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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, **March 15th - 9:00am – Andrew Labossiere (Pierre Cormier family)**

Thursday, **March 19th - 7:00pm – in St-Claude – Solemnity of Saint Joseph**

Friday, **March 20th - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation**
Mass - 10:00am – August Debusschere (funeral collection)
Way of the Cross - 7:00pm in St-Denis

Sunday, **March 22th - 9:00am – Roseanne Parrott (Simone & André Lambert)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Cécile & Albert Furet**

God's Share : Mar. 8th - **\$195.00** (18) + **\$0.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$215.00**

Church cleaning : Feb. 16th to March 31st – Margaret & Denise deRocquigny

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>March 15th</u>	<u>March 22nd</u>	<u>March 29th</u>
Greeters :	Margaret / Gérald	Maurice / Eugene	Yvonne C. / André
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly
Offerings & Collection	Raymond Massinon family	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Yvonne Bazin	Lucille Dheilly
Counters:	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

Spring Bazaar : Reserve the date of **April 19th** for the occasion. Get your raffle tickets from the ladies in the back. Prizes should be brought in Friday the 17th or, **at the latest**, before 10:00am Saturday the 18th.

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

March 15, 2020

Prayer Intention for March, 2020

Catholics in China – We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his ministry among us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
- For vocations within our parishes.



Catechesis for First Communion: Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 pm in the sacristy.

Catechesis for Confirmation: Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00 pm in the sacristy.
Let us pray for these young parishioners and their families.

Presentation of the Nathanael Program: Tuesday, March 17 at 9:45 am in the sacristy in St-Claude, following the 9:00 am Mass, presentation by Diane Belanger.

9th CATECHESIS : The Profession of Faith

We continue the short catechesis which explains the course of our liturgical celebrations. Today we present the profession of faith.

- The word "faith" means "trust". In the liturgy, faith is an expression of our personal attachment to God who has revealed himself in history and in Jesus Christ as our Creator and Savior.
(cf. Dom Robert. Le Gall, Dictionary of Liturgy, 1987.)
- The Profession of Faith is also called "Credo", a Latin word translated by "I believe", which is the first word of this prayer. The Credo is the summary of the Christian faith. To believe in God is to trust Him.
- By reciting the Profession of Faith, we respond to the word of the Scriptures and commit ourselves to live according to the will of God.
- The Profession of Faith is expressed by formulas defined by the Church including the Creed of the Apostles and the Creed of Nicaea-Constantinople.
- The "Creed of the Apostles" is the oldest and shortest formula. It is the faithful summary of the apostles' faith.
- The "Nicene-Constantinople Creed" is the long formula. It takes its name from the first two Ecumenical Councils (from the cities of Nicaea in 325 and Constantinople in 381). It defines and specifies the Catholic faith concerning the humanity and the divinity of Jesus Christ.

St. Claude Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST BRUNCH - Sunday, March 15, 2020

from 10:30 am to 1 pm at the St-Claude Recreation Centre. Pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults: \$10.00 5 – 12: \$5.00
Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

A Conversation Between Neighbours – March 15, 2020

The people of Notre-Dame-de-la-Nativité Parish in Somerset invite you to an afternoon of **Conversation Between Neighbours -- from Swan Lake First Nation and Nearby Communities**. The topic will be: "How Indian Policy has shaped the lives of First Nations people and other Canadians". Small group conversation will be encouraged. Sunday, March 15, at the Somerset Rendezvous. A light lunch will be served at 12 PM followed by the Conversation from 1 to 3 pm. For more information call Yvonne at 744 2401. Free event.

Words from Fr. Peter:

Thursday, March 19, 2020, on the feast of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and principal patron of Canada, patron of the Universal Church, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in St. Claude. Invitation to all the parishioners to attend.

Lent: a time for sharing! "LOVE IN A LOONIE" Every Sunday during this Lent, we will have a second collection. Therefore, I invite everyone to prepare a loonie when you come to Church. All loonies collected from this Lent campaign will be shared with the less fortunate in our parishes. *"You always have the poor among you" (John 12:8).*

Way of the Cross: During Lent, we will alternate the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings in St. Claude and St. Denis beginning at 7 pm. The fourth meditation of the Way of the Cross will be in **Haywood** at 7 pm, March 20, 2020.

Movie Night: "A Man for All Seasons"

The next movie night will be in St. Denis, Haywood at 7:30 pm on Friday April 3, 2020.

Memorandum sent by His Grace Mgrs. Albert LeGatt on the Pandemic Preparation Protocol

..."I ask all priests to implement immediately the directives set below, so as to have uniformity in our diocese. Please wait for any further directives from my office before taking any further action.

Protocol I:

There are everyday activities that can reduce exposure to the virus and protect public health:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Staying home when you are sick

- As far as liturgical practices are concerned, at this time it is not deemed necessary to alter our current practices. *Parishes are asked to ensure that those distributing Communion wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Communion.*

Please continue to pray for those infected by the coronavirus."

+Albert LeGatt Archbishop of Saint Boniface

Readings for Sunday: March 22, 2020



Exodus 13.21-22
Romans 5.8-14

Psalms 23
John 9. 1-41

Confession Schedule in Lenten Season for Mountain Deanery

Manitou:	Monday, March 16, 2020	7:00 pm
Carman:	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	7:00 pm
Morden:	Saturday, March 21, 2020	7:00 pm
St. Claude and St. Denis:	Monday, March 23, 2020	7:00 pm
Somerset:	Tuesday, March 31, 2020	7:30 pm
St. Leon:	Wednesday, April 1, 2020	7:30 pm
Swan Lake:	Saturday, April 4, 2020	3:00 pm

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

March 15, 2020

At Jacob's Well



Jesus was thirsty. As part of her daily routine, the Samaritan woman went to the well since she also was thirsty and had to bring water to her home. We review the obvious facts of this encounter. Jesus was a Jewish man and she, a Samaritan woman. They belonged to different cultures that did not have cordial relations. Even their conversation would be breaking cultural barriers.

They met by chance at Jacob's Well and we are told the brief encounter was respectful. Their conversation included both an acknowledgement of the other's culture and life details. This meeting took place on an ordinary day. Jesus needed to rest and the Samaritan woman needed water. This Gospel passage reminds us that the Good News can influence our lives even in the most mundane circumstances.

These unexpected moments can make people realize their connection to God and that they are encouraged to believe that their own existence has meaning. Jesus' words open pathways to the future, to salvation, wherever we happen to be at a particular moment, and in whatever situation.

The Samaritan woman is called to be a disciple. Jesus' mission is to make disciples of all of us. This passage exemplifies God's desire to encounter people *in spirit and in truth*. Christ's mission focuses on relationships that open us to others and to our own transformation, to take us beyond a narrow worldview to one that is open and where we are encouraged to take risks. Like true disciples, we strive courageously to face whatever situations may arise.

A true witness is one who overcomes barriers and takes time to establish new relationships with others. As disciples, we will progress from lacking knowledge of another person to a reciprocal understanding. In this passage, Jesus, who was just passing through, introduced new insight into the Samaritan woman's life.

We also acknowledge the importance of this new disciple's mission. The Samaritan woman did not leave her home to preach in foreign lands; her witnessing took place within her own community, among the people of her village.

Gilles Leblanc

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli