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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, March 14th – 9:00 AM – Denis Pilloud (a parishioner)

Friday, March 19th - 9:00 AM - Adoration & Reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 AM – Ben Thiessen (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, March 21st – 9:00 AM – Deceased members of Rouire family (Maurice & fam.)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Cécile & Albert Furet**

God's Share: March 7th - \$580.00 (14) + \$10.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$625.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>March 14th</u>	<u>March 21st</u>	<u>March 28th</u>
Readers:	Simone Lambert	Judith Robidoux	Simone Lambert
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

Let us keep a thought in our prayers for : *Marie-Rose deRocquigny* who passed away Tuesday, March 9th at the St. Claude Pavillion. A private funeral was held yesterday, March 13th in our church. Our condolences to her family, as well as to relatives and friends who are grieving.

Special prayers for this great lady for the many, many masses she sang for our parish. God Bless!

Sunday Missals: Feel free to pick up a Sunday Missal to participate in the mass more fully. The Sunday "Prions en Église" have not arrived and so that and the power points on the screen are all we have to follow along this week.



Readings for Sunday: March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31.31-34	Psalms 51
Hebrews 5.7-9	John 12.26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 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.**

Marriage Preparation: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the sacristy. Let us pray for the couple as they prepare for their wedding.

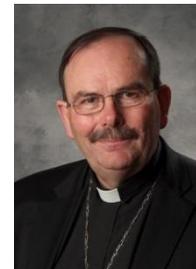
Visit and Distribution of Holy Communion to parishioners in St. Claude Pavilion: Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

***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.

***As of March 20, the English Mass on Saturdays will be celebrated at 8 PM.**



***NEW* Message from +LeGatt in support of Development and Peace's Share Lent campaign**

This Lent, we are invited to "Share Love". Development and Peace's theme for *Share Lent 2021* is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, which deals with fraternity and social friendship, reminding us that we are all sisters and brothers.

On March 20 and 21, we will celebrate *Solidarity Sunday* (Share Lent collection) across the country. I invite all the faithful of our diocese to pray for peace, to reflect on the meaning of universal fraternity and to be in solidarity with the most vulnerable in the Global South. I invite you to make a Share Lent donation to Development and Peace, either through your parish, or directly to Development and Peace online at devp.org/lent, by phone at **1 888 234-8533** (toll-free) or by mail at **1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd West, 3rd floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1T7**. (blue envelopes in your box or blank envelopes in the back)

This Lent, let us embark on a path of sharing, love and universal solidarity!

****Year of St. Joseph***

On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis announced a *Year of St. Joseph* to mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of *St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church*.

In our parishes, we will pray the Prayer to St. Joseph after the Prayer of the Faithful as of March 19 - the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and continue throughout the Year of St. Joseph.



Prayer to St. Joseph

***Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.***

***Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.***

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



Signing Off ... to New Beginnings

Today you are reading our last message in your Parish Bulletins about the Sunday biblical texts. For more than fifty years, a team of faithful and far-sighted writers has paid close attention to Bible texts. The concern of this group of contributors remained constant: to offer you clarity and inspiration for your daily life while responding to your questions. We have reached the end of this adventure. It is largely due to a microscopic virus (Covid 19) which caused the end of this service that has appeared each week in hundreds of Parish Bulletins. By a curious reversal of situations of which only the Holy Spirit knows the reason, this Sunday's readings turn us towards the future. It is a peaceful future, one in which we are not left to our own devices.

We belong to a spiritual people who have often encountered dark clouds without losing their souls. The amazing story of God's people is touched on in today's first reading. We may find it shocking with its details of destruction and deportations. Our reaction will change as soon as we consider the place of this text in the Jewish Bible. It is in fact a grand finale in the story of the history of God's people. This story ends with a future filled with hope. Though the Israelites had not been faithful, God never forgot them. In fact, a foreign king freed them and enabled them to rebuild the Temple and practice their faith again. As God's people and heirs, will we be able to recognize the new paths of continuity and progress that will present themselves to us in the coming months and years? Will we be able to move beyond this pandemic episode and become a Church more focused on essentials: our identity as God's family in this new world order?

In the second reading, we are offered God's treasure which overflows with hope. St. Paul describes the extent of God's mercy and infinite grace. The most essential impact of God's gift is Christ Jesus: ...for by grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God ... For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works... (Ephesians 2:8). St. John's Gospel confirms the scope of these specific options. It is up to us to live connected to God and be rewarded with eternal life or to risk God's judgment upon us if we choose otherwise.

If we are reluctant to celebrate Sunday with the appropriate devotion and serenity, we may (perhaps) be impressed by the description of the bad fruits of "profaned sabbaths" in the first reading. If our lives appear dull, we will always find inspiration when we hear St. Paul describe our newly acquired dignity. If we find it difficult to see what a life of faith offers us, hopefully we will be impressed by the benefits proclaimed in the Gospel. For the people of the Bible, eternal life was not an escape from the world. Like the Hebrews in the desert, we will look evil in the eye and move past it. Eternal life is a reflection of our actual involvement in this life. This prospect of eternity invites us to remember the Scriptures where the Spirit encourages us to invest in ourselves. To all God's Children, I wish you a good spiritual journey!

Alain Faucher, priest; Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli