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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations: St. Claude – Haywood - Pavilion

Sat.	Dec. 21 st	5:00 pm	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Charlene Lucier – funeral offerings
Sun.	Dec. 22 nd	9:00 am H	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Deceased Dedieu family members – Gisèle & Lucille Dheilly
Sun.	Dec. 22 nd	11:00 am	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + George Le Floch – funeral offerings
Mon.	Dec. 23 rd	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Tue.	Dec. 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 pm 8:00 pm H 12:00 am	+ Carol De Pauw – Janice & Marcel de Rocquigny + Charlene Lucier – funeral offerings + George & Fernand Lesage – Alice Lesage & family
Wed.	Dec. 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 AM 2:00 pm	+ Henri Gauthier – funeral offerings + Deceased Debusschère family members – Thérèse Debusschere
Thu.	Dec. 26 th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Fri.	Dec. 27 th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Sat.	Dec. 28 th	5:00 pm	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Cécile Philippot – funeral offerings
Sun.	Dec. 29 th	9:00 am H	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Jean & Justine Dheilly – Gisèle & Lucille Dheilly
Sun.	Dec. 29 th	11:00 am	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Henri Gauthier – funeral offerings
Mon.	Dec. 30 th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Tue.	Dec. 31 st	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Wed.	Jan. 1 st	NEW YEARS DAY 9:00 am H 11:00 am 2:00 pm P	+ Intentions of the Virgin Mary – Pierre & Angela Cormier + Charlene Lucier – funeral offerings + Deceased Le Heiget family members – Irène & Patrick Bellec
Thu.	Jan. 2 nd	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Fri.	Jan. 3 rd	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter

4TH Sunday of Advent (C) – December 22ND, 2024

Christmas – December 25th, 2024

New Year's Day – January 1st, 2025

Pope Francis' prayer intention for December 2024 - For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Let us pray: - For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.

- For peace among all nations.

Parish Life:

+ Please note – No morning mass on Tuesday, December 24th.

- No mass or adoration on Thursday and Friday, December 26 & 27.

- No mass Tuesday, December 31st – Father Peter is attending a meeting in the diocese.

- No mass or adoration on Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd.

Father Peter is attending the diocesan gathering with the Bishop and priests.

+ Notice also – the current bulletin is for a two-week period.

– the parish office will be closed Thursday, December 26.

- no bulletin will be published on December 26.

- the parish office will also be closed on January 2nd and open Friday morning, December 3rd until noon or time needed.

- your next bulletin will come to you on January 3rd.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025***

Ministries:	December 22 nd	December 24 th	December 29 th	January 1 st
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Simone Lambert	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux
Collection:	Jean & Janice	Marcel & Dorothée	Annette & Denise	Michel & René
Counters:	Dorothée & prtnr.	Jean & Guy	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.
Cross bearers:	Gérald Poirier	Eugene Bazin	Michel Dufault	Raymond Massinon

God's Share : Dec. 15th – \$6380.00 (16) + \$0.00 loose + \$30.00 (2-DD) = **\$6410.00**

Insurance : Dec. 15th - \$1600.00 (4): YTD - **\$6010.00** (17)

Cemetery : Dec. 15th - **\$250.00** (1); **Ordinary donation:** - **\$350.00** (1)

Christmas Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord, **“The Word became flesh and lived among us”** (John 1:14), we experience profoundly the immense love of God for humanity. Through the Mystery of Incarnation, Jesus, the Son of God, humbled Himself to be born for us, becoming the Emmanuel, God-with-us! His presence is a wonderful gift for each of us. Therefore, we are invited to open our heart to welcome Jesus in our lives. *“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another”* –Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. May Jesus accompany us, guide us, transform us and lead us to the Father, because He is **“the Light of the world”** (John 8:12) and, **“the Way, the Truth and the Life”** (John 14:6).



In 2025, the universal Church celebrates the Jubilee Year which begins on the Christmas Eve in Rome with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis. The rite of the opening of the Holy Door will follow. In our Archdiocese, the Jubilee Year’s Opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at 3 PM, Sunday, December 29, 2024 at St. Boniface Cathedral . All faithful are invited to attend. We are blessed that St. Claude Church and the grotto have been chosen as one of the pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year. Next year, we will welcome more visitors and pilgrims to our parish. The theme of 2025 Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope”. This is a sacred and acceptable time for spiritual renewal, deepening our faith, experiencing God’s love and mercy, restoring relationships and reconciliation with God and with others.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and contribution through many different ways to our parish throughout the years. With the grace of God, we continue to work and journey together to **“Love God, Love Others, and Train Disciples”** (Mission Statement of our Parish). May your heart and your family be filled with joy, love, and peace of Jesus, the Emmanuel, God-with-us! I wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a holy New Year.

Fr. Peter Le

Pastor of St. Claude and St. Denis-Haywood Parishes

4th Sunday of Advent (C) - December 22nd, 2024

Christmas - December 25th, 2024

New Year’s Day - January 1st, 2025

Trusting in God’s Promise

On this final Sunday of Advent, we are on the doorstep of Christmas. The pilgrimage of hope is nearly complete, and today’s Gospel (Luke 1:39-45) gives us the powerful example of Mary’s trust in God’s providence. Amid uncertainty, Mary, with child, sets out to be with her cousin Elizabeth trusting in God’s accompaniment. It is the response of John within Elizabeth’s womb that leads to her proclamation, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.: one of deep faith and trust. Though she didn’t understand fully what was happening, she trusted and delighted in

God’s presence. The Pilgrims of Hope, like Mary and Elizabeth, are called to trust, to joyfully surrender, and to believe that God’s promises will come to fruition, even when the way is unclear.

In this final week of Advent, we are reminded to trust in God’s plan for our lives and to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus with the same joy, trust and openness that Mary and Elizabeth demonstrated. Just as Mary was a faithful pilgrim, so too are we called to walk in faith, trusting that God’s presence will guide us through all the unknowns of life.

As we approach Christmas, let us ask ourselves: How can I trust more deeply in God’s plan for my life? How can I open my heart to His coming in a new and profound way? Let us prepare for the arrival of Christ with hearts full of faith and trust in His promises.

