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**LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Jean deRocquigny (*Margaret & family*)

Friday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 10:00 am - adoration & reconciliation  
Mass – 10:00 am – Lauraine Picton (*funeral collection*)

Sunday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00am – Jeffrey St. Germain (*M.R. Antoine*)

Daily masses in St. Claude: *All are welcome!* Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Church.  
Wednesday at 2:45 pm at the Pavillion, Thursday at 9:00 am at the Manor.

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **For all the sick**

God's Share : Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - \$263.00 (19) + \$40.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$323.00

Church Cleaning : Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Janice & Mona Souque.

| <u>Ministries :</u>     | <u>September 15<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>September 22<sup>nd</sup></u> | <u>September 29<sup>th</sup></u> |
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| Readers:                | Janice Souque                    | Judith Robidoux                  | Mona Souque                      |
| Offerings & Collection: | Jean Souque<br>family            | Marcel Dheilly<br>family         | Raymond Souque<br>family         |
| Communion:              | Michelle Dheilly                 | Judith Robidoux                  | Yvonne Bazin                     |
| Counters:               | Raymond & prtnr.                 | Dorothée & prtnr.                | Maurice & prtnr.                 |

Meal at l'Accueil d'Âge d'Or of Haywood is cancelled for this month.

Blessing of the Shawls of Compassion at the 11:00 a.m. mass this Sunday.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times (C) - September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Prayer Intention for September, 2019

- The Protection of the Oceans – That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.
- For our pastor, Fr. Peter Lê.
- For all members of our community who are sick.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially in our parishes.

**Let us keep a thought in our prayers for :** *Kathy de Pape* who passed away Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 74 years. A Celebration of her life will take place on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the St. Claude Community Centre at 2:00 p.m. Our condolences to her husband Barry, her son Neal (Beth) and granddaughter Emma, as well as to relatives and friends who are grieving.

**CATECHISM AND PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:** The parents of the Saint-Claude and Saint-Denis parishes who wish to undertake the catechism and preparation of their children for the sacrament of first Reconciliation (7-8 years of age or Grade 2), first Communion (8-9 year of age or Grade 3) or Confirmation (11-12 year of age or Grade 6 or more) are invited to contact La Paroisse de Saint-Claude (204-379-2434) during office hours or Fr. Peter at 204-952-4531.

**Dear Parents,** it is important that your children receive a religious education first at home, and then reinforced throughout their school years and the rest of their life. Please see the following invitation to the sacrament preparation and register your child for the parish catechesis, planned to begin in early October.

### Marriages: Steps to Prepare Your Christian Marriage

Contact your parish **8 to 10 months before your planned wedding date.** Thus, you will be able to meet the priest or the Parish Life Director to begin concretizing your project. During this first meeting:

1. You will be informed about the different marriage preparation sessions. You will be asked to attend one of these sessions before your wedding. You choose the form that suits you best. However, book early as space is limited, and you are not the only ones to get married especially during the summer!
2. Bring your baptismal certificates. They must have been issued in the last six months. You may have to bring them from the parish where you were baptized.
3. Plan at least three possible dates for your wedding. It may happen that the celebrant or church is not available on the date of your first choice.
4. If the celebration takes place in a parish other than the one where you reside, you must ask the written authorization of the parish priest of your parish. It's just a request to the parish office.
5. Shortly before the wedding, you will be invited to a special meeting for the prenuptial inquiry.
6. Finally, you will meet the priest or deacon to prepare for the celebration of your wedding.

