



## ST. DENIS Parish

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### Eucharistic Celebrations:

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Thérèse & Denis Furet (Denise & Denis Danais)**

**Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am – Adoration and reconciliation**

**Mass – 10:00 am – August Debusschere (funeral offering)**

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 am – Thérèse & Denis Furet (S & A Lambert)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Jean & Janice Souque**

God's Share: July 19<sup>th</sup> - \$435.00 (18) + \$5.00 (loose) + \$15.00 (DD) = **\$455.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>July 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>August 9<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Mona Souque	Simone Lambert
Counters:	Eugene & prtnr.	Jean & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.

### Readings for Sunday: August 2, 2020



Isaiah 55, 1-3; Psalm 144 (145)  
Romans 8.35.37-39; Matthew 14. 13-21

### **Prayer Intention for July, 2020**

**Our Families** – We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

Let us pray for our pastor, Fr. Peter.

Let us pray for all the members of our parishes who are sick and for our deceased faithful.

July 26, 2020

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### **Welcome Fr. John!**

In the absence of Fr. Peter today, the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are honored to welcome Fr. John Tê Nguyen as our replacement priest to celebrate our weekend masses. It's nice to see you among us, Fr. John!

Beginning Tuesday, July 28, please consult the schedule for the resumption of weekday masses.

### **Weekday Mass:**

**In St. Claude:** at 9 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) \* Thursday afternoon: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 3PM to 4PM.

**In St. Denis:** Friday morning, 9AM – 10AM: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession; 10 AM: Holy Mass

**Saturday Evening:** 7:30PM Holy Rosary; 8 PM: Mass in English in St. Claude Church.

### **Sunday Mass:**

+ **In St. Denis:** at 9:00 Am: Bilingual Mass in the church.

+ **In St. Claude:** at 11:00 Am: Mass in French in the church.

### **St-Claude Parish Office:**

The new hours for the parish office will now be on **Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.**

### **Some important notes during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic:**

- If you do not feel healthy or you do not feel comfortable, please stay home.
- I had prepared facemasks for you. For the common good of all, I ask you to sanitize hands, wear a mask and practice social distancing (2 meters or 6 feet apart) when attending the Mass.
- If possible, could you please bring your own disinfecting wipes to clean your place and surroundings? It helps!
- We had also prepared disinfecting wipes and garbage bins at the back of the church. We look for volunteers to clean the surfaces, the doorknobs before and after each liturgical celebration.

*Brothers and sisters, we are blessed that we are safe so far in St. Claude and St. Denis-Haywood. We are complying with all safety measures to prevent the future outbreak of the Covid-19 in our community and for the common good of all. I appreciate your cooperation and your sacrifices!*

Fr. Peter Le

**Summer Publication of the Diocesan Weekly News Bulletin:**

The *Weekly News Bulletin* will be published **Tuesday, July 28, 2020** and **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**. The publication will resume on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**.

**Stewardship – July 26, 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

**Marriage Tip:**

When bringing up a complaint or criticism, start with a compliment first.

**Thought of the Week:**

Two kingdoms share the world: that of self-love which makes us lose what we believe we have and this other, where everyone finds joy in giving and sharing. (Don Guillaume)



*Have a great summer!*

July 26, 2020

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

## Investing in Oneself

The Lord said to Solomon: *Ask what I should give you* [1 Kings 3:5]. In this reading, God did not set any limits or conditions. In response, Solomon’s request is simple: *Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?* [1 Kings 3: 9]

We can learn a great deal from this passage. Solomon asked to be given the grace and understanding he needed to be a good and just ruler over the people whom the Lord entrusted to him. This was his one and only request. He did not ask for wealth or power. It could be a prequel to the Gospel of



St. Matthew that we read today. I feel this passage complements Christ’s parable.

What Christ means by God’s great dream is His Kingdom. We are invited to *invest* all our savings, *sell* all our assets in order to acquire God’s treasure, just as a compulsive collector would. This reminds us of St. Francis of Assisi who left all worldly possessions behind. Is this not an excessive and disproportionate example of risk taking? Is the end result worth it? Should cautious people abstain?

Yet, this is exactly what Jesus invites us to do. The invitation is extended to each and every one of us to divest ourselves of worldly assets to obtain God’s hidden treasure.

This disconcerting invitation explicitly expresses Jesus’ passion which he wishes to share. It is God’s passion. God wants us to be happy which the Gospel defines as expressing kindness, sharing with others, practicing fraternity and living just and welcoming lives.

We may agree in principle, but doesn’t this sound like Utopia? Christ is well aware of this. The last parable that ends his sermon involves a *net that collects people and a follow-up task to separate enthusiastic followers from non-committed individuals*. Christ needs real and passionate people—not dreamers or those searching to escape reality.

We examine the invitation. Are we ready to invest in the project of Christ’s Kingdom or simply to pocket the jackpot by betting a small sum, like five dollars on the lotto? Remember this is a different type of investment that involves our personal lives – not our financial assets.

It’s a huge difference! We ask Christ, as did King Solomon, for the discernment to find God’s Kingdom and its hidden treasure and not be an “also ran”.

**Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.**

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