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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Nov. 22nd – private mass - **Mona Antoine** (Marie-Rose Antoine)

Friday, Nov. 27th – private mass – **Rose Vaillant** (*Funeral collection*)

Sunday, Nov. 29th – private mass - **Rose Vaillant** (*Yvonne & Eugene Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Lucille Dheilley**

God's Share: Nov. 8th - \$280.00 (14) + \$10.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$325.00**

Taxes & Insurance Fundraising : Nov. 15th - **\$200.00** - YTD = **\$4,475.00**

Sanctuary Lamp: Due to restrictions and to avoid many people handling the sheets, I will be collecting names by email, text or phone and donations by mail, by drop-off at my place. The offering is free will and can be added to your donation account if you give your name or envelope number. Email parstdenis@gmail.com; phone 204-379-2175; text 204-872-3697; mail box 58.

Tree Lighting: December 4th will be the night of the tree lighting. Pledge sheets can be picked up and dropped off at the Post Office, at Janice Souque's or at Judith Robidoux's.

Church is to remain closed: The Diocese has clarified that the churches must be closed to the public except for the livestreaming purposes.

November 22, 2020

Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Prayer Intention for November, 2020

Artificial Intelligence – We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Let us pray for our 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.



Parish News:

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. We are invited to pray for all souls who are gone before us.

Parish Finances:

In order to keep our parishes active, we need your financial support, so could you please put your donation in the basket in the church, mail in your cheque to the parish (Box 58) or drop it off at André's place. Thank you very much for your support.

Collection envelopes for 2021:

If you do not have a box to your name and wish to have one for 2021, please contact the parish office. If you would like to become a new contributor via automatic transfers in 2020 or if you wish to change the amount of your existing transfers, please contact the office or a teller at the Caisse. Boxes will be ready in early December.

Sunday Bulletins :

The bulletins will be sent via email and are also available at the back of the church.

Sunday Missal 2021:

The 2021 Sunday Missal has arrived and is available for \$4.00 each. Please deposit the money in the basket provided.

St-Claude Parish Office Hours:

The new hours for the parish office will now be on **Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. Please remember to wear a mask if you need to come to the office.

Readings for Sunday: November 29, 2020

Isaiah 63, 16b-17. 19b; 64, 2b-7;
1 Corinthians 1, 3-9;

Ps 79 (80), 2ac. 3bc, 15-16a, 18-19;
Matthew 13, 33-37



***NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE: New COVID-19 Restrictions: No Religious Gatherings**



New provincial COVID-19 restrictions came into effect on November 10. The entire province will be under Code Red Alert as of Thursday, November 12. Please be advised that there can be no gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. No in-person services can take place for at least four weeks. The livestreaming of Masses is permitted, however, provided that parishes limit the number of persons to five (5). Gatherings for weddings or funerals are to be limited to five (5) people, socially distanced, plus the presider.

At any given time, you will find the most current information on the website:

www.archsaintboniface.ca

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering. **In French at 9 AM and in English at 10:30 AM.**

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live>

Or on the Diocese's Facebook page at the

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live>

Liturgies will start precisely at the indicated broadcast time.

PARISH NEWS: - In compliance with the New COVID-19 Restrictions made by the government and the directives from the Archdiocese, as of today Thursday November 12, there will be no public masses in our two parishes until further notices.

- The Diocese has clarified that the churches must be closed to the public except for the livestreaming purposes.

- Fr. Peter will celebrate Mass daily in private with your requested Mass intentions.

- This Sunday, there will be no Mass livestreamed because Fr. Peter was asked to self isolate at this time, although his COVID-19 test result was negative.

- All Masses are cancelled until the further notice. Therefore, you can watch daily Mass, and Sunday Mass on TV, or through Facebook. You can receive the Holy Communion spiritually by saying this prayer:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You." Amen.

In addition, I encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy for an end to the coronavirus pandemic and for the conversion of heart of all Christians, especially the loved ones in our parish.

I will be available at any time if you wish to receive a visit or a sacrament such as Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, or if you want to talk, please contact me at the parish number at 204-379-2434 or call me directly at 204-952-4531.

You are in my thoughts and my daily prayers! May the Lord keep you safe and healthy!

Fr. Peter Le

November 22, 2020

Christ, King of the Universe (A)

A Fulfilled Life



The feast of Christ, King of the Universe, ends the liturgical year during which we have been nourished by the Gospels. Today we hear the parable known as the *Last Judgment*, a secular title that has been given to St. Matthew's Gospel (Mt 25:31-46). As I read these impressive verses, I can't help but relate them to Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*. Now these famous readings bring to mind another striking passage: the *Beatitudes* (Mt 5:1-12). As I reread these last two texts, my suggestion would be to change the title of today's parable from the *Last Judgment* to *A Fulfilled Life*.

What do we mean by a fulfilled life? Is it a busy life where multi-tasking choices compete for space on our agendas? Is a fulfilled life defined by monetary success and professional advancements? Or is our quality of life defined by achieving a happy balance between our presence in society and one's personal life where we are "present" to ourselves and others?

Does the expression "a fulfilled life" refer to a specific itinerary and timeline during which we derive meaning? Our Christian perspective leads us to embrace our faith in Jesus Christ who enlightens and guides us to fulfillment through charitable acts. Faith and charity are driven by our hope of entering into God's life, in full loving fellowship with Him. The Beatitudes set the goals which animate our Christian lives (as God's sons and daughters) and define acts of charity as the route to follow whereby we will be *recognized* by Christ at the end of our lives: *Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me* (Mt 25:40). This is how we should proceed.

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzus, who lived from 329 to 389 AD, referred to a fulfilled life in a quotation from Christ's homily on the Beatitudes: *"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."* Mercy is only one of the Beatitudes. St. Gregory continues: *Blessed are those who care for the poor and those in need. A good man sympathizes and shares.* [Free Translation] His interpretation of this Beatitude and others include the understanding that these passages imply action. No righteous person would ever say: *"I'll take care of you tomorrow!"* Time is always of the essence. Actions must follow up on intentions without delay. *"Share your bread with those who are hungry, welcome those who are homeless"...* [Free Translation] Every act is performed with kindness.

I hope that you will agree with me, Christ's fellow-followers, that we have the opportunity to keep Christ in our lives and be nourished by Him as we welcome and honor Him. The Lord of the universe wants mercy, not sacrifice, and our compassion, rather than the sacrifice of thousands of animals, as was the custom of that day. Let us therefore demonstrate our mercy to Him by taking the hands of these unfortunates who are in need today. The day we pass on into eternal life, we will be welcomed into heaven by Christ. Amen.

Father Yves Guillemette, priest.
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