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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, January 26th - 9:00am – Alphonse DiNottia (Tognet)
(Gamby and Katopodis families)

Friday, January 31st - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation
Mass at 10:00am – Ernest Montsion (funeral collection)

Sunday, February 2nd - 9:00am – Juliette Ellchuk (Dheilily family)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Lucille Dheilily

God's Share : Jan. 19th - \$125.00 (11) + \$0.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$145.00

Church cleaning : Jan. 1st to Feb. 15th – Rachel Massinon & Yvonne Cantin

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>January 26th</u>	<u>February 2nd</u>	<u>February 9th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilily	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Marcel Dheilily family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Yvonne Bazin	Lucille Dheilily	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.

Baptism: Today, **Tripp Lawrence Robidoux**, son of Brian Robidoux and of Meghan Evans, becomes a child of God through the sacrament of baptism. Let us pray for this child, for his parents and godparents, for all the members of his family, and for all the members of our parish community, who have the responsibility of journeying in faith with Tripp and his family. Tripp, welcome to the Catholic parish community.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - January 26th, 2020

Prayer Intentions for January, 2020

- *Promotion of World Peace:* We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, in his ministry among us.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
- For those who mourn, who are sick, and who suffer from loneliness.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the sacristy. Let us pray for these children and their families in their journey of faith.

2nd CATECHESIS: The Greeting

We continue the short catechesis that explain the course of our liturgical celebrations. Today we present the greeting of the celebrant which takes place at the beginning of the Mass.

The greeting includes the veneration of the altar and the sign of the cross.

a. Veneration of the altar

- The altar is the symbol of the presence of Christ; the Lord's meal table. In addition, the altar is the centre of the thanksgiving that takes place in the Eucharist.
- At this time, the celebrant and the other ministers made an act of veneration by bowing before the altar. Once in the sanctuary, the celebrant kisses the altar, always in reverence.

b. The sign of the cross

- The sign of the cross reminds us of our salvation obtained by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- It also represents our identity as Christians and our belonging to the Trinity God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- By its shape, the cross is vertical and horizontal. The vertical aspect expresses our bond with God and the horizontal aspect expresses our bond with humanity.

Shawls of Compassion:

Since the beginning of their ministry, the ladies of the St-Claude and St-Denis parishes have donated 47 shawls of compassion which were presented to people in need of compassion and prayers in times of grief or sickness. To this day, shawls have been sent to many countries.



Did you know that anyone can apply for shawls or blankets to offer to someone? It's free!

However, monetary donations are graciously accepted for the purchase of materials to continue this project. Let's be generous!

We thank the ladies who continuously dedicate themselves to this work. For more information, please consult the pamphlet or speak to one of the members in charge of this ministry.

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So many places to shine God's light!

Pope Francis continues to impress us with his communications. He proposes that as disciples we must become more involved in our missionary vocation and invites to participate in this great adventure. This means leaving our comfort zone and shifting our interests to venture into the "outskirts" of society, to a sincere and realistic encounter with today's world in all its diversity. This new direction for both religious and lay people will be recorded in history as one of the Pope's major contributions.



But where does the fire that illuminates the Pope's proposals originate? What lights this candle? His frequent references to the Gospel texts provide one answer. The Pope has assimilated these references in his communications. Most importantly, the Pope ensures they reflect peoples' lives. These ancient texts, once revisited, shed new light on statements that we may have overlooked as old fashioned and no longer relevant.

The Gospel and readings this Sunday provide us with good example of these texts. It is interesting to note that the Gospel cites the first reading which references the mass for Christmas Eve. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus chose to preach in the crossroads of the great commercial routes of his era. Jesus' early life was in the outskirts, a good distance from Jerusalem, the religious heart of his nation. Jesus could thus offer God's light to all the members of his human family. The places where Jesus lived during his mission did not limit his message only to the members of the Jewish community, who were already familiar with God's plan. Jesus also interacted with people he met along the great commercial routes that crisscrossed Galilee. It was an excellent strategy that kept him from being limited to the customs and conventions of a single group of people.

Today we proclaim Jesus' actions that evoke the prophet Isaiah's prophecies. We rejoice, as Jesus did, in texts from this ancient prophet that we can certainly apply to conditions in our modern world. Our minds are enlightened, despite the gloominess of the season or the terrors of our era.

Everyone, who listened to Jesus, and even us who live in our modern world, are enlightened thanks to our communion with God. Jesus came to create a difference in the past and in our own era's circumstances. What is required is that our commitment to confront actual problems be sincere and accomplished by "removing" our visors". Opportunities exist for interaction in the committees where we participate, the public audiences where we are active, and when we listen to those with broken hearts. If we actively practice our vocation, we will shine a great light on obscure situations and make improvements possible. Happy are we as we open our minds to the numerous avenues that will increase Jesus' presence in our lives. Remember, Christ dared to explore and bring his message to the great crossroads of his era.

Receiving Communion and Anointing of the Sick at Home:

If you wish to receive communion at home on Wednesday afternoon, after Mass at the Pavilion, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or old age, please contact Fr. Peter.

Some people have recently moved, and it would be good to be notified of the changes.

Regarding the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (in case of an emergency or before a surgery), please contact Fr. Peter at 204-952-4531. Thank you for your cooperation.

Federal Government Launches Consultation on Assisted Suicide



Ottawa announced the consultation process on Jan. 13 as it amends the Criminal Code to permit greater access to assisted suicide. The amendments are in response to a Quebec court decision last September that struck down parts of the existing law as unconstitutional. The consultation asks Canadians to weigh in on how far to extend access to medical assistance in dying, specifically whether assisted suicide and euthanasia should be expanded to include advance directives, mature minors and people who wish to end their lives solely because of mental illness.

The consultation ends on January 27 at 11:59 PM (PST). You can participate by clicking the website: <https://justice.survey-sondage.ca> For information from Justice Canada about the consultation, click [survey_maid_eng.pdf](#). For information from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops about euthanasia and assisted suicide, click [survey_maid_eng.pdf](#). For an Catholic Register article about the ethical issues surrounding the survey, click <https://www.cccb.ca>.

Annual Day of Prayer for Missions in Canada – Sunday, February 9, 2020

Archbishop LeGatt encourages us to take part in this new initiative because our diocese is strongly supported by CMIC for our 8 Northern communities. This year, in our diocese, the Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions will happen on February 9, 2020.

Please note that this is a diocesan mandated special collection. Parishioners who have collection envelopes will already have an envelope for the support of CMIC on this Day of Prayer. Cheques can be made **payable to the parish** and the funds collected will be remitted to the diocese.

However, the priority is to pray for the Missions in Canada.

On the tables at the back you will find the official prayer, special envelopes and an information pamphlet on Catholic Missions in Canada. Help yourself.

Tiger Mountain League for Life Banquet - February 14, 2020

at 6:30PM, at the Holland Community Center. Speaker Msgr. Maurice Comeault, silent auction, and dance to follow. [Deadline for tickets February 7, 2020](#). For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Antoine & Céline Hutlet in St. Claude at **204-379-2517**.

Marriage Tip:

Do the chores you've been avoiding – the laundry that's been piling up or the windows that need cleaning – together. Chores are always more fun when you're not doing them alone.

Father Alain Faucher