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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Dec. 16th - 9:00am – Ernest & Josephine Antoine (*M.R. Antoine*)

Sunday, Dec. 23rd - 9:00 am – Juliette Ellchuk (*Lucille Dheilly*)

Christmas, Dec. 24th - 8:00 pm – Roseanne Parrott (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Yvonne & Eugene Bazin.

God's Share: Dec. 9th - \$367.00 (17) + \$8.50 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$395.50

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>December 16th</u>	<u>December 23rd</u>	<u>December 24th</u>
Readers:	Janice Souque	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection:	Jean Souque family	Marcel Dheilly family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Yvonne Bazin	Michelle Dheilly	Lucille Dheilly
Counters:	Jean & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

Church Cleaning: – **General cleaning for Christmas December 17th at 1:00 pm.**

Souvenir Books of Catholica 200: You may browse the books on the back table, sorry I have no English copies but they are available. If you wish to purchase, please see André.

Like us on Facebook: Those of you on Facebook can now follow us on your electronic devices. Check it out.

Let us pray for the members of our community who are sick.

Third Sunday of Advent (C) December 16th, 2018

Prayer Intention for December 2018

Evangelization: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Let us also pray for Deacon Peter Lê Van Ngu, so that the Lord may grant His graces upon him throughout his year of study for the priesthood.



Readings for Sunday, December 23, 2018

Micah 5.2-5a; Psalm 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)
Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2018 FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Monday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, December 24th at 11:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

Monday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

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

Monday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

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

Monday, January 1st 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.

Advent Reconciliation Celebrations:

St-Claude and Haywood:	Sunday,	December 16 at 2:00 p.m.	Bilingual
Somerset:	Tuesday,	December 18 at 7:30 p.m.	Bilingual
St-Léon:	Wednesday,	December 19 at 7:30 p.m.	Bilingual
Carman:	Wednesday,	December 19 at 7:00 p.m.	English
Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes:	Thursday,	December 20 at 7:00 p.m.	Bilingual

Meeting of the Finance and CPP committees of St-Claude and St-Denis:

Monday, December 17th at 6:30 pm at the rectory in St-Claude.

Collection envelopes for 2019:

Please stop and pick up your 2019 collection envelopes, which are now ready.

If you do not have a box or blue package to your name and wish to have one for 2019, please contact the office. If you would like to become a new contributor via automatic transfers in 2019 or if you wish to change the amount of your existing transfers, please contact the parish office or a teller at the Caisse.

Fundraiser: The Vietnamese Parish of St. Philip Minh in Winnipeg is once again selling Spring Rolls. Packages of 24 rolls (2 dozens) are available for \$15 per box. Contact Father John Tê Nguyễn after mass or e-mail him at huute.nguyen@yahoo.com or call (431) 225 -2629 to place your order.

The Four Candles of Advent (*Charles Singer*)

To lift the darkness that sometimes covers the world and even the hearts of men,
I will prepare, Lord, four candles,
and I will put them to the four corners of the earth to enlighten them.

The first candle will be the light of my smile offered to everyone, every day,
as a gift for you, Lord, come for the joy of all!

The second candle will be the light of my prayer, turn to you, every day,
as a look for you, Lord, speak to everyone in the secret of the heart!

The third candle will be the light of my forgiveness granted to all, every day,
as an outstretched hand for you, Lord, wash all the trespasses of men!

The fourth candle will be the light of my sweetness distributed to all, every day,
like good bread, because you, Lord, you give to each your love.

To show you Lord, how I'm waiting for you, I will prepare my four candles,
I will light them one by one during the four weeks of Advent.

When Christmas comes in houses and hearts, they will shine in the night.
It will be my crown of light prepared for you, Lord.



Third Sunday of Advent (C)

December 16, 2018

Characteristics of Conversion



St. John the Baptist is a leading figure in the Gospels during the Advent season. His personality reminds us of the Old Testament prophets. St. Luke's references to St. John are a contrast to those found in St. Matthew's Gospel. St. John's calls for conversion were adapted to answer those who requested baptism as they prepared for the imminent coming of the messiah. When they asked: *What should we do?* ... St. John's responses could be incorporated into their lives and professions. St. John promoted practices of justice and peace.

Ordinary people were advised to share their goods with the poor; tax collectors to conduct business fairly and honestly; and soldiers to use non violent measures.

St. John preached that our intentions and actions must be embodied in the fabric of our everyday lives. Conversion is not just an interior process; it must be part and parcel of our lives. The Christian approach to conversion consists in experiencing an inner "re-creation" by turning to Jesus Christ and his evangelical message. There is a way to lead one's life and complete one's tasks that is common to all people, but one that is particular to Christians is inspired by the Gospels. The need for conversion usually arises from the recognition that one has moved away from *Jesus' way* of living and must take steps to return. It is not a question of living a life similar to Christ's, but of being inspired by Him.

When preaching about conversion, St. John invited Christians to follow *Jesus' way*. Today this means that kindness and compassion will be practiced by those working in the fields of health, education and social assistance; there will be solidarity between the impoverished and those who are comfortable; altruism and respect for the common good for everyone; respect for the dignity of others by those in authority; and selflessness and forgiveness within families. To summarize St. John's message, each of us must hear the call for conversion and act accordingly.

Yves Guillemette, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli