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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations: St. Claude – [Haywood](#) - [Pavilion](#)

Sat. Mar. 26 th	9:00 am	+ Solemnity of St. Joseph – parishioners- Father Peter - Special intention – Lynne Vaillant
Sat. Mar. 19 th	5:00 pm	+ Jérôme Oliviero – Marc Labossière
Sun. Mar. 20 th	9:00 am H	+ Angèle & Amédée Picton – Marcel & Dorothée Dequier
Sun. Mar. 20 th	11:00 am	+ André Dion – Denis, Pauline & Rachelle
Mon. Mar. 21 st	private	+ All souls – Father Peter
Tue. Mar. 22 nd	private	+ Isabelle Oliviero – funeral offerings
Wed. Mar. 23 rd	2:30 pm P	+ Special intention – Alice Durand
Thu. Mar. 24 th	2:30 pm	+ Eucharistic adoration & reconciliation
	Mass 3:30 pm	+ Denis Furet – Jacqueline & Léo Bazin
Fri. Mar. 25 th	9:00 am H	+ Eucharistic adoration & reconciliation
	Mass 10:00 am	+ Lucien Vaillant – Simone & André Lambert
Sat. Mar. 26 th	5:00 pm	+ Yvonne Bisson – George Mangin & family
Sun. Mar. 27 th	9:00 am H	+ Lucien Vaillant – Yvonne & Eugène Bazin
Sun. Mar. 27 th	11:00 am	+ Roland Bazin – Léa Bazin

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>March 20th</u>	<u>March 27th</u>	<u>April 3rd</u>
Readers:	Simone Lambert	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard
Counters:	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

God's Share: Mar. 13th - \$410.00 (14) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$20.00 (1-DD) = **\$430.00**

Sanctuary Lamp: week of March 20th – the people of Ukraine

“God hides the prize of eternal glory in our mortifications and in the victory of ourselves, which we always strive for with great gentleness.” St. Jane Frances de Chantal

3rd Sunday of Lent C – March 20th, 2022

Prayer Intention for March, 2022

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges – We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Let us pray: - For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his priestly ministry among us.

- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.

- For an end to the war in Ukraine and for its displaced and traumatized citizens.

Parish life:

+ **We recommend to your prayers** – *Yvette Gauthier* who died at the St-Claude Pavilion on March 12 at the age of 90 years. Funeral mass will be held **Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 pm** preceded by the eulogy at 1:30 pm. Our condolences go out to her husband, Henri, her family, as well as relatives and friends who are grieving.

+ **We also recommend to your prayers** - *Simone Jobin Clarke* formerly of St Claude died on March 12 in Georgia at the age of 93 years. She is the sister of Odette Jobin of Winnipeg and a cousin to Georges & Henri Jobin. Our condolences to her family and relatives who are grieving.

+ **The general dispensation from Sunday Mass**, which was mandated at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic **is lifted**, effective immediately. Which means that the obligation to assist at mass on Sunday, which is a commandment of God, is once again an obligation for whoever is capable.

+ **Visit and Communion to the shut-ins on Wednesday afternoon** – For those who wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office or Father Peter.

+ **Catechism class for Confirmation** – Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 pm.

+ **Way of the Cross and Movie Night** – Friday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. in St. Claude church. Featured movie this week is **“Heaven is for Real”**.

+ **Mass of Solemnity of St. Joseph** – **Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 am** in St. Claude church.

+ **Marriage preparation Course** – Saturday, March 19th at 10:30 am. We pray for these couples as they prepare to engage themselves to a life together.

+ **Lent Penitential Service and Confession** – Friday, March 25 at **6:30 pm in Haywood** and at **8:00 pm in St. Claude**.

+ **Direct Deposit** – For those who wish to sign up for direct deposit, please bring a voided cheque to the parish office and fill out the form needed. For those who are already signed up and would like to adjust their donation amount, please contact the office and the bank.

+ **COVID-19** – **No restrictions remain since March 15th**

- **The wearing of masks and social distancing are now your choice.**

+ **Chrism Mass** – June 12th at St. Boniface Cathedral.

