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**Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

Eucharistic Celebrations:

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – Deceased members of Dequier family (R & Y Dequier)**

**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM - Adoration & Reconciliation**

**Mass – 10:00 AM – Paul Dedieu (funeral collection)**

**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – Denis Pilloud (a parishioner)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Emily Poirier**

God's Share: Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - \$205.00 (11) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$175.00 (DD) = **\$380.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>March 7<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 14<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 21<sup>st</sup></u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Simone Lambert	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Jean & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

**Don't forget to Spring forward to Daylight Saving Time next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**



**Development & Peace (D & P) WEEK 3: Share Love, Share Lent:**

Strengthening vulnerable communities. Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia? This week in the Share Love, Share Lent campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development. In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it. Discern and donate at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent). Collection for D & P will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup> (blue envelope or other).

**Remember in our prayers:** Ben Thiessen, father of Angela Cormier who passed away last Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to Angela, Pierre, and family.

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 7, 2021*

**Prayer Intention for March, 2021**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation-** *Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

Let us pray: For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his ministry among us.

For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.

**\*Sacrament of Reconciliation during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Lent 2021:**

**+Every Thursday afternoon in St. Claude: 3– 4 PM: Eucharistic Adoration + Confession**

**+ Every Friday morning in St. Denis- Haywood: 9 – 10 AM: Eucharistic Adoration + Confession**

**\*In addition, 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.**

**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:45 pm.

**Visit and Distribution of Holy Communion to parishioners in St. Claude Pavilion:** Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

**\*If you wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please call Fr. Peter directly at 2049524531 or 2043792434.**

**Catechesis for Confirmation:** Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 pm in the sacristy.

Let us pray for these young parishioners and their families.



**\*NEW\* Bishop LeGatt Video Message: The Archdiocese's Continued Response to Public Health Measures**

As the realities surrounding the pandemic continue to evolve, and as we respond to this ever-changing situation, the Archdiocese remains in constant contact with the provincial government and public health authorities to determine the best course of action, day by day.

In this week's message, Archbishop Albert shares about how the Archdiocese continues to collaborate with authorities, ensuring to always maintain the most possible in terms of services and worship, while also maintaining the safest and healthiest possible environment for the entire community, especially the more vulnerable. This is a delicate balance, in which we collaborate also with all the faithful of the archdiocese, to continually respond in the best way, with Christ at the center of our ongoing response. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us pray for our world, and also for the authorities who are charged with assessing and responding to this evolving situation.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

## COVID-19 Update for Religious Services - March 5, 2021

On Friday, March 5, the provincial government extended its Code Red Alert for all of Manitoba until March 25, but with a lifting of some restrictions.

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface is therefore issuing the following clarifications, having obtained updated information from the official government liaison to communities of faith during the COVID-19 pandemic, in coordination with the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg.

The changes in restrictions affect churches in the following manner:

- **Masses and religious gatherings can be held at 25% of the usual capacity of the premises or 100 persons, whichever is lower.**

Further clarifications:

- Please note that in the case of weddings, funerals, prayer vigils for the deceased and baptisms, **nothing has changed.** These events are still limited to ten people. Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin points out that those attending these celebrations often converge from different locations across the province, and even from outside Manitoba. Moreover, given the strong emotions that accompany these celebrations, it is difficult to discourage hugs, kisses on the cheeks and handshakes, which all increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

Please note that when a baptism takes place during a regular parish Mass, it is not limited to ten people, but to 25 % of the usual capacity of the premises or 100 persons, whichever is lower, as with any regular parish Mass.

- We bring you **a further clarification regarding places of worship**, which came from the official representative of the government with whom we are in constant communication: when the orders under *The Provincial Health Act* use the word "premises", the Province means a **complete building**.

Therefore, the nave and sanctuary of a church, an annex to the nave, the sacristy, the basement or the parish hall, **IF THEY ARE ALL PART OF THE SAME BUILDING**, can in total only accommodate 25% of the usual capacity of the premises or 100 persons, whichever is lower.

Furthermore, the representative told us that a public health inspector would be justified in levying a fine on any parish that celebrates a Mass or other religious service if it already has the maximum capacity of people in the church proper, **while having a second group of people** in the basement, sacristy, adjoining parish hall, etc. **EVEN IF THESE SPACES ARE SEPARATED BY DOORS.**

## Readings for Sunday: March 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

Ephesians 2.4-10

Psalms 137

John 3. 14-21



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# The Real Temple



Imagine that we are at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Easter morning. Everyone is excited: this is the biggest celebration of the year and the Pope is about to say Mass. The sacristans are busy, the choir ends its rehearsal, and the ushers are trying to control the flow of the faithful. Everyone is alert and anticipating a beautiful celebration. To our amazement, a person happens on the scene brandishing a whip and starts hitting the officials who are dressed in red and black, knocking over chairs and overturning tables. What is happening? Call the police! The person could not have chosen a better time to shock everyone!

That is the text from today's Gospel. Just imagine that we are in the Temple, the holiest place in the Jewish religion, the very abode of God among his people. The Temple is crowded because it is near Passover, the most important of the Jewish holidays. It is in this context that Jesus chose to make His deliberately shocking and provocative scene. Why is this?

The end of an era

Jesus came to announce the beginning of a new religious expression. God would no longer reside in a stone temple, however richly decorated it may be. God would dwell in one Person: Jesus, God's Son, who came into our world and in whom God both reveals and gives Himself to us. This has far reaching implications. We may say: "God is Jesus", but ultimately, we can also say: "God, for us, is Jesus!" Everything we can possibly know about the mystery of God, His plan and desires, what He loves and hates, is revealed and taught to us by Jesus. Do you want to know what God likes? What makes God angry or happy? Just look at what Jesus liked and disliked. Jesus Christ is where we meet God. In other words, Christ is the Real Temple.

You are God's temple.

St. Paul's writings confirm this statement. St. Paul tells us that the Christian community is itself God's Temple. Indeed, throughout the world, it is the Body of Christ. This community is present and through God's mystery, it proclaims and celebrates our lives and our faith.

Today in Canada, many Christian communities are faced with painful choices as their beautiful churches need repairs and the parishes no longer have the revenues required to maintain them. It is difficult for many to acknowledge the disappearance of places which were once the centers of our communities: places where we were baptized, married and where our children and grandchildren were baptized. It is then important to recognize that God's house is not a church with a bell tower. God is present in our Community of Faith. Everything else: whether buildings, committees, and even fundraisers must first serve the life and development of this Community.

**Georges Madore**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli