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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** private mass – Roseanne Parrott (S & A Lambert)

Friday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation  
Private Mass - 10:00am – René Dedieu (funeral collection)

Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>** private mass – Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (C & A Furet)

Father Peter will continue to celebrate masses daily in private to the intentions requested by parishioners.

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Marcel & Dorothée Dequier**

God's Share : Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> - **\$383.00** (19) + **\$30.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$433.00**

**Spring Bazaar :** The bazaar has been postponed to a later date. The sale of raffle tickets can continue and a draw will be made to award the prizes at a “to be determined” date.

### Readings for Sunday: March 29, 2020



Ezekiel 37.12-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.25, 26

### 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 the protection against the coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic.



*Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)*

*March 22, 2020*

### Words from Father Peter:

Brothers and sisters,

Some people shared with me that “we have never experienced this before”. Yes, we are living in a unique time, coping with fear, difficulties and uncertainties. However, as people of faith, we believe that the Lord is always with us. The LORD is near to all who call on Him. Therefore, during this unique moment, I encourage you to spend more time to pray for the end to the Coronavirus pandemic. May the Lord heal us and grant us peace and help us to remain faithful to Him in all circumstances. I invite you to meditate on words of St. Paul in his letter to Romans:

*“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35-39).*

And some announcements to share with you as follows:

If you have a Facebook account, you can search, like and follow the updated information on our newly created parish Facebook page: “**Paroisse Saint-Claude Parish**” or on St. Denis’ Facebook page: “**Paroisse St. Denis – Haywood Parish**”

Our church will open each day of the week from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to allow individuals and families to come and pray. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday to Sunday in St-Claude will run during the same time and on Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in St-Denis.

All Masses are cancelled until the end of April 2020. So, I encourage you to watch daily Mass, and Sunday Mass on Salt & Light TV or Vision TV. In our archdiocese, every Sunday morning, Masses will be celebrated by His Grace Albert LeGatt, and will be broadcast LIVE onto the Archdiocesan Facebook page:

**Archidiocèse de Saint-Boniface Archdiocese.** Please join the larger archdiocesan spiritual community in prayer at the following times:

9:00 AM - In French and 10:30 AM - In English

*(continued overleaf)*

You can receive the Holy Communion spiritually by saying this prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

I will be available at any time you wish to receive a visit or a sacrament such as Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish number at 204-379-2434 or call me directly at 204-952-4531.

Being your pastor, I keep you all in my heart. I am praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy, especially celebrating Mass every day, of course privately, to pray for all of you. Please pray for me so that I can serve you well and wisely during this challenging time.

May God bless you all!

Father Peter Le Van Ngu



### **Two important videos from Bishop LeGatt**

In the coming weeks, Archbishop Albert LeGatt will be addressing you through video messages once per week, aiming to invite the diocesan community at large into deeper prayer and reflection. PLEASE SHARE!

In his new video, Bishop LeGatt asks us not to forget that the Church calls us currently into Lent! Let us seize this unprecedented pandemic to deepen our personal journey through this very unusual Lenten season. These truly are days of desert, but together, we journey towards the hope and joy of the risen Lord. To view the video [click here](#), or visit the diocesan Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/>

In his previous video, Bishop LeGatt spoke about the NEW archdiocesan protocol aiming to ensure the safety of all in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, in light of the developing COVID-19 pandemic. In this video, he asks us to keep all vulnerable peoples, the sick, healthcare workers, and other essential workers in our thoughts and prayers throughout these trying times. To view the video, [click here](#), or visit the diocesan Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/>

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# A Disciple is Born



Blind from birth, a beggar stands close to the Temple not expecting to “see” his life turned upside down, following Jesus’ intervention which he had not solicited. This is quite different from Bartimaeus, the blind man from Jericho, who attracted Jesus’ attention by crying out: *Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me...make me see.* In fact, this anonymous beggar didn’t even know who Jesus was. Yet, following his cure, he did not hesitate to find out everything about Jesus which he later shared with the Pharisees who interrogated him and sought to discredit his testimony.

When he became a disciple, the formerly blind man rendered a double service to Christ. It enabled him to disprove a general misconception that his blindness was the result of some sin. The formerly blind man now had proof that his disability was not guilt based. The blind man’s cure was a sign that confirmed who Jesus was: the light of the world. Jesus was God the Father’s envoy and through Him, we would be able to see God’s love.

The first steps taken by the blind man on his pathway of faith (a pathway which potentially could lead to the cross) was his confident obedience to Jesus’ order to go and wash himself in the pool of Siloam. When he came out of the water, *a new man was born.* He was able to see, but he had not yet seen the One who had cured him of his blindness. He would not know who Christ was until later during a dialogue with Jesus when he ultimately professed his faith: *Do you believe in the son of man? ... And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him. ... You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he. .... Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*

At the end of a contentious interrogation by the Pharisees, the formerly blind man presented himself as evidence of Christ’s divine identity.

In the final preparation for catechumens prior to their Baptism, the verses of the formerly blind man’s pathway toward faith is one text used in the Second Scrutiny. The objective is to purify the hearts of those who will be baptized. At the end of this ceremony, the priest says this prayer during the imposition of hands:

*Lord Jesus, true light that enlightens every person, deliver by the Holy Spirit of truth all those who are enslaved by the father of lies, awaken the good will of those whom you have called to your sacraments. Joining in your light, like the blind man whose sight you restored, may they become witnesses of faith, full of confidence and courage. [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RR 383 – free translation)*

**Yves Guillemette, priest**

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli