. Couples can bring their children to the middle, three-day weekend. For more information see the chemin-neuf.ca website (Couples & Families"), Canawpg@gmail.com, or call 204-885-2260.

Reflections for the separated/divorced

"Hate: It has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet."

– Maya Angelou

Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love." What can you do to end bitterness and hatred as a result of your divorce or separation? Pray for the grace to overcome any hostility that may be directed toward you.

The importance of our legacy



What legacy will you leave to your children, your friends, and the people around you?

I have a great example. My Grand-father Meunier didn't wait till the end of his life to share his legacy with his children. Each year, after they were of majority age, he gave each of them a tidy sum. In addition, after his passing, he left them his notarized spiritual will.

We were truly grateful since this spiritual testament was worth more than money. Each of his children were able to build their lives on solid rock and with solid values.

In their own way, Simeon and Anna were great prophets as were the others who had come before them. Today in 2020, who are our prophets? Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simeon held the Child who would be our sacred history.

And what about us? Who presented us in the Temple? Spend some time and ask your parents who encouraged them to bring you to Church for your Baptism? This could lead to an interesting conversation.

Simeon and Anna enabled God to act through them. Believing in Christ means we allow Him to act in our lives and with Him, we enrich our own sacred history.

God has given us the gift of our lives. Just like Christ, we place our lives in God's hands. Jesus exemplified our great spiritual inheritance. While nothing will happen in the blink of an eye, our entourage, society, friends, and our parents can provide a wonderful example of what we can become.

In this Gospel passage, there is no mention of a ceremony or ritual. Instead we focus on two people, Simeon and Anna, whose words enlightened Mary and Joseph. Jesus' parents returned to their village. Our pathway with Christ will depend on our choices as disciples.

Father Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli