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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, February 16th - 9:00am – Ted Tkachyk (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Friday, February 21th - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass at 10:00am – René Dedieu (*from funeral collection*)

Sunday, February 23rd - 9:00am – Ernest & Anna Antoine (*M.R. Antoine*)

Ash Wednesday, February 26th - 9:00am – for all parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: For all our sick people

God's Share : Feb. 9th - **\$2,275.00** (20) + **\$10.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$2,305.00**

Catholic Missions in Canada : Feb. 9th - **\$190.00** (8)

Church cleaning : Feb. 16th to March 31st – Margaret & Denise deRocquigny

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 16th</u>	<u>February 23rd</u>	<u>March 1st</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly
Offerings & Collection	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Michelle Dheilly	Lucille Dheilly
Counters:	Eugene & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

Volunteers please for Ash Wednesday – reader, offerings and communion.

Thought of the Day:

The longest journey is the one that takes us within ourselves. *Andre-M. Syard.*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

February 16, 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.
- For vocations within our parishes.

Words from Father Peter:

1. Today we are introducing **greeters** to welcome our parishioners and visitors and offering them the bulletin as they walk in. For this we need volunteers who can be here 15 min. before mass. **Please give your name to one of the trustees to be added to the list of cheerful greeters.**
2. We will be offering the **sacrament of the sick** to all seniors over 70 years of age as well as to all who are sick at the mass on Ash Wednesday on February 26 at 9:00 am.

Sacrament Preparation for First Communion: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the sacristy. Let us pray for these children and their parents.

Sacrament Preparation for Confirmation: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:00 pm in the sacristy. Let keep a thought in our prayers for these young children and their parents.

Wanted:

Use furniture **in good condition** to help a young family from our parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Peter at 204-952-4531.

5th Catechesis: The Opening Prayer (or the Collect)

We continue the short catechesis which explains the course of our liturgical celebrations.

Today, we explain the opening prayer.

- The opening prayer is also known as **the collect**; the role of this prayer is to **unite** the intentions of the assembly with those of the Church.
- The collect is preceded by a moment of silence. In union with the celebrant, we observe a time of silence to collect ourselves and to realize that we stand in the presence of God. This moment allows us to internally formulate our personal prayer intentions.
(Ref. Dom Robert. Le Gall, Dictionary of Liturgy 1987)
- Then the celebrant, in the name of everyone, presents the intentions of the assembly to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit.
(Ref. Pope Francis, Cycle of Catechesis on the Eucharist, January 10, 2018)
- The collect also introduces the theme of the celebration, for example, of a liturgical feast, of a funeral, of a baptism or depending on the occasion.



Readings for Sunday: February 23, 2020

Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18; Ps 103 (R. 1);
1 Corinthians 2.6-10; Matthew 5.17-37

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, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or old age, please contact Fr. Peter.

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**.

Lenten Youth Retreat – Saturday, February 29, 2020

Leap of Faith, a retreat for ages 14-28 at the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 532 Fuller Ave., Manitou, MB from 9 am to 7 pm. Spiritual director: Fr. Ramon Oncog with Seminarian Paul Nguyen. Suggested donation - \$15 / person, includes dinner and lunch. Please register ahead with Roger or Belita at 204-242-3107. View poster on bulletin board.

Adult Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 7, 2020

Touching the Hem of His Garment – a day of refectio for adults at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Manitou, MB from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Guest speakers: Fr. Ramon Oncog, Fr. Paulin Akpapupu, Jacinta Ellis & more... Cost: \$30 / person with dinner included. Please register at belro@mymts.net or call 204-242-3107.

St. Claude Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST BRUNCH - Sunday, March 15, 2020

from 10:30 am to 1 pm at the St-Claude Recreation Centre. Pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults: \$10.00 5 – 12: \$5.00
Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

Canadian Bishops: An Extensive and Impartial Consultation Needed on Assisted Suicide

Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), wrote to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding the proposed changes to legislation on the expansion of eligibility criteria for euthanasia/assisted suicide.

In his letter, after noting that assisted suicide is "the direct taking of human life or the participation in his/her suicide, which can never be justified," Bishop Gagnon states: "We strongly urge the Government of Canada, before proceeding further, to undertake a more extensive, thorough, impartial, and prolonged consultation on the question, in order to ensure all pertinent factors – social, medical, and moral – are carefully and thoroughly considered." He adds: "Palliative care, which has yet to become fully realized and accessible in our own country, offers a compelling answer – the only respectful, comprehensive and ethical alternative to the problem the government is trying to address."

**Cana Session for Couples**

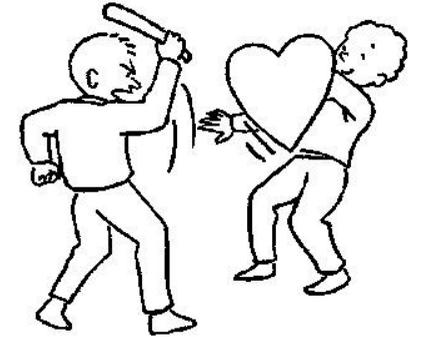
CANA is a six-day session for couples to strengthen their marriage and deepen their spiritual life, offered by the Chemin Neuf Community at the St. Charles Retreat Centre. The live-in session includes talks, prayer, time together as a couple, relaxation and celebration. In 2020 Cana will be offered over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

Marriage Tip

Make a little sacrifice for your spouse today – giving up your cell phone for the evening, choosing not to complain throughout the day, etc.

The Law and its Application

We understand that the Law is our guide to help us choose what is right and good and avoid evil. Our conscience may intuitively know the difference between good and evil, but our reactions could also be fuzzy and vague. This is why the Law is useful to provide us with more precise guidelines: *You shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not lie; you shall not commit adultery*. These are not only guidelines given today, but are outlined in our great biblical tradition, the *Ten Commandments* (the Decalogue). Tradition records that Moses came down from the mountain with two tablets: the first established our relationship with God and the second, our relations with our neighbours. Today we could possibly add a third tablet that would designate our duties within our ecological milieu: *You shall not pollute; you shall not waste, you shall not eliminate animal or vegetable species; you shall not use violence against animals, etc.*



While the Law is both useful and indispensable, does it cover all situations? *You shall not kill*. Agreed. Yet what should we do when dealing with an aggressor? *You shall not lie*. But what should you do when faced with an unjust interrogation that is both indiscrete and vulgar? The law allows for interpretation and adjustments. The commandment says: *Honor thy father and thy mother*. This means that we should respect and take care of them in their old age. Yet if you live far away and unable to assume this duty which ends up completely falling on your siblings' shoulders, is it still applicable?

In the famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus evokes the law of Moses and invites us to go beyond what the Law describes. Not only should we not kill anyone, we should always control our anger. We should look beyond our conflicts with others and try to comprehend them who may be suffering discomfort and fears. We are invited to be perfect as God, our Father, is perfect. It is not sufficient to be content with doing the minimum. We must go beyond the Law to love. This is the challenge of our human existence; this challenge we face every day.

Father André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli