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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Marcel Marin (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass at 10:00am – Jean deRocquigny (*Margaret & family*)

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Ted Tkachyk (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Eugene & Yvonne Bazin**

God's Share : Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - **\$260.00** (18) + **\$11.10** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$291.10**

Church cleaning : Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Massinon & Yvonne Cantin

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>February 9<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 23<sup>rd</sup></u>
Readers:	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux	Michelle Dheilly
Counters:	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.

**Meeting of the finance committee of St Denis:** Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. In the parish office.

**Meal at l'Accueil d'Âge d'Or of Haywood :** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon – Please call your contact person or phone 204-379-2705 to give your name before Monday evening. Everyone welcome. \$8.50 for adults.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**February 9, 2020**

### Prayer Intentions for February, 2020

- **Listen to the Migrants' Cries** - We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his ministry among us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
- For those who mourn, who are sick, and who suffer from loneliness.
- For vocations within our parishes.



### Readings for Sunday: February 16, 2020

Sirach 15, 15-20; Ps 119.1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (R. 1);  
1 Corinthians 2.6-10; Matthew 5.17-37

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the church. Let keep a thought in our prayers for these young children.

**Monthly Meeting of the Knights of Columbus:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 8:00 pm in the sacristy.

### 4<sup>th</sup> CATECHESIS: The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)

We continue the short catechesis which explains the course of our liturgical celebrations. Today, we present the **Glory to God**.

- What is the **Glory to God**?  
It is both a hymn which proclaims the glory of God the Father and a supplication addressed to the Son. The Gloria celebrates the work of Salvation accomplished in Jesus by the Holy Spirit.
- ORIGIN:  
The Glory to God, "**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will**" (Lk 2, 14), is a resumption of the very words of the angels on Christmas night that the Church sings at Sunday Mass and the great liturgical feasts.

**N.B. However**, the Church does not sing the Glory to God during the time of Advent and Lent because these are two times of preparation to celebrate the glory of God manifested in a vivid manner by the birth at Christmas and by the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

### Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions – February 9, 2020

Please note that we have a diocesan mandated special collection. Parishioners who have collection envelopes will already have an envelope for the support of CMIC on this Day of Prayer. Additional envelopes are available from the tables at the back. Cheques can be made **payable to the parish** and the funds collected will be remitted to the diocese.

However, the priority is to pray for the Missions in Canada.

**Receiving Communion and Anointing of the Sick at Home:**

If you wish to receive communion at home on Wednesday afternoon, after Mass at the Pavilion, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or old age, please contact Fr. Peter. Regarding the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (in case of an emergency or before a surgery), please contact Fr. Peter at **204-952-4531**.

**Shawls of Compassion - Correction to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:**

Since the beginning of their ministry, the ladies of the St-Claude and St-Denis parishes have donated 206 (*and not 47*) shawls of compassion and pocket shawls which were presented to people in need of compassion and prayers in times of grief or sickness. Here is the breakdown per year: **2016 – 44; in 2017 – 67; in 2018 – 49; in 2019 – 47 shawls.** Shawls have been sent to many countries.

**Did you know that anyone can apply for shawls or blankets to offer to someone? It's free!**

However, monetary donations are graciously accepted for the purchase of materials to continue this project. We can get a tax receipt for donations. Let's be generous!

We thank the ladies who continuously dedicate themselves to this work. For more information, please consult the pamphlet or speak to one of the members in charge of this ministry.

**"Finding Joy in Your Journey with Wendy" – Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

Wendy is a singer, actress, songwriter and speaker. Come hear her story of how sadness and despair can be turned into hope and joy. Presentation in English at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11 at the Treherne Friendship Center. Visit the website [www.wendy.ca](http://www.wendy.ca).

**Tiger Mountain League for Life Banquet - February 14, 2020**

at 6:30PM, at the Holland Community Center. Speaker Msgr. Maurice Comeault, silent auction, and dance to follow. Deadline for tickets February 7, 2020. For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Antoine & Céline Hutlet in St. Claude at **204-379-2517**.

**Cana Session for Couples**

CANA is a six-day session for couples to strengthen their marriage and deepen their spiritual life, offered by the Chemin Neuf Community at the St. Charles Retreat Centre. The live-in session includes talks, prayer, time together as a couple, relaxation and celebration. In 2020 Cana will be offered over three weekends: April 25-26, May 15-17, and June 6-7. Couples sleep at the Centre and must commit to all three weekends. Couples can bring their children to the middle, three-day weekend. For more information see the [chemin-neuf.ca](http://chemin-neuf.ca) website (Couples & Families"), [Canawpg@gmail.com](mailto:Canawpg@gmail.com), or call 204-885-2260.

**Marriage Tip**

Use a bulletin board or chalkboard to make a prayer intention space somewhere in your home. Set aside time each day to pray for each of the intentions.

**Reflections for the separated/divorced**

*"Hate: It has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet."*

– Maya Angelou

Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Darkness can only be scattered by light, hatred can only be conquered by love." What can you do to end bitterness and hatred as a result of your divorce or separation? Pray for the grace to overcome any hostility that may be directed toward you.

# Much more than Taste

Salt provides something "extra" to our food and enhances its taste. It is a much-appreciated condiment that adds a great deal to our dishes. However, it was not concerning taste that it was significant when Jesus said to his disciples: *You are the salt of the earth*. Christ also said: *You are the light of the world*. He invited his disciples to be the landmarks in the night. Their mission was to improve the *earth* and its inhabitants' lives. The story continues.



Referring to Jesus' salt citation, its use was essential and far beyond just seasoning. The tangy taste that it added to food also had an important secondary effect. Salt was a product used to preserve food, particularly meat and fish. Salt prevented food from spoiling and rotting.

This was the function that Jesus wanted his disciples to understand. Their vocation was to bring more than a spiritual supplement to the world.

The disciples were destined to collaborate in preventing the world from self-destruction and from distancing itself from our Creator? Let's examine the earth from the aspect of our common home. It is currently in crisis and experiencing danger. Yet far too often, ecological discussions is only taken seriously by children, poets and politicians heading into elections.

To the climate-change deniers, we can add those who say this not a Christian's place. While it may be true there are other battles to fight, it is also evident that life, as we know it, is being affected. We can see that life in all its forms is often menaced by injustice, hunger, war and all aspects that affect the survival of our planet. We remember that Christ referred to his disciples as the *salt* of the earth as well as the *light* that would help people to see things clearly.

We remember the reference in Psalm 112: *Light rises in the darkness for the upright*. But as during the night, this disciple is *light*, he or she is also *salt* which prevents spoiling and decomposition. Referring to salt means much more than enhancing flavor and taste. The world and our earth hope and wait for the *upright* to take the lead.

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