**If two Catholics or a Catholic and non-Catholic are married invalidly in the eyes of the Church, regarding the Canon Law, what should you do about it?**

**->You are invited to approach your pastor to try to resolve the situation. Call the parish office at 204.379.2434 or Fr. Peter's cell number at 204.952.4531 for an appointment. Fr. Peter is happy to talk with you.**

**!!! Reserve the date: Sunday, October 6, 2019 –  
Installation of Fr. Peter in the St. Claude Parish at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Baptismal Preparation Sessions:**

You are expecting a child or want your child to be baptized? You know a family who is expecting or who would like their child to be baptized? If so, the parish asks the families who want to have a child baptized to follow 3 baptismal preparation sessions prior to baptism. For more information please contact the parish office at 204-379-2434 or Fr. Peter at 204-952-4531.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the church. If you see the light on, at the confessional Fr. Peter is there; come and reconcile with God.

**The Effects of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:**

The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship. *Reconciliation with God* is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation 'is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation.' Indeed, the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true 'spiritual resurrection', restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, or which the most precious is friendship with God.

This sacrament reconciles us with the Church. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members. (Ref. CCC # 1468 and 1469)

**Mass for Widows and Widowers – October 27, 2019**

Please join us for this year's Archdiocesan Mass for Widows and Widowers, October 27 from 3PM to 4:30PM at St. Boniface Cathedral. All are invited to join us for this Mass of consolation and healing. Friends and family are welcome!

Archbishop LeGatt will preside and offer a special blessing for this stage of life. For more information: Diocesan Commission for the Promotion of Vocations 204-918-9431 or [jvgab@mts.net](mailto:jvgab@mts.net)

**Marriage Tip:**

In the midst of arguments, fight against the problem and not against your spouse. Remember that you and your spouse are on the same team.

**Open Farm Day: Sunday, September 15, 2019**

The St. Claude Historical Society presents *Open Farm Day* on the Museum Grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All 6 buildings of the museum will be open. Old time threshing demo at 2:00 p.m. Milk / cream demos. Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs available all day. Everyone welcome.

**St. Léon Fall Supper – September 29, 2019**

Come celebrate the 75th anniversary of St. Léon Parish on Sunday, September 29, from 4PM to 7PM at the St. Léon Community Hall. Tickets: \$15 (adults) and \$7 (children ages 5 to 12). Children 5 and under free.

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## Not wanting to lose anything...



In today's readings, we may have opted for the short version by focusing only on the parable of the Prodigal Son. It would be a shame because the three readings from St. Luke describe an experience. By presenting them together, they provide more relevance to the Apostle's purpose to reference Jesus as he once again denounces the criticisms of the Pharisees.

It is well known that Christ was their target. Among other issues, the Pharisees could not accept that he welcomed sinners and even worse, shared meals with them.

One day when Christ was openly criticized, instead of a brief and direct response to his critics, Jesus offered an original and unexpected answer. He preached three admirable parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin and that of the lost son.

All three share the same theme, that of a loss that is followed by an unrelenting search with the final and successful result of finding a sheep, a coin and a Prodigal Son, the latter event celebrated with a happy reunion.

These three stories demonstrate the essence of God's mercy concerning his relationship with sinners. It is as if Jesus taught us the extent that God would go to find whatever or whomever was lost. Christ said: *If one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one ... If a woman he has ten pieces of silver and loses one ... and most striking, A father had two sons ... and he lost one, maybe even two...* What did Jesus say? God is this shepherd who leaves 99 others to search for the lost sheep; God is the woman who turns her house upside down to find the lost coin; God is the father whose eyes search for his lost son. Though he was still far away, his father saw him and welcomed him back.

God does not resign himself to losing anything or anyone that appears to be lost or has gone astray. God does not resign himself to losing even a single sinner. God is willing to take risks even to dismiss the complaints of the righteous, the risks of engaging in an extensive search for one lost coin, especially taking risks that would scandalize those who believed themselves to be holier than others.

God can be labeled unkindly by critics but people see the Risen God as the One who is unrelenting, the God of kindness and mercy, the God whose face Jesus revealed, and the God who disturbs the status quo. The Pharisees understood this. St. Paul acknowledged he was a forgiven sinner. We should not be surprised at these conversations. Our God has accompanied Israel throughout its history during difficult times and offered forgiveness that was constantly available.

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

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