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

Eucharistic Celebrations: **St. Claude – Haywood - Pavilion**

Sat.	Aug. 3rd	5:00 pm	+ Parishioners – Fr. John
			+ Thanksgiving – Irène Deleurme
Sun.	Aug. 4th	9:00 am H	+ Parishioners – Fr. John
			+ Irénée & Georgina Cormier – Pierre & Angela Cormier & family
Sun.	Aug. 4th	11:00 am	+ Parishioners – Fr. John
			+ Madeleine & Alfred Pineau – Robert & Patricia Burgoyne
Mon.	Aug. 5th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Tue.	Aug. 6th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Wed.	Aug. 7th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Thu.	Aug. 8th	private	+ All souls – Fr. Peter
Fri.	Aug. 9th	private	+ Georges Dion & Ernest Montsion– Denis, Pauline, Rachelle Dion
Sat.	Aug. 10th	5:00 pm	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter
			+ Henri Gauthier – funeral offerings
Sun.	Aug. 11th	9:00 am H	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter
			+ Angèle & Amedée Picton – Marcel & Dorothée Dequier
Sun.	Aug. 11th	11:00 am	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter
			+ Henri Gauthier – André Godard & family

Ministries:	Aug. 4th	August 11th	Aug. 18th
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux	Simone Lambert
Collection:	Eugene & Albert	Raymond & Gérald	Jean & Janice
Counters:	Jean & Prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.
Cross bearers :	Gérald Poirier	Eugene Bazin	Michel Dufault

God's Share : July 28th – \$540,00 (19) + \$41.00 loose + \$30.00 (2-DD) = **\$611.00**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B -August 4th, 2024

Prayer intention for August 2024 - For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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

Parish life:

Retreat – Father Peter is making his priest's retreat and will attend the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Quebec so he is away from the parish between July 31st and Aug. 8th. Father John is replacing him for this weekend's masses.

In case of emergency, please call Father Marcel Carrière at 204-791-0369.

We recommend to your prayers *Louise Delorme* who passed away on July 24th, 2024 at the age of 52 years. A celebration of life has taken place. Our condolences to her mother Yvonne Laurent, husband Dan and family, as well as relatives and friends who are grieving.

Kid's Bulletin – You will find copies of The Kid's Bulletin on the tables in the back of the church. Please take a copy home with you. There will be a bulletin every week featuring the Sunday's faith message. Fun for parents & grandparents as well!

* Many hands help to support our world's estimated 130.8 million displaced people



Residents of Nagorno-Karabakh were forcibly displaced into Armenia, October 2023, as a result of Azerbaijan's occupation. CNEWA has supported refugees in the Middle and Near East since 1926. (photo: Shant Khatcherian/CNEWA)

Refugees are deeply connected to both our Christian tradition and the daily realities of our modern world. Their plight is not just a historical or scriptural narrative but a pressing issue that resonates with contemporary global challenges.

On the heels of World Refugee Day, June 20, Dr. Adriana Bara, National Director of Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA Canada) sheds light on the ongoing struggles and the unwavering resilience of refugees, drawing from both the teachings of the Church and the compassionate responses observed in today's society.

The ongoing need for solidarity and support is ever present, and every day is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with refugees and be a beacon of hope in a world in need.

To read Dr. Bara's reflection, [click here](#). Visit CNEWA Canada's website at www.cnewa.org/ca

McDonald's Breakfast

I am a mother of three (ages 14, 12, 3) and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology. The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with.

Her last project of the term was called "Smile." The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say hello anyway, so, I thought this would be a piece of cake.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went out to McDonald's one crisp March morning. It was just our way of sharing special playtime with our son. We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did.

I did not move an inch. An overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. As I turned around, I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell, and there standing behind me were two poor homeless men. As I looked down at the short gentleman close to me, he was "smiling". His beautiful sky blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance. He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching.

The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally challenged and the blue-eyed gentleman was his salvation. I held my tears as I stood there with them. The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted.

He said, "Coffee is all Miss" because that was all they could afford. If