* March 20, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



“...He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

* Ukraine needs your help! – Make a Donation



To help the people of Ukraine survive the war, visit the Canadian Near-East Welfare Association’s website. This organization was founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and is under the guidance of Pope Francis. [Click here](#) Or give through Development and Peace - Learn more as to how you can support by making a donation to Caritas Ukraine by clicking here: [Solidarity, prayers and support for Ukraine: Development and Peace joins relief efforts.](#)

* Life Culture Ambassador Program Gathering – March 31, 2022

Life Culture

Do you want your church to be part of a rising movement in our province and country? Are you pro-life, but not sure where to start to make a real difference? Are you inspired to help bring the good news of life to your church community?

You are invited to join us virtually for our Life Culture Ambassador Program Gathering! We will meet on **Thursday, March 31st at 7:30 PM**. Inspire and be inspired by other individuals who speak for life! [Click here for the Zoom link.](#) Visit www.lifeculture.ca/church to learn more. Contact justony@lifeculture.ca if you have any questions.

Development and Peace: The power of mobilized citizens



One of Development and Peace’s strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity.

That is why our *People and Planet First* campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations.

Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. **Thank you for supporting our campaign!**

“...let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” — Luke 13:8-9

3rd Sunday of Lent C – March 20th, 2022

Give me five good reasons why going to Mass every Sunday is absolutely necessary.

Sunday Mass fulfills God’s law. The Third Commandment is, “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day” (Ex 20:8; see also Dt 5:12). The Christian Sabbath is Sunday, and Catholic’s keep the Sabbath holy by fulfilling the obligation to attend Mass (Canons 1246-1248; Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2174-2178). The Commandment is not a suggestion or a request; it is a command or an order. The law makes compulsory what we should want to do on our own.

Weekly Worship Follows Jesus’ Example. Jesus was in the habit of going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Lk 4:16b). His mother Mary was “full of grace” (Lk 1:28) and his stepfather Joseph was “a righteous man” (Mt 1:19) and they both carefully “fulfilled all of the prescriptions of the law” (Lk 2:39) which means that they went to the synagogue every Sabbath. Not only did they observe this law themselves, they took their son with them, and when Jesus was old enough he went on his own. If Jesus went to the synagogue to observe the Sabbath every week, we should go to Mass every week.

Sunday is a Day of Thanksgiving. Eucharist means thanks. It is right and just to give thanks to the Lord our God, and the Mass is the best prayer to offer thanks. God graciously blesses us with everything that we have: life and health, food and shelter, family and friends, intellect and talents, opportunity and resources – and faith. These gifts are so awesome that we ought to be overflowing with gratitude and eager to give our thanks and praise. The ideal is to give thanks every day. Weekly thanksgiving is a bare minimum. If we give thanks only intermittently or rarely we fail to adequately honor the Giver of the gifts.

Community Prayer is Essential. From the beginning of the Church the community “devoted themselves ... to the breaking of the bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Christians pray together by nature, and the Mass is the premier form of communal prayer. Some make the unfortunate claim: “I can pray by myself and I do not need to go to church.” Usually the more negligent a person becomes with their Mass attendance, the more negligent the person becomes with their private prayer. There are two pillars to a well-rounded prayer life, communal and private, and to do one or the other exclusively is to be imbalanced. The more a person prays privately, the more the person should want to worship with the community, and the more a person worships with the community, the more a person should want to pray privately.

Weekly Eucharist is Solid Spiritual Food. Most people are health-food conscious. It is important to eat properly every day to avoid hunger pains, weakness, malnutrition, and disease. It is the same with our spiritual life. We need to be spiritual-food conscious if we wish to avoid emptiness, spiritual weakness, vulnerability to temptation, and sickness due to sin. The Mass begins with the Liturgy of the Word. God told the prophet Ezekiel, “Eat what is before you; eat this scroll” (Ez 3:1). God wanted him to devour his word, and God wants us to do the same. Peter accurately observed, “Master, you have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68). The second half of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Jesus declared, “My flesh is real food, and my blood true drink” (Jn 6:55). Spiritual malnutrition begins when we go without Word and Sacrament for longer than a week.

Source: <https://www.archspm.org/faith-and-discipleship/catholic-faith/give-me-five-good-reasons-why-going-to-mass-every-sunday-is-absolutely-necessary/>