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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Oct. 20th - 9:00am – Matt Tkachyk (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sunday, Oct. 27th - 9:00am – Angèle Rouire (*Maurice Rouire & family*)

Sunday, Nov. 3rd - 9:00am – Gilles Richard (*Marcel & Dorothée Dequier*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Marcel & Dorothée Dequier.**

God's Share : Oct. 6th - **\$340.00** (18) + **\$5.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$365.00**

Needs of the Church of Canada : Sept. 29th - **\$130.00** (11)

Church Cleaning : October 1st to November 30th – Lucille & Michelle Dheilly.

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>October 20th</u>	<u>October 27th</u>	<u>November 3rd</u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilly	Judith Robidoux	Janice Souque
Offerings & Collection	Raymond Massinon family	Marcel Dequier family	Jean Souque family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilly	Judith Robidoux	Yvonne Bazin
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

Concert with Father Armand Le Gal and Jeannine Guyot : October 20th at 2:00 pm. in the St. Denis Church. Free will offering. The profits divided equally between the hall and the church. Please label your checks to either **St. Denis Parish** or **RM of Grey – donation for Haywood Hall**. Invite your friends and families. Let's be generous.

The ladies are asking for dainties for the lunch afterwards.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Times (C) - October 20th, 2019

Prayer Intentions for October, 2019

Missionary Spring in the Church – That the breath of the Holy Spirit may stir up a new missionary spring in the Church.

- For our pastor, Fr. Peter Le and the members of his family and his prompt return with us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially in our parishes.
- For all members of our community who are sick and the families who are grieving.

Message from Fr. Peter: (*Thursday, October 17, 2019*)

Dear parishioners of St. Claude and St. Denis - Greetings from Vietnam.

My heart is turning to you. I followed the news knowing that many people in our region had coped with difficulties due to the snow storm. I kept you all in my prayers. I hope that things are better now. A couple of days ago I made a pilgrimage to the National Marian Shrine in Vietnam to pray for you all!

After thinking carefully I want to share with you my current situation. I really want to come back to our parishes as soon as possible but I can't because I am waiting for Canadian visa. With the help of the diocese, I submitted all required papers, having had an appointment with the Canadian Embassy in Vietnam to get the biometric procedure done. What I can do now is to wait for the visa result. I had to change the returning ticket several times. I do not know when I will obtain the visa. Hoping that I can get it soon. Sharing this I ask you all to pray for me as I keep you all in my daily prayers !

Denise, could you please share my email with all parishioners on the bulletin. I do not want to hear any rumours about this. Believe in the divine providence!

May the Lord bless you all and keep you in his love!

Love in Jesus Christ, Father Peter Le

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration – October 20, 2019

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on October 20th at 3 PM at St. Emile Parish (556 St. Anne's Road in Winnipeg). Each Fall, Archbishop Albert LeGatt presides a celebratory mass in the Archdiocese. Couples are invited to renew their marriage vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception follows and couples are invited to have their picture taken with the Archbishop. All participating couples receive a certificate of recognition.

St. Claude Knights of Columbus Breakfast Brunch: Sunday, November 10, 2019

From 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the St-Claude Recreation Centre. On the menu: pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults – 10\$; 5-12 yrs. – 5\$; under 5 yrs – Free. Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

Marriage Tip: How can your spouse feel more loved by you today? Ask him/her and act accordingly.

Mountain Deanery website: The website is <https://mountaindeanery.wordpress.com/> . Parishes could send any posters, activities, and events taking place in each parish to Father Vincent Lusty in Swan Lake at fr.vincentclusty@gmail.com .



The Good Shepherd Campaign 2019

In this second week of the 2019 Good Shepherd Campaign, you are invited to watch a video on services provided by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life posted on our Archdiocese's website and on its Facebook Page. Volunteers play an important role in this service, for example in marriage preparation. Please include those persons who **dare to volunteer** in your prayers this week.

