

### ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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

Parish web site : <a href="https://www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca">www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca</a>
Diocese web site : <a href="https://www.archsaintboniface.ca">www.archsaintboniface.ca</a>

#### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, March. 25<sup>th</sup> -9:00 am – Romain & Gabrielle Bazin (Cécile & Albert Furet)

Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am – Solange Mineault (Yvonne McKay)

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Fernande Robidoux (Pierrre & Angela Cormier)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: August & Thérèse Debusschere

<u>God's Share:</u> Mar.  $18^{th}$  - \$170.00 (15) + \$3.00 loose + \$20.00 (dd) = \$193.00

Church Cleaning: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> – Yvonne Dequier & Doris Rey

April 1<sup>st</sup> April 8<sup>th</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> Ministries: Readers: Marcel Dufault **Annette Bernard** Lucille Dheilly Marcel Dequier Gérald Poirier & Marcel Dheilly Offerings & Guy Dedieu family Collection: family Lucille Dheilly Communion: Marcel Dufault Yvonne Bazin Lucille & prtnr. Denise & prtnr. Counters: MIchelle & prtnr.

**Development and Peace Collection** – March 18<sup>th</sup> - \$275.00 in 13 envelopes.

#### Haywood Community Spring Bazaar – Sunday, April 22, 2018

Pancake breakfast beginning at 10:15 a.m., bingo, silent auction, bake sale and plant sale. Adults: \$8.00; 6-12 years - \$4.00; 5 years and under – free. Proceeds to St.Denis Church and the Haywood Community Hall. Raffle tickets on sale now.

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

# Palm Sunday (B)

## March 25th, 2018

# Schedule of Holy Week Celebrations for 2018

**St-Claude and St-Denis Parishes** 

Holy Thursday: March 29<sup>th</sup>: St-Claude at 7:30 p.m. - Bilingual mass Holy Friday: March 30<sup>th</sup>: St-Claude at 3:00 p.m. - French celebration

**Holy Friday:** March 30<sup>th</sup>: Haywood at 7:30 p.m. – Bilingual Way of the Cross

Easter Vigil: March 31<sup>st</sup>: St-Claude at 9:00 p.m. - French mass Easter Sunday: April 1<sup>st</sup>: Haywood at 9:00 a.m. - Bilingual mass Easter Sunday: April 1<sup>st</sup>: St-Claude at 11:00 a.m. - English mass

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions for March 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Chrism Mass – Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, 2018, at the St. Boniface Cathedral

This year, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the St. Boniface Cathedral. The Mass will have a particular emphasis on the celebration *CATHOLICA* 200, the bicentenary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in Northern and Western Canada. All the faithful are invited to this diocesan celebration. Following the Chrism Mass, a time of fellowship will take place in the parish hall.

#### Parish Pastoral Council (CPP) of St-Claude and St-Denis:

We are always looking for new members for the Parish Council of Pastoral. According to diocesan guidelines, members of the CPP have a mandate of three years but can serve two consecutive terms and should change after this time. Many of our members have passed this time. We really need new ideas!! *Meetings are held in French*.

#### Précieux-Sang Parish: Gospel Concert – Friday, April 20, 2018

The Gospel Concert with Father Armand Legal and Jeannine Guyot will be held on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Précieux-Sang Church, 200 Kenny St., Winnipeg. Cost: \$20/adult. Refreshments to follow at Précieux-Sang Community Centre. Tickets available at the parish office, 204-233-2874 or at the door on concert night. *View poster*.

#### 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; 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.

#### **Marriage Tip**

Saints Perpetua and Felicity were wives and mothers martyred for their faith. These strong women are great role models for all married women and mothers; today, ask these heavenly saints for help in living your vocation.

#### Stewardship Reflection - Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.' Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

#### Oils (Holy) - A Mere Misunderstanding:

It happens at the Chrism Mass, at the time of Lent where the bishop blesses the holy oils.

The bishop said in a whisper to the mass servant:

- Uncover the jug.

The mass servant does not understand, approaches and removes the miter from the head of the bishop.

The bishop bursts and, still in a low voice, adds:

- No, not that one, the other!



#### Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. To view video, www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoujG6h7UGI



A Catholic Guide to Holy Week - Pete Burak To view video, www.voutube.com/watch?v=m8220gMeZd4



Why Did Jesus Have to Die? - Fr. Robert Barron To view video, www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtcKV65-9uY

Palm Sunday (B)

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018



# Christ, our Pride and Joy

Do you remember the entire passage of Christ's Passion according to St. Mark? Reader alert: The Evangelist's version that we read this year has several original elements which associate Christ with humiliation or honour. Here are some examples. An unknown woman anointed Christ's head with expensive perfume brought in an alabaster vase. This act caused certain disciples to complain, but Jesus commented that it foretold his burial preparations. The unknown woman, who according to some had squandered the perfume, had no prior knowledge of the shame that

the crucified and criminalized Christ would suffer on his anointing before burial. This unknown woman's actions predicted the honour that would be given to Christ, despite the traumatic events of his death on the cross.

Clothes also are symbols of shame or honour. The young man whose garments were ripped off by those pursuing him exemplifies the risks experienced by people who follow Jesus. Christ as a prisoner had a shameful experience. Though the issue with clothes started out negatively, it became a positive symbol when a crimson robe, an imperial symbol, spared Jesus the shame of being naked. Another example: the messenger who brought the news of the Resurrection was clothed in white, a sign of royalty and restored honour. The episode involving the young, unknown fugitive exemplifies the futility of any escape from death and the shroud. Jesus' death pointed to the renewal of life with honour. A Roman Centurion confirmed Jesus' status with words of praise. This stranger's perception enabled us to project beyond the shame we felt at the death of a supposed criminal. The Centurion re-established Christ's honour.

Do we still need to declare where we stand with these instances of undeserved shame and restored honour? Yes, more now than ever. The media often disparage believers and Christianity's reputation. By casting doubt on past events, they transform the honourable status of Christian institutions into mere historical "events" soon destined to disappear. Even Jesus is disparaged, sometimes dishonoured and relegated to the status of a religious person, just one among many others.

Are we again condemning Christ to solitude? Christ had suffered abandonment on the threshold of his last night. We experienced his death and through Baptism are integrated in the Resurrection of God's Son. Are we going to contribute to his dishonour by our silence? Or, instead, will we continue to participate in ensuring his reputation and glory? By proclaiming the passage of his death, we relate to the Centurion who saw beyond Christ's death on the cross and grasped the significance of who he was. May our Christian community experience a prideful renewal! Pride in the crucified Divine Lord, pride in Christ's message and accomplishments! Pride also to continue the work of generations of believers! Pride in belonging to the immense family of God's children that is spread throughout the world! May this Holy Week bring precious moments of humility, reality and pride! *Humiliation* will never be the last word associated with Our Lord!

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