

## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Our Mission Statement: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

#### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Louis Dheilly (Cécile Dheilly)

Sunday, Nov.11<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Veterans (The Legion)

Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Norman & Marguerite Ouellette (M.R. Antoine)

<u>Sanctuary Lamp this week:</u> Helen Poirier.

<u>God's Share:</u> Oct.  $28^{th}$  - \$450.00 (21) + \$92.15 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$702.15

Church Cleaning: Oct. 1st to Nov. 15th – Denise & Margaret deRocquigny

November 11<sup>th</sup> Ministries: November 4<sup>th</sup> November 18<sup>th</sup> Janice Souque Readers: Judith Robidoux **Annette Bernard** Marcel Dheilly Offerings & Marcel Dequier Jean Souque Collection: family family family Michelle Dheilly Communion: Judith Robidoux Yvonne Bazin Counters: Maurice & prtnr. Annette & prtnr. Lucille & prtnr.



#### Readings for Sunday, November 11, 2018

1 Kings 17.10-16; Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R.1)

Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of November, 2018

*Universal:* That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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.

For all our deceased parishioners: May they rest in peace!

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

November 4th, 2018

**Baptism:** This Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., **Darcy Tyler Côté** and **Allison Belle Côté**, children of Damon Côté and Janita Cormier, will become children of God through the sacrament of baptism. Let us pray for these children, for their parents and godparents, for all the members of their family, and for all the members of our parish community, who have the responsibility of journeying in faith with Darcy and Allison and their family.

Darcy and Allison, welcome to the Catholic parish community.

The sacrament of Baptism is not a private celebration. It is a community celebration: everyone is invited.

### **Good Shepherd Campaign 2018**

As the 2018 Good Shepherd Campaign draws to a close, we would like to thank those of you who have already sent your gift to the Archdiocese. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your donation, please consider acting now to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 to be invested in the formation and ongoing professional development of our seminarians, priests and

Nathanael candidates.

We share some testimonials from Nathanael alumni.

"I am very grateful towards my Church for this formation opportunity. A huge THANK YOU. I believe I am now a more joyful and engaged missionary disciple."

**Ghislaine Gauthier** 

Parish: St. Boniface Cathedral, Winnipeg

"If you desire to know God and understand Catholicism better, if you question your purpose, or how to fulfill it, if you want to share God's love with others but don't know how . . . then, Nathanael is for you."

Pauline Breiter

Parish: Blessed Sacrament, Winnipeg

"Through the Nathanael formation, I have grown in my spiritual life, acquainted myself with whom I have become over the years, re-examined my talents and abilities, and realigned them in order to better serve in my leadership role as a missionary disciple."

Paulette Vielfaure-Dupuis

Parish: St. Emile

"Bravo to all those who have taken part in Nathanael. Your enlightening influence has inspired me to opt for this experience! Now, it's my turn to encourage others to do the same. Also, I am grateful for the financial help of our parish, Saint-Joachim, and of the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface. This support is very encouraging for those who would like to participate in Nathanael."

Ginette Piché

Parish: Saint-Joachim, La Broquerie

**St. Claude Knights of Columbus Breakfast Brunch - Sunday, November 11, 2018**Served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Claude Recreation Centre. On the menu: pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults - \$10; 5 to 12 years - \$5; children under 5 – Free. Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

#### **D&P** following the earthquake in Haiti

The 5.9-magnitude earthquake that struck northwestern Haiti on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, resulted in 17 fatalities, 350 people injured, and many buildings destroyed, including schools. The areas of Port-de-Paix, Gros-Morne, and Saint-Louis-du-Nord were particularly affected. A number of Development and Peace partner organizations, including ITECA (the Institute of technology and training) and TÉT KOLÉ (Heads Together), have been on the ground since the beginning of the crisis. Development and Peace will implement over the next few months, a two-pronged response by providing support to repair damaged houses and mobilize citizen organizations; support family agricultural production which can enable families to feed themselves and sell their surplus. Show your solidarity with those most in need! You can make a donation online at <a href="https://www.devp.org">www.devp.org</a>, by phone at 1-888-234-8533 or by mail by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace to: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Montreal, QC, H3T 1T7.

#### Marriage Tip

Remember your first real date? Can you recreate it in some way this week – go to the same place? Watch the same movie? At the least, reminisce together.

#### Stewardship Reflection - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 4, 2018

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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# Held to a Superior Standard ...

Everyone in Jerusalem was talking about Jesus of Nazareth, the very popular prophet who had just arrived in Jerusalem, the religious capital of the Jews. His first act was significant. He entered the Temple and chased out the buyers and sellers of animals destined to be sacrificed by the faithful. Jesus attacked the process used by those who worshipped in the Temple. He also confronted the religious authorities, priests and scribes who supported and benefited from these practices. It was not surprising that they tried every possible means to entrap him. And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him... (Mk 11:18).



One day while in the Temple, Jesus was harassed by questions about sensitive topics. However, Christ foiled the traps set by his adversaries with profound responses that reminded his audience of the essentials of their faith. He even impressed one of the scribes, a man of good faith, who sincerely sought to love God with all his heart. He approached Jesus and asked a question that was highly debated in theological circles: Which commandment is the first of all? This was very relevant since at that time, Jews observed 613 commandments! A daunting task! How did people discern what was essential?

Jesus responded by quoting from the Bible, Israel's spiritual treasure. He referred to two great commandments, both focused on love. The first, from Deuteronomy, called upon us to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might (Deut 6:5). The second, taken from Leviticus, commanded us to love your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:18). Jesus concluded: There is no other commandment greater than these (Mk 12:31). Notice Christ's use of the singular: There is no other commandment ... Jesus emphasized that these two commandments are summarized in one: the commandment to love.

The scribe who had asked the question agreed with Jesus' response. He said: *this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices* (Mk 12:33). It took courage to make such an affirmation in the Temple, where sacrifices, prayers, and offerings happened all day long. Jesus acknowledged this scribe's sincere desire to fulfill God's will and responded: *you are not far from the kingdom of God* (Mk 12:34) which meant that he was close to full communion with Him and His kingdom.

Our human laws may forbid illegal actions, but not emotions. For example, they forbid stealing or killing. Yet no article of the Civil Code forbids me to hate my neighbor, despise my boss, or to ignore my sister or brother who needs me. Christ brought us to a superior standard: love is the law that takes precedence.