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### Our Mission Statement:

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

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Larry Lapointe (*Jeanne Dedieu*)

Sunday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Rita Landriault (*Marie Rose Antoine*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Thanksgiving

God's Share: July 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$360.00 (14) + \$13.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$393.00

Church Cleaning: July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Massinon & Yvonne Cantin

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>July 29<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>August 12<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Mona Souque	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dequier family	Raymond Souque family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Yvonne/Judith	Deacon Peter	Deacon Peter
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

### Readings for Sunday, August 5, 2018

Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a++; Psalm 78.3+bc, 23-24, 25=54 (R.24b)

Ephesians 4.17, 20-24; John 6.24-35



### Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of August, 2018

*Universal:* For economic and political decisions to protect families as a treasure of humanity.

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

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

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Stewardship reflection - July 29, 2018 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"* JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

### Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage in St. Malo – Sunday, August 19, 2018

The annual diocesan pilgrimage at the grotto of 'Notre Dame de Lourdes' will be held in St. Malo on Sunday, August 19, 2018. Mass will be celebrated, at the grotto site, in English at 9 AM (with institution to the ministry of lector of Paul Nguyen diocesan seminarian) and in French at 11 AM (with admission to candidacy for ordination as deacon and priest, of Serge Buissé, diocesan seminarian). Both masses will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. This year there will be Veneration of the Missionary Cross (sign of evangelization in The Americas): 9 AM - 3 PM. Confessions will take place, on site, before each mass; there will be one hour of adoration at 2 PM. On site: breakfast at 10 AM and lunch at 12 noon served by the Knights of Columbus. Free will offering.

### Unforgettable Catholic Summer Camps! Don't miss out!

The Saint Malo Catholic Camps at the CSE (Catholic School of Evangelization) are an unforgettable experience for youth ages 5 to 17 years old. During their week at camps, campers have fun with archery, mountain biking, canoeing, beach time, sports, campfires, music, dramas, and still much more. Even more special are the lifelong friendships that are formed at camps, and the prayer time and spiritual formation offered to campers. The CSE summer camps are the only French-language sleepover camps in Manitoba and they are available in English or in French. Don't miss out! **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:** [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net). For more information: [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net) 204-347-5396.

### Marriage Tips:

Sometimes couples get lucky and their personalities and families of origin mesh seamlessly. That's rare. The blessing of having difficulties is that it forces the virtues of conflict resolution skills and dying to self. It can hurt but it's a spiritual purification.

# “Go! On with the Mission!”

(extract from the homily by **Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix** July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018)

...And Jesus entrusts this great mission to our entire Church, not only to the Pope, to bishops and priests. We are all responsible to put the missionary mandate into effect, for Jesus says the same thing to us as he did to his Apostles: *“Go therefore, make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.”*

Imagine all the ardor and apostolic zeal of Father Joseph-Norbert Provencher and his companions when they embarked on the long journey that would lead them from Quebec City to the Red River, here! Imagine the audacity and courage of the first Sisters of Charity who freely chose to come and work for the mission in a land to be built up!

Dear friends, what the Church needs today is persons of this calibre—young and old—to pursue its evangelizing mission. The Lord needs labourers in his fields because the harvest is plentiful. You know all about harvests from observing the vast expanses of your prairies. Let us have the courage and audacity of those Ephesians to whom Saint Paul wrote, *“You too, after hearing the message of the truth and the Good News of your salvation, and believing it, you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit.”* The Holy Spirit urges us to go forth to evangelize, mainly through the coherent witnessing of our own lives and the evangelical principles to which we are bonded by our baptism.

Dear brothers and sisters of Western and Northern Canada, *“The love of Christ urges us on!”* The time has come to put on our walking boots and go out on mission. Great fields of work call upon us and await us. Your origins reveal such a rich cultural diversity. At the arrival of the first missionaries, there were Indigenous peoples, Métis, and the English, gradually joined by people from all over the planet. All of this presents real challenges for living together in peace and harmony, but that cultural and spiritual wealth also offers fine opportunities to witness that the Gospel opens one up to a quality of life and enables one to surpass oneself, since the Church is built on the pillars of love and truth.

At the invitation of Jesus, let us *go forth* with what is essential—the love of God that we enjoy thanks to our encounter with the Risen Christ—and *witness* to his living, active presence in our lives. On the way, the Lord will show us how to live together as true brothers and sisters. Don't ever say that it is *mission impossible!* The Lord called Amos when he was just a shepherd boy and made him a prophet. Jesus called humble fishermen of Galilee to make them his apostles, his envoys. The Lord does not choose the able. He enables those he chooses!

All this is possible if we follow the command of the Lord Jesus who tells us: *“Go!”* This mission becomes possible when our response is nourished from the sources of the Spirit and by the audacity of our faith in his presence. Each of us can say: *“Je vais, tu vas, il va* (I go forth, you go, he goes).” Together we count on one another to affirm: *“Nous allons, vous allez, ils vont* (We go forth, you all go, they go).” And the missionary spirit fires our zeal so that every individual may be a figure of Christ and every community may be a dwelling place for his Church.

Brothers and sisters of Western and Northern Canada, *“Go! On with the Mission!”*

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## Sharing what we have...

In chapter six of his Gospel, St. John appears to write like an author of crime novel: he provides clues that may appear insignificant, but which finally solve the case.

### The real Passover...

St. John begins his Gospel with this sentence: *Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.* Why would St. John begin with this particular detail? Passover was the biggest feast for the Jewish people. It celebrated the crossing of the Red Sea, when God enabled his poor and discouraged people to escape from Egypt. God guided them for forty years in the desert, protecting them from enemies and feeding them with the mysterious *“manna”* that fell from the sky. We may begin to anticipate what St. John is saying: Jesus is the Father's *Envoy* who allows us to celebrate a true Passover, not by fleeing from Egypt to the Promised Land, but from our world dominated by death to one where life reigns.

In case we did not recognize the first clue, St. John provides a second. Immediately after Jesus fed the crowd, he joined his disciples who were trying to cross the Sea of Galilee during a storm that threatened to submerge their boat. Jesus joined them and they made it safely to the other side. When he fed the crowd with five loaves and two fishes, Jesus did not just show his compassion, he delivered a strong message: the true Passover, the true passage from death to life would happen through him!

### Using our own resources...

Often in St. John's Gospel, Jesus asks for conditions that seem pointless at first. For example, at the wedding of Cana, he asks the servants to fill the jugs with water! Christ had the power to change water into wine. Why not miraculously just fill these jugs with wine? When he cured the man who had been blind from birth, he put mud on his eyes and told the sightless man to go to the pool of Siloam! Why not just cure his blindness on the spot? These requests provided opportunities to manifest faith. It is as if people said to Jesus: *These are our circumstances. From the poverty of our lives, we can only offer you water, the hesitant steps of a blind man to the pool, and five rolls to feed a crowd of five thousand! We offer these to you because we know that you can do great things with them.*

In his song *“Anthem”*, Leonard Cohen sings:

*“Forget your perfect offering;  
There is a crack, a crack in everything,  
That's how the light gets in.”*

God encounters and acts with us through our own circumstances, our *personal poverty*.

**Georges Madore, s.m.m.**