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### Our Mission Statement:

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

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

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

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Jean deRocquigny (*Margaret & family*)

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (*August & Thérèse Debusschere*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Emily Poirier

God's Share: Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - \$377.00 (20) + \$10.00 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$547.00

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>March 4<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 18<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dheilly family	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet
Communion:	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly
Counters:	Dorothée & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.	Annette & prtnr.

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

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for March 2018

*Formation in Spiritual Discernment:* That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**Let us remember to turn all clocks ahead on Saturday, March 10.**



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

## Third Sunday of Lent (B)

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7 :00 p.m. in the sacristy.

### Day of Prayer for the victims/survivors of sexual abuse – March 4, 2018

In 2014, Pope Francis established the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. One of its activities is the promotion of prayer as a part of the healing process for victims/survivors and for the whole community of believers. Prayer is an important way of raising consciousness in the Church.

Below, is a prayer suggestion we can recite on this special day.

**Father, since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Suffer the little children to come unto me", we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son. May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by members of the clergy, be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may experience being healed with the balm of your compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Way of the Cross for Lent 2018 : Fridays of Lent 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: **March 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 7:00 pm.** All the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are invited to participate.

**Knights of Columbus :** The Knights of Columbus are looking for a « *Building the Domestic Church* » chair couple. Interested couples can contact the Knights of Columbus for more information.

### St. Claude Knights of Columbus Breakfast Brunch – Sunday, March 11, 2018

Served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Claude Recreation Centre. Pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults: \$10.00; 5 to 12 years - \$5.00  
Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

### Marriage Tip

One way to sacrifice in Lent is to take stock of what you have but do not need. What can you give up so that others may benefit? Start with your own closet and see if it catches on in your family.

## Development and Peace: Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities, so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You can register online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround).

**Please help yourself to information material from the table at the back.**

## 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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## 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.

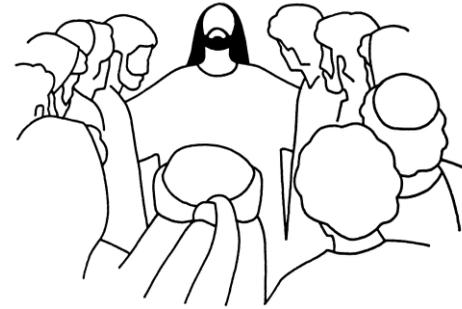
## Stewardship Reflection - 3rd Sunday of Lent - March 4, 2018

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018



## What Drives us?

During a sermon that I gave on the first reading from the Bible for this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, I asked my audience: *Can you tell me how the Ten Commandments begin?* People responded: *There is only one God whom you will adore and love.* My response was to quote the Bible:

*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.*

The Decalogue begins by declaring that God has given us freedom from whatever limits our lives. This is what profoundly changes our comprehension of the Ten Commandments. The Decalogue does not specify what we must do to merit God's love or what is needed to guarantee God's action in our lives. The Ten Commandments are our guidelines and responses to the love that God already offers us. They are our commitments to respect God's precious gift of Life.

In fact, the Ten Commandments cover all aspects of life. We affirm, first of all, there is only one God who is the Source of Life. Then we read how we should interact with others:

- Respect others within a physical context: *You shall not kill.*
- Respect others within an emotional context: *You shall not commit adultery.*
- Respect others within a social context:
  - \* *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.*
  - \* *You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife ... or anything that belongs to your neighbour.*
- Respect others with a familial context: *Honour your father and your mother so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

The Commandment concerning the Sabbath is timely as it was not a *religious* feast day, but one that obliged people to rest. The Commandment recognized that people are more than human machines that produce and consume. We are called to something much greater than mindless activities. We are encouraged to embark on and continue our pathway to God.

This Sunday's Gospel focuses our thoughts on the mystery of Christ, the true Temple where God resides and is revealed. Through Christ, we worship God: not by sacrificing animals as was the custom in the Temple. We offer ourselves to God who lives within us, transforms us, and always acts with us.

Lent is an excellent opportunity to ask ourselves: *What drives us? Money? Success? Comfort? Or respect and love for God and living creatures?* God comes first, as the Giver and Source of Life. Our commitment is also to our families and communities. We care for our planet and its creatures which we protect from exploitation.

**George Madore, s.m.m.**

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