In 2019, the Office participated in the organization of the Tridiocesan Catholic Family Conference attended by more than 200 people. Patrick and Mary Anne Villacorta really appreciated the event: *"The conference was timely, as Holy Week was near. It helped us to open our hearts even more to Christ through praise and inspiration. [...] We thoroughly enjoyed the praise and worship session with the whole family and the breakout sessions for different age groups helped us encounter Christ 'at our own level'."*

Another example of the wonderful opportunities for reflection created by the Office in 2019 was a workshop on advance health care directives and medical assistance in dying by Catholic Ethicist Katarina Lee. After the workshop, Alesa and Donald Sutherland shared some of their thoughts on what they learned: *"This workshop helped us to understand that we have choices to remove the burden of end-of-life decisions from our family members. These compassionate choices will manage pain and allow us to live until the moment God calls us into his Kingdom."*

Estate Planning for Catholics – October 23, 2019

The Parish of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes and the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface cordially invite you to a French presentation by lawyer Solange Buissé and consultant Gisèle Barnabé on estate planning (including will preparation, powers of attorney, health care directives and planned giving) and other considerations in the planning of one's final wishes.

Please join us for this very informative session and Q & A period which will be held in the foyer of the parish church on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Invitation open to other parishes. 204-248-2034 or parndl@mymts.net.

A presentation **in English** will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carman, 35, 1st Ave. NW on October 27, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. after the 11:00 a.m. mass. Please confirm your presence in English to John Gavloski at gavwilk@mymts.net.

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 joins 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

St. Claude Club Âge d'Or: Grouille ou Rouille 2019 – Friday, October 25, 2019

Activity Day (in French) for the well-being of people 55 years and over from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Admission is \$10 with lunch included. Deadline to register is October 22nd by calling Jackie Gauthier at 379-2821 or Claudette Philippe at 379-2170. See poster on bulletin board.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) -

October 20th, 2019

Belief and Perseverance



Most of the challenges people share with me as a pastor involve ... patience. Many believers find it difficult to remain steadfast. Facing the onslaught of complicated everyday situations, it's easy to get discouraged and give up. How do we keep the fire of our faith burning in our hearts? Assistance from others can help. In the first reading, Moses needed help during a great battle in order to encourage and communicate with his troops! His warriors had to maintain eye contact with their leader. If Moses were to lower his arms, the battle would be over for his soldiers. The stakes were extremely high for the Hebrew fugitives. Losing this battle would have compromised the future of their people. If they were to lose, they would have squandered the opportunity to escape after enduring years of slavery. Keeping Moses' arms raised to the sky meant both a gesture of leadership and a constant entreaty to God. Moses' posture was maintained thanks to two compatriots who kept his arms raised up and the Hebrew warriors were victorious! This episode inspires my own life as a seeker, supplicant and advisor. What support am I willing to accept in my life of faith and prayer? What support am I able to provide to people who rely on me? Am I like a *grasshopper* jumping from one *solution* to another? Or do I remain constant and persevere, despite what challenges may arise?

Our faith teaches us tenacity. A word of caution: we should never tolerate difficult situations for the sake of being stoic! In the past, some pastors may have advised people just to *offer it up*. Others may have counseled parishioners to place their sufferings at the foot of the cross. These are only some approaches. The Bible has taught us that faith does not promise instant solutions and we are always encouraged to persevere. We often face contrary winds and life can be complicated. Faith helps us to see clearly, to stay on course and remain hopeful.

The advice to persevere is illustrated in many ways in today's readings. The Gospel presents a very determined widow who persisted in claiming her rights. By his own admission, the judge did not respect God or the people he served. Yet he ended up hearing and granting the widow's petition because he was worn down by her persistence. God is not like this unworthy magistrate and we can always petition the Lord for justice. Does my faith help me to persevere and believe that God's justice will prevail? St. Paul advises us to remember Christ's teachings. I believe hearing stories of our ancestors' faith equips believers for everyday challenges. My question is whether I have been able to develop the skills required to access the resources of my faith and to direct me as I face new situations in my own life.

Living in today's world requires a lot of patience. Situations can take a long time to resolve. We are inspired by major social projects resulting from public awareness and commitment. These are significant and convincing results of faith. Patience bolsters our strength and we will find solutions.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli