

ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, May 13th - 9:00 am - Rhéa Poirier (Cécile Dheilly)

Sunday, May 20th - 9:00 am - Solange Mineault (funeral collection)

Sunday, **May 27th - 9:00 am - Denis Dufault** (Florence Arnold)

<u>Sanctuary Lamp this week</u>: For all the Mothers

<u>God's Share</u>: May 6^{th} - \$365.00 (17) + \$60.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$445.00

<u>Church Cleaning</u>: April 1st to May 15th – Michelle & Lucille Dheilly

May 20th May 27th Ministries: May 13th Readers: Lucille Dheilly Marcel Dufault Judith Robidoux Offerings & Gérald Poirier & Marcel Dheilly **Raymond Massinon** Collection: Guy Dedieu family family Lucille Dheilly Communion: Marcel Dufault Judith Robidoux Annette & prtnr. Counters: Lucille & prtnr. Denise & prtnr.

Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works : May 6th - \$75.00 (7).

Month of May - Month of the Virgin Mary: Wednesdays of May 2018

All parishioners are invited to the recitation of the rosary every Wednesday in May: May 17, 23 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Denis church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please note this week the rosary will be recited on Thursday, May 17th at 7:30 pm.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for May 2018

Evangelization : That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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

Ascension of the Lord (B)

May 13th, 2018

Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday, May 13, 2018

Reserve the date for the annual Mother's Day Brunch at the St. Claude Community Center served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults - \$13.50; 5 to 10 years - \$7.50; 4 years and under – free. Silent auction prizes. All proceeds for the funding of a new St. Claude Regional Archives building.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-in-law!

Today we celebrate ALL moms. But among all, it's mine that I think of. Unique to me, this mom represents for me the unconditional love, the daily tenderness, the efforts made year after year for me to become a good person. This mom, this modest heroine who deserves a statue, it is **you!** Happy Birthday!



Meeting for Parents and Children of First Communion : Tuesday, May 15, 2018

A reminder to parents and children of First Communion that there will be a practice meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m. at the church after the rosary.

First of Communions (English): Saturday mass of May 19, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Cabiscuelas, Matthewson of Steve Cabiscuelas and of Charmaine (Decepdia)
Gosseye, Natasha daughter of Michael Gosseye and of Lynn (Bernard)
Green, Charles son of Ronald Green and of Karine Métivier

Green, Jesse son of David Green and of Kerrie (Torpey)
Rey, Kali daughter of Kevin Rey and of Lisa (Cleutinx)
Viallet, Eric son of Stephen Viallet and of Jennifer (Crawford)

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Williams, Caden son of Rhys Williams and of Nadine (Philippot)

First of Communions (Saint-Denis): Sunday Mass of May 20, 2018 in Haywood

Nathan de Rocquigny son of Norbert de Rocquigny and of Pamela (Knaggs)

Congratulations to these young people and thank you to their parents for supporting them during their preparation! Let us support them with our prayers!

Fundraiser:

The Vietnamese Parish of St. Philip Minh in Winnipeg is once again selling Spring Rolls. Packages of 24 rolls (2 dozens) are available for \$15 per box. Contact Father John Tê Nguyên after mass or email him at huute_nguyen@yahoo.com or call (431) 225 -2629 if you wish to place an order. You can also contact the Parish Office during the week.

Club Âge d'Or : Friday at the Movies, May 18, 2018

On Friday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m., come and enjoy the movie « Maria Goretti » (in English).

This film tells the inspiring and tragic story of the beloved saint of modern youth who died defending her purity at the hands of a knife-wielding attacker. Actress Martina Pinto gives a luminous performance as St. Maria Goretti, revealing the strong faith, great courage, and profound charity the young saint possessed.

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Make Your History Come Alive! Fundraising Luncheon – Tuesday, May 15, 2018

To mark the Centre du patrimoine's 20th anniversary, the Société historique de Saint-Boniface invites you to a fundraising luncheon to be held from 12 noon to 1:30 PM. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Norwood Hotel (doors open at 11:30 AM.). The Centre du patrimoine will inaugurate the exhibition Étienne Gaboury's *Saint-Boniface Cathedral: Building Tomorrow's Heritage* organized on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Father Norbert Provencher's arrival in the Red River Colony with two companions. Tickets available at the Centre du patrimoine's Boutique (http://shsb.mb.ca/en/boutique) and reception: (\$75 with a \$40 donation receipt): 204-233-4888 or shsb@shsb.mb.ca.

Singing Practice for Two Very Special Diocesan Events

Attention to all of you who sing! Two very special diocesan events are being prepared: <u>Tuesday, June 5</u> - for the feast of St. Boniface and Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Le Van Ngu; <u>Sunday, July 15</u> – *Jubilation*: Mass to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the coming of the first missionaries out West. All singers are invited to come for 2 rehearsals: Mondays, May 14 and May 28 at 7 PM, St. Boniface Cathedral.

JUBILATION 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, <u>view poster.</u> <u>Visit the diocesan website.</u>

Marriage Tip:

One great way to support other couples is by volunteering for marriage ministries in your area. Is your parish looking for marriage preparation help? Do you have an idea for a couple's group? Brainstorm with your spouse and put it into action.

Stewardship Reflection

Ascension of Our Lord - May 13, 2018

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Ascension of the Lord (B)

May 13th, 2018



Stronger than evil...

Today we celebrate the anniversary of our autonomy. In fact, Ascension Sunday reminds us of an important moment in the history of our faith: the moment when Jesus freely delegated to his disciples the incredible task to improve the world in his name. Jesus would henceforth be more absent than present. The apostles and disciples

would have the responsibility to increase what was just and good.

We are heirs of the first Christians and thus involved in this transfer of responsibilities. Similar to a situation when adolescents find themselves suddenly put in charge of the home in the absence of adults. This can be both exhilarating and at the same time somewhat challenging. Jesus' friends inherited a tremendous responsibility: to make the world a better place, one that would be more human and divine. If they could not complete this task, who could they blame? We are now the "ones in charge". We deal with *what works* and change *what doesn't*. No more excuses, no more following someone else's lead...

Yet, Jesus made sure that his friends had the necessary strength and guidance. The Holy Spirit would always be present and help the disciples proceed courageously. They would be able to communicate with inspirational *language*. They could foresee *success*. It's our turn to invest the time and energy to dominate evil and allow good to prevail... The last words of St. Mark's Gospel are fascinating as evil has already lost the battle. Our future with the Risen Lord is assured. We read in St. Mark's text about many situations that would not harm believers and that their efforts would be effective. Neither serpents nor poison would hurt them and when the disciples placed their hands on the sick, they would be cured.

Initially read, these statements may seem farfetched. Would God really protect us from these deadly situations? God is always concerned about his followers' safety and powers. During Jesus' era, people accepted these statements as eloquent prophesies. In many parts of our planet, even today, these words still carry a lot of weight. In fact, the Christian faith is migrating towards southern nations where peoples' understanding of the Lord's power as protector and healer is very acute. Many nations have promoted and validated the faith.

Actually, no one is asking us to handle serpents to confirm our faith. Yet, we should not neglect the scope of these images that focus on our fears. Our lives are complex and we could easily fall off track. On this Ascension Sunday, it is truly comforting to remember that the Lord works and supports us. God is as present and active today as in days gone by through the Holy Spirit's support and guidance. Believers work together to *grow* the fragile Church as the early Christians did.

Alain Faucher, priest
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