

## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Simone Dheilly (*Cécile Dheilly*)

Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (*Dorothée & Marcel Dequier*)

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – Nathalie Bernard (*Cécile & Albert Furet*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Marcel & Michelle Dheilly.

God's Share : Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - **\$343.00** (23 env.) + **\$0.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$363.00**

Collection for Missions in Canada : to date - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> - **\$120.00** (9 env.)

Church Cleaning : Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – General cleaning for Christmas.

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>December 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>December 24<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection:	Jean Souque & Gérald Poirier	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilly	Michelle Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Margaret & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.

### **Shawls of Compassion:**

Today after communion we have the blessing of the shawls.

Did you know that since May 2016, our knitters, Yvonne & Simone, have contributed 17 shawls, 2 lap blankets, and 19 pocket shawls? *Nice work, ladies!*

You are all invited to join them or to make a donation of wool or cash to this project.

**New St. Denis Parish Web Site :** We are proud to introduce our new Parish Web Site which was launched on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. On it you will find mass times, the weekly bulletins, our parish vision, our mission, our history, contact information, upcoming events, and a photo gallery. You can access it by going to [www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca](http://www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca). Check it out. Big Thank you to Rachel Massinon, our administrator. Splendid work.

*Second Sunday of Advent (B)*

*December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

### **The Candles of Advent:**

This week we light a second candle.

*Who will deliver us?*



### **MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2017**

#### **FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD**

#### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Please note some changes!**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at **10:00** a.m. in St-Claude: **French** celebration.

#### **New Year's Day Masses: Mary, Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude: English celebration.

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in St-Claude: French celebration.

*Let us take the time to come and pray with our parish community for Christmas and New Year's Day.*

### **CELEBRATIONS OF RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT :**

**Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m.: Saint-Claude et Haywood (bilingual)**

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.: Somerset

Thursday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m. St-Léon

### **Monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus:**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

### **2017 Good Shepherd Campaign:**

Today is the special collection for the Good Shepherd Campaign; we welcome your gifts in support of our seminarians and clergy. Last week, you were given the special donation envelopes. Kindly submit your donation in the campaign envelope either today or at a future mass collection. Please make cheques payable to the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** and include your name and address.

Alternately, you may mail your donation directly to the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface in the envelope included with the pledge form. *Please continue to pray for our seminarians and clergy.*

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

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for December 2017

*Universal:* That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### Donations to the parish:

Keep in mind that you can get a receipt for income tax purposes for your donations to the parish. Please make sure to make your donations **prior to December 30, 2017** if you wish to have a receipt for the year 2017.

### Donations to the Needy:

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, we are collecting toques, mittens, scarves, socks or coats for all ages. In addition, we accept articles such as toothbrushes, pencils, crayons, combs, hair pins, bars of soap, and small toys. These items will be distributed to people in the region who are in need. Please drop them off at the church in Saint-Claude or Saint-Denis. Thank you on behalf of *Jacqueline and Yvonne*.

### Archdiocesan Facebook Page! Like and share!

Great News! The Archdiocese of St. Boniface has recently created a new Facebook Page! This page will aim to rally all corners of the archdiocese with faith stories from around our Church, prayer and meditation, and great announcements. We're inviting YOU to take a moment to 'Like' our page: [www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface](http://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface). We encourage you to share this new page, and to invite your friends to like it as well.

Stay tuned for more on how you can be involved in making this new initiative a success for our local Church! Kevin Prada, Social Media Coordinator, St. Boniface Archdiocese: [socialmedia@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:socialmedia@archsaintboniface.ca) ; website: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) . Youth & Young Adult

### Marriage Tip

A simple idea to make Advent prayerful: use your address book to pray for people alphabetically at dinner. Not sure what a person's needs or intentions are? Consider calling or emailing them to find out.

### Stewardship Reflection 2 nd Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..."* Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

### Thought for the Day:

To believe is not to *have* a future; it is to *be* a future in the hands of God.

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## Believing in the Promise

The common theme in the readings this Sunday is the future. All verbs use this tense and our thoughts focus on what is to come:

*Make straight in the desert a highway for our God...then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed* (1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 40)

*The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase* (Ps 85)

*In accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth* (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 P 3).

*The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit* (Gospel: Mk 1)

These quotations do not encourage us to cease living in the present and take refuge in a hypothetical future. These words situate us before two principal elements in our lives: Experience and Promise.

### Experience and Promise

Take for example a new born baby. The child has no experience: no competencies (can cry but can't speak); no bank account, no furniture, no house... But there is immense promise: a promise that the parents made for this child when he or she was born. They promised: "We will be here to nourish and guide you as you grow and achieve your potential."

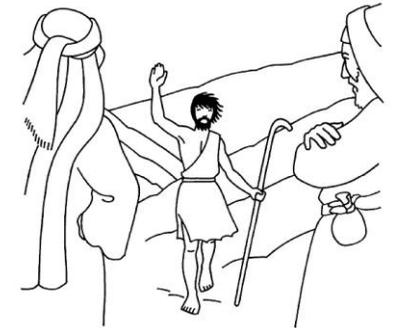
As the child grows, he or she is exposed to new experiences through parents and schools. The child receives clothes, toys, and often becomes a digital native. Later the young adult begins to work and manage money. Very quickly the assets accumulate: furniture, cars, a home, maybe a chalet, etc. Perhaps also a pension fund, investments...

However, it may happen the more that adults accumulate, the less they remember their promise. Security becomes their priority. These acquisitions, which the adult protects and is fearful of losing, can create many anxious moments.

It is unfortunate when people have no more room for promise in their lives. Their existence shrivels and resides around things that cannot bring happiness or true security and makes their original promise a distant memory.

### The horizon of our on-going promise

As believers, we dare to focus on the immense promise that exists in the horizon of our lives. That is what the desert, where St. John the Baptist lived, represents. It is the place where there are no acquisitions, where existence finds meaning in a promise as great as the sky, a promise that is God Himself.



**Georges Madore**

*Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli*