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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Feb. 14th – 9:00 AM – Jean deRocquigny (Margaret & family)

ASH Wednesday, Feb. 17th – 9:00 AM - Deceased members Rouire family
(Roland & Yvonne Dequier)

Friday, Feb. 19th - private mass – Paul Dedieu (funeral collection)

Sunday, Feb. 21st – 9:00 AM – Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (Cécile & Albert Furet)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Lucille Dheilly**

God's Share: Feb. 7th - \$50.00 (1) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$85.00**

Catholic Missions in Canada: Feb. 7th - \$30.00 (2) = YTD **\$30.00**

Welcome back : We are now allowed to resume church services at 10% capacity or 50 people, whichever is less. Since our church can hold approximately 300 people, we can legally have 30 people plus 5 support personnel.

The same health measures as before must be followed; wear a mask, sanitize your hands, register your name upon entry, social distance and sanitize your area before leaving, and of course, stay home if you are not well.

Prayer Intention for February, 2021

Violence against women – We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

February 14, 2021

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

***Sacrament of Reconciliation during the COVID-19 Pandemic: If you want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call Fr. Peter for an appointment. He is super happy to make himself available for your spiritual well-being.**

COVID-19 Update for Religious Services **Updated on February 12, 2021**

As of Friday, February 12, the provincial government is extending its Code Red Alert for all of Manitoba until March 5, but with a lifting of some restrictions.

- Masses and religious gatherings can resume at 10% of the usual capacity of the premises or 50 persons, whichever is lower.
- Weddings, funerals, and baptisms are limited to ten people. Please note that a baptism taking place during a regular parish Mass is not limited to ten people, but to 10% of the usual capacity of the premises or 50 persons, whichever is lower.
- **In St. Claude, we can have 50 persons each Mass.**
- **In St. Denis, we can have 30 persons each Mass.**
- Other activities such as Adoration, catechesis and sacramental preparation may resume.
- Persons responsible for livestreaming a religious service are NOT to be counted among the people allowed to attend (10% of the usual capacity of the premises or 50 persons, whichever is lower).
- Reception of the Eucharist other than at Mass can be made available to parishioners. We invite the faithful to call their priest to set up an appointment, either within the church or at the parish office.

Please keep in mind that it is essential that these directives, updated on February 12, always be implemented with the proper necessary public health measures:

- All attendees must wear masks.
- Ensure 2 metres between individuals or family groups (those who live in the same household).
- All high contact areas must be thoroughly cleaned after use.

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Praising Christ

The Gospel offers us today a somewhat unusual story of a leper whom Christ healed. A man stricken with leprosy implored Jesus to heal him. Christ took pity on this man, healed him and warned him not to speak about his cure. Yet as soon as he was cured, the former leper told everyone about this miracle.

Two things caught me by surprise in this Gospel. First, Jesus touched the leper. In Christ's time, this was forbidden. Since leprosy was contagious, lepers were never touched for fear of contracting the disease and infecting others. They were excluded from society and their presence was not tolerated. Jesus did not adhere to this law. He reached out and touched the leper. In doing so, he changed the leper's status and treated him as a full member of the community. Christ had healed him.

Jesus instructed the leper to immediately show himself to the priest to obtain the latter's declaration of good health. In those days, priests had this responsibility. Illness was often seen as a punishment for sin. There is no record in the Gospel to indicate that the former leper even went to show himself to the priest. Instead he began to proclaim to anyone who would listen that Jesus had cured him, though Jesus explicitly forbade him to do so. We may surmise that Jesus did not want this kind of publicity which would bring crowds who were only interested in witnessing spectacular miracles rather than participating in an authentic search for God. Jesus wanted to preach about God's mercy. The leper who was cured could not resist praising Christ. Interestingly, the Gospel does not report Jesus' reaction to the leper's indiscretion.

This unrequested publicity enhanced Jesus' reputation among the crowds.

André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

- A sanitizing disinfectant must be applied throughout all spaces and all surfaces must be wiped down after each use. Especially: pews, doorknobs, bathrooms in particular and any usual high traffic areas.
- Liquid hand sanitizer must be made available at the entrances of church buildings.
- Hymnals should be removed from the church pews and stored.
- Persons at a greater risk of serious illnesses, e.g. people 65 years of age or older and individuals with chronic medical conditions, are encouraged to consider staying safe by avoiding public gatherings.
- Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms of sickness should remain home.
- Attendees must write their name on a contact tracing form upon arrival at the church and confirm that they do not have symptoms of COVID-19, nor does anyone in their household.
- Contact tracing information should be kept by parishes for at least 4 weeks.

February 17 Ash Wednesday: Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, inviting us into almsgiving, prayer and fasting, the three traditional Lenten practices that help us to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

- Ash Wednesday Masses

9:00 AM: St. Denis – Haywood

7:00 PM: St. Claude

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

In accordance with the Note from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, this year the ashes are to be imposed by sprinkling them on the head of the faithful. The rite of sprinkling ashes on the head of the penitents is already a well-established and common practice in many countries across the world.