



## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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### Our Mission Statement:

**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Anna Antoine (Marie-Rose Antoine)

Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Jean Dheilily (Lucille Dheilily)

Sunday, March. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Ernest Antoine (Marie-Rose Antoine)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Janessa Warkentin

God's Share : Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - **\$187.00** (19) + **\$0.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$207.00**

Church Cleaning : Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> – Yvonne Dequier & Doris Rey

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 4<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilily	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilily family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilily	Yvonne Bazin	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Eugene & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

**Financial report 2017:** is available on the back tables.

**Spring Bazaar:** This year will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Save the date.

### **Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2018**

*Universal:* Say 'No' to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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

## First Sunday of Lent (B)

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation :** (message from Father Solomon)

Father Solomon is always at home in the rectory. If you would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please do not hesitate to come and see him any day of the week. He prefers that you do not wait until just before masses. Ring the doorbell and he will be at your disposition with pleasure.

### **Way of the Cross for Lent 2018 : Fridays at 7 :00 p.m.**

"The Way of the Cross invites us to follow Jesus walking towards his crucifixion. Death cannot hold him back; he gets up, he resurrects. (Dev. and Peace) Throughout Lent 2018, there will be the Way of the Cross at the Church in St. Claude every Friday: February 16 and 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at **7:00 pm**. All the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are invited to participate.

### **Gluten Free Communion available!**

Some parishioners are unable to receive communion due to an intolerance to products that contain grains such as wheat. The St. Claude parish can now offer the option of gluten-free hosts. This will allow those who have this condition to receive communion.

For these parishioners, they are welcome to come up on the left side in the main aisle. The host is wrapped in plastic, which they remove themselves before taking in the host.

If you know of people who could not take communion for this reason, please share with them the good news!

### **Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2018**

The 2018 Message of Pope Francis for Lent is titled "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" Matthew 24:12. In his message, the Holy Father invites the entire Church to experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. "Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew." [Link to the Message](#). CCCB website: [www.cccb.ca/site/eng](http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng).

### **Guitar Concert : Sunday, February 25, 2108 at the St. Claude Church**

Alliance Française Manitoba is presenting Gaëlle Solal, classic guitarist, in concert at the St. Claude Church on Sunday, February 25 at 4 :00 p.m.

Admission : Adults, 13 years and older - \$13.00 ; children - Free. Tickets are available from the Cultural Committee of St-Claude and Haywood or at Shop Easy Foods store. Everyone is welcome. See poster on bulletin board.

**St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church: Manitou, MB: *Come Follow Me*: Lenten Youth Retreat – Saturday, March 3, 2018**

All youth, ages 14-29 years, are invited to a day of Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM - 7 PM at St Patrick's Parish in Manitou, Manitoba. Retreat spiritual director will be Fr. Paulin Akpapupu. Suggested donation: \$15/per person. To register: Roger or Belita, 204-242-3107. [View poster.](#)

**Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission 2018: '*Abide with us, Lord Jesus*': March Sundays**

All are welcome for a time of prayer, music, faith-sharing group, reflection and fellowship during the Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission which will be given on 3 Sundays at **7:30 PM:** **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** (*Finding God in Daily Life*) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carman; **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** (*The Call to Discipleship and Service of God's Kingdom*) at St. Martin of Tours Parish, Swan Lake;

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** (*Eucharist and the Church*) at St. John Berchmans Parish, Holland.

Talks will be presented by Fr. Vincent Lusty and Fr. José Montepeque. Free will offering.

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**Share Lent in the Name of Peace:**

For this year's Share Lent, D & P is encouraging us to *Come Together for Peace!* During the first week of Lent, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICISO (Indigenous Community Support Organization), a D & P partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government. View all our online resources: [www.devp.org/sharelent/resources](http://www.devp.org/sharelent/resources).

**Free, Online, Virtual Lenten Retreat: *Journey Through Lent* - February 14 to April 1, 2018**

The Catholic School of Evangelization invites you to their annual Virtual Lenten Retreat from the comfort of your own home! Every day, pray with daily reflections about the day's Mass readings. These quality reflections will be written by various members of our local Church community and are designed to be completed within 10-15 minutes. This is a great opportunity to journey through the holy season of Lent together with hundreds of other persons. To access the retreat: [www.cselentenretreat.wordpress.com](http://www.cselentenretreat.wordpress.com). Click the "follow" button at the bottom right-hand corner of the page and sign up to get the reflections sent to you daily via your email. For more information: Kevin, [kevin@catholicway.net](mailto:kevin@catholicway.net), 204-347-5396.

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*First Sunday of Lent (B)*

*February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

# The Sign of the Covenant



Lent has just begun. The next forty days provide an excellent opportunity to get closer to God who has loved us forever.

Throughout our history, incidents of the unfaithfulness of God's people are numerous. Beginning with the first generations, God has been put aside by the very people to whom he had given life. It took the experience of the Great Flood for humanity to become aware of God's immense disappointment.

Despite all, God still intervened to re-establish harmony and provide new momentum for his chosen people. God established a Covenant with Noah, his descendants, all earthly creatures and promised to preserve them forever from such destruction. To this day, beautiful rainbows are the signs of God's Covenant that ushered in an era of peace.

Of course, we will experience other dramatic and arduous trials before we attain our promised salvation in Jesus Christ, God's Son who became man. At that time, heaven and earth will be united and God's immense love for all of us can finally come to fruition.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we recall the temptations that Jesus overcame during his time in the desert. That time, Christ was victorious, and Satan was completely vanquished. In many ways these obstacles are like ones that we confront. God's people continue on their life pathway with the certainty that a New Covenant has been established with Christ's death and resurrection.

Since the day we were baptized, we became part of this great current of love and able to participate fully in this new era inaugurated by Christ.

Why not enter this Lenten season with the profound certainty that God loves us and that we are his chosen people?

**Gilles Leblanc**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli