

ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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

Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, June 17th - 9:00am– Solange Mineault (Thérèse & August Debusschere)

Sunday, June 24th – 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (Roland & Yvonne Dequier)

Sunday, July 1st - 9:00 am – Georgette Atkins (Simone & André Lambert)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Lucille Dheilly.

<u>God's Share :</u> June 10th - \$320.00 (13) + \$5.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$345.00

<u>Church Cleaning</u>: May 16th to June 30th – General Spring cleaning

<u> Ministries</u> :	<u>June 17th</u>	<u>June 24th</u>	July 1 st
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Offerings &	Eugene Bazin &	Marcel Dequier	Gérald Poirier &
Collection:	Albert Furet	family	Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Jean & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.

Meeting of the Finance Committee: Wednesday, June 20th at 8:00 pm. in the parish office.

Blessing of the shawls of compassion: next Sunday, June 24th.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for June 2018

Universal: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Let us pray for all the sick members of our community!

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

June 17, 2018

Welcome Deacon Peter!

We are very pleased to announce that Deacon Peter will be with us for the June and July celebrations with our Priest Moderator, Fr. John. Deacon Peter will spend a few days a week in the parish to orientate himself and get to know the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis. In September, Deacon Peter will leave us for his last year of training before his ordination in the spring of 2019. The intention of Bishop Le Gatt, with the acceptance of Deacon Peter, is that he will be appointed our parish priest as of August 1st, 2019 for a 6-year term. It is with great anticipation that we are longing for this date! Deacon Peter, you will find here, many friendly and welcoming parishioners!



As of June 15, 2018, Mr. Raymond Massinon and I will keep our position as co-animators of the parish life in our respective parishes and I will continue my post of parish secretary.

Priest nominations are posted on the back table for your information.

Deacon Peter's brief vocational story

Deacon Peter was born in a devout Catholic family of six children in the Archdiocese of Huế, Central Vietnam. His family played an important role in nourishing his faith and priestly vocation. He served his home parish as an altar boy when he was 10. After years of discernment, Peter entered Hue Seminary in 2008. He had finished the Philosophy program and the pastoral year in his home diocese. In 2012, during his visit to Vietnam, Archbishop Albert LeGatt invited him to continue his vocation for the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Trusting in God's providence, he came to Canada in 2012 and started the Theology Program at St. Peter's Seminary, in London, Ontario. As part of the priestly formation, he had spent his pastoral year at Sts. Martyrs Canadiens. Archbishop LeGatt ordained him to the transitional diaconate last Tuesday, June 5th: the patronal feast of our Archdiocese.

God willing, deacon Peter will be ordained to the priesthood in spring of 2019. He is grateful to God and to those who support him in many different ways in his vocational journey. Let us give thanks to God and pray for Peter as he is among us serving our parish in the role of a deacon and continues his journey to the priesthood. Deo gratias!

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Fathers to be!

Lord, on this day of celebration and joy, we want to give you thanks, to say thank you for our fathers, those who are still among us and those who have joined you.

Yes, Lord, thank you for our dads who, at the heart of the family, play an important role. By their attention and their daily devotion, it is your love that reveals itself to us. By their joy of living, it is your joy that joins us.

By their words of encouragement, it is your voice that we hear. Thank you, Lord, for fathers, grandfathers and future dads. Show them your goodness by making them live today the most beautiful day. Amen. Let us keep a thought in our prayers for: Mr. Raymond Dion, who passed away at his residence on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the age of 68 years. His funeral was held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 in St. Claude. Our condolences go out to his wife Doreen ad their children, and all family members and friends who are grieving.

To all 2018 Graduates : Congratulations to all the graduates who will be celebrating this week, a long awaited and well-deserved event in your life. May the Lord be part of all your important decisions and good luck in your future endeavors.



Souvenir Books for the Bicentennial

There are two books that are being printed to commemorate the 200th anniversary. Both are available in English and French. One of the souvenir books is a coffee-table style containing the history of the Archdiocese itself as well as a brief history of each parish in the diocese; the other is a graphic novel (comic book style) about the Catholic Church in Western Canada. If you wish

to order one or both books – for yourself or for a gift - <u>please submit a pre-order</u> form to your parish no later than June 21, 2018.

More pamphlets and order forms are available from the tables at the back.

Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) is Celebrating 25 years of Catholic Camps in Saint-Malo – Friday, July 6, 2018: 25 years of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to our youth! 25 years of lifelong friendships being created! 25 years of creating leaders amongst our youth! 25 years of God providing for our camp needs! This is a reason to celebrate! The CSE invites you, your family and your friends to join us in celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the Saint-Malo Catholic Camps on Friday, July 6th. Mass will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at 4 PM, St. Malo Catholic Church; followed by a BBQ supper in the backyard of the CSE - please bring a salad or snack to share! For any questions or comments: <u>camps@catholicway.net</u> or 204-347-5396.

JUBILATION of July 15, 2018 – On the grounds of the St. Boniface Cathedral, the Archbishop's residence and the University of St. Boniface

For this historical diocesan celebration, many events are being planned (free admission): Historical Re-enactment of the arrival of Bishop Provencher; Solemn Mass presided by Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix; Afternoon of multicultural and family activities; Evening concert *Thank you - 'Megwetch for Humanity'*. For more details, *view poster. Visit the diocesan website.*

Please note that there will be no masses in parishes on Sunday, July 15, 2018. Masses will be celebrated on Saturday to allow all priests and as many parishioners as possible to attend the diocesan mass in Saint-Boniface.

Mass at St-Denis Parish will be at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Birds build their nests here

The image is simple but powerful: *The kingdom of God is as if a man would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without his knowing how...* (Mk 4:26-27). It could even become a tree. There is nothing ambiguous about this. The *Kingdom* is God's work that had modest beginnings and continues to unfold.

The lesson is important especially in view of the urgent invitation of our bishops: to meet the challenge of evangelization in the context of our *missionary crossroads*. Perhaps we should talk more about a right-angle shift when we consider their message in the realistic analysis of current situations. Religious practice is in



free fall. Churches are deserted, and we close and sell them. Mega-parishes are being created, bringing together several small communities. However, we must not confuse *parishes* with *communities*. The current situation of Christianity experienced in our province requires us to differentiate these two realities. Community practice and culture are different because the traditional *parish* first filled a leadership role in our Christian lives. It is not surprising when some people miss the traditional leadership role and have withdrawn, become silent, and feel a great loss and even hopelessness for the future.

In the Gospel today, Jesus' words are full of hope and good news. The challenge of evangelization, and more precisely, the *proclamation of God's Kingdom*, is as important today as in the past. When the first disciples left on their mission, they were fragile, hesitant, without means, *like sheep in the midst of wolves*. Christ's words encourage us to put everything in perspective. These circumstances are not different for us today.

We acknowledge that on certain days, our tasks will appear to be disproportionate. Human and financial resources are dwindling. Our voices may be weak in comparison to experienced adversaries. Yet things have not changed much from the days of the first missionaries and their adventures. As in the past, Jesus invites us to sow, remembering that a seed will sprout and grow by itself.

The prophet Ezekiel spoke words which Christ repeated: *I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish* (Ezek: 17,24). Other words reiterate the same reality. The Lord remains the great administrator of his Kingdom and oversees its existence and growth. The Lord can take even the smallest mustard seed ... yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade... (Mk 4:32).

Inspired by St. Mark, these missionary challenges can be approached with hope.