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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, August 2nd – 9:00 am – Thérèse & Denis Furet (S. & A. Lambert)

Friday, August 7th – 9:00 am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 am – Ernest Montsion (funeral offering)

Sunday, August 9th - 9:00 am – Jeffrey St. Germain (Marie-Rose Antoine)

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

God's Share: July 26th - \$330.00 (18) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$175.00 (DD) = **\$505.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>August 2nd</u>	<u>August 9th</u>	<u>August 16th</u>
Readers:	Mona Souque	Simone Lambert	Annette Bernard
Counters:	Jean & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

Readings for Sunday: August 2, 2020



1 Kings 19, 9a.11-13a Ps 84 (85) 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Romans 9, 1-5 Matthew 14, 22-33

Summer Publication of the Weekly News Bulletin

The *Weekly News Bulletin* will be published **Tuesday, August 25, 2020.**

The publication will resume on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

Keep a thought in our prayers for Roland Gautron who passed away at the age of 98 years and whose ashes were buried yesterday in our parish cemetery in a private ceremony.

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayer Intention for August, 2020

The Maritime World – We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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.

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 surrounding. 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

Question: How would a person receive the Last Rites if he/she were in danger of death from the Covid-19 virus? Would the priest be allowed to come to the hospital or home? Would this be an improper imposition on the priest since he would be put in danger by being exposed to the Covid-19 virus?

Answer: The Sacrament of anointing of the sick can and should be done if requested in a palliative situation. If a person is in a hospital or nursing home, they would also have to follow the procedures of those institutions. For instance, being on a contact list given by the patient. Regarding the second part of the question it is never inappropriate to ask for the sacraments. To minister to the people of God is literally the *raison d'être* of the priesthood. Priests should of course wear all the protective clothing of the facility. It might be wise however, not to request a specific priest, especially the elderly or immunocompromised.

Q. There has been articles recently about communion in the hand – stating that it is sacrilegious because of particles of the Blessed Sacrament left in the hand. What is the answer to that?

A. Many articles have been written registering this that sadly have no basis in Church law as the Church allows both forms, accepting of course the fact that reception on the tongue is temporarily postponed until the pandemic is over. As soon as the pandemic is over of course reception on the tongue will resume. As for anytime a person receives Communion on the hand and notices a particle of the Blessed Sacrament, they should consume the particle. Checking the hand for particles of the Blessed Sacrament should be the habitual practice. Secondly in this time of pandemic procedures the likelihood of many particles is limited by the fact that the large presiders host that is divided for the congregation is not being used; the round individual host that are far less likely to be breaking off particles are being used instead.

Marriage Tip:

Doing things together is good but depending on your personality some spouses can feel smothered. Do you have enough alone time or personal hobbies to refresh your spirit and bring a renewed you and new ideas to your marriage?

Reflections for the separated/divorced

“There is another sadness: the sadness that comes to all of us when we take the wrong road... Be courageous in suffering and remember that after the Lord will come, after joy will come, after the dark comes the sun.” – Pope Francis, Homily, May 30, 2014

Overcoming the initial pain of replaying what went wrong in your marriage will lead to healing. Pray for patience if you are seeking a divorce and/or an annulment. Know that over time you will heal from the pain, and trust in God’s mercy and love.

You give them something to eat!



We know the story of the multiplication of the loaves and two fish. It reminds us of the manna that the Jewish people received in the desert during their flight from Egypt. This manna enabled them to survive and was evidence of God’s care for his people.

In today's Gospel, there is no question of a flight from Egypt or crossing the desert but of a crowd who saw Jesus in a boat, followed him along the shore and joined him as he disembarked. Moved by the interest that people showed, Jesus healed the sick and preached to them. Time passed. As evening approached, the disciples asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd so that they could return home or find something to eat in the neighboring villages. Jesus' answer was confusing: *They need not go away; you give them something to eat.*

The disciples had only five loaves and two fish, which would not accommodate five thousand people. The disciples obeyed Jesus' command and the crowd ate their fill.

The story highlights Christ’s role. While Moses gave manna to his people, Jesus does better than that and his miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and two fish foretell more important nourishment. Why did Jesus say to his disciples: *You give them something to eat.* I find this statement puzzling. Food was only multiplied when the disciples first shared what they had. Their gesture set Christ’s divine generosity in motion. One could conclude that helping oneself is the first step in a successful process. Very often, we wait for God to do everything for us and do not bother to start. If we want to overcome violence in society, to establish justice, to prevent further environmental crises, it is necessary and essential for us to start doing something right away. God will keep our processes going.

André Beauchamp

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