

ST. DENIS Parish

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LOVE GOD

LOVE OTHERS

TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Jan. 6th - 9:00am - Émile Sibileau (Yvonne & Eugene Bazin)

Sunday, Jan. 13th - 9:00am - Odile Divorne (Divorne family)

Sunday, Jan. 20th - 9:00am - Roger Landriault (Marie Rose Antoine)

<u>Sanctuary Lamp - this week:</u> Jeanne Dedieu & family.

 $God's Share: Dec. 30^{th} - $220.00 (16) + $10.00 loose + $160.00 (dd) = 390.00

God's Share: Jan. 1st - \$185.00 (12) + \$22.00 loose = \$207.00

Ministries:	January 6 th	January 13 th	January 20 th
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Offerings &	Marcel Dequier	Eugene Bazin &	Gérald Poirier &
Collection:	family	Albert Furet	Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Yvonne Bazin	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.

Tree Lighting: Many thanks to all who bought lights in honor or memory of someone. A profit of **\$2,255.00** was realized, which is split between the church, the hall and the Club d'Âge d'Or for a total of **\$751.67** each. Well Done!!

Accueil d'Âge d'Or – Haywood - Noon Meal Tuesday January 8 th. Please give your name(s) to one of your contacts or phone 204-379-2477 before Monday evening. \$8.50 for adults, everyone welcome.

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

January 6th, 2019



Stewardship Reflection - January 6, 2019 - Epiphany of Our Lord

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

Prayer Intention for January 2019

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Let us pray for our devoted and much appreciated Priest Moderator, Father John.

Let us pray for Deacon Peter Le who is continuing his studies and will be ordained on June 1, 2019.

Let us pray for all members of our community who are sick.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the sacristy.



Readings for Sunday, January 13, 2019

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104.1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27+28, 29-30 Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7; Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Marriage Tip - January 6, 2019

All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember this rule for 'fighting fair': "Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are." (Marriage Encounter Principle) Accept your spouse's feelings even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without rancor.

Souvenir Books of the 200th Anniversary

We have extra books for sale. There is a copy on the table at the back that you can see before you buy. <u>Please do not remove them</u>. If you wish to order, please <u>use the order form</u> and contact the parish office with your payment.

There are CDs available that were recorded for the 200th. You will find some on the tables. They are **FREE**. Help yourself.

A New Year with the Lord (M.S. Lowndes)

A new year is about to unfold With new opportunities to explore Doors will open for new experiences New adventures with the Lord.



Remember not the former things, The things of this past year, The Lord will do new things in us, Much more than we are aware.

For He will make a way for us As we put our trust in Him And He will guide our every step By His presence we have within.

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through.

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace.

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The way forward...

St. Matthew writes very simply: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.... These are his only words about Jesus' birth. He is very low key about the event that has marked the history of our planet. This brief passage contrasts with our traditional Christmas celebrations.

While the people of Jerusalem were comfortable in their homes, the Magi followed a star, headed into the unknown, embarked on a long journey – and were ready to take great risks. At times they would find the road relatively clear and easy to follow. Other days, it was dark and uncertain. They were prepared for all eventualities.

The Magi were on a quest to find the One, the Lord who is above all. They found the Child, lying on a bed of straw. They did not remain in Bethlehem and wisely chose to return home by another route. God often makes us follow new paths which inevitably produce changes and enable us to see life from new perspectives.

We are not mere tourists visiting our churches, we are seeking God. The first step on any adventure is always the most difficult. Stepping into the unknown inevitably brings moments of hesitation and curiosity. This Sunday, we are invited to make God our priority and reject distractions such as the pursuit of fame, success and wealth. Choosing to worship God liberates us and strengthens our values.

The Epiphany tells the story of the Magi's search for the King of the Jews. Like the Magi, we are invited to become pilgrims on our personal journeys which will enable us to delve deep into ourselves and come to terms with what we expect from life. This self-exploration leads to questions about what we consider our secure places. When God is present, first and foremost in our lives, we are secure because our foundation is firm.

Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. This quotation reminds me of a story of a missionary sister and one of her students who arrived at her convent and brought her a New Year's gift. She graciously accepted it and said: "You have walked these forty kilometers to give me this gift, I thank you." The student responded: "The long journey was also part of the gift." The sister was overcome with emotion.

We come to understand that the most difficult path, which may also be shortest, is to start with our minds and end with our hearts. In the New Year we will have opportunities to journey with those who are ill, the elderly, our friends, relatives and many others. Rest assured that the Lord is grateful for these journeys which ultimately benefit us.

Happy New Year!

Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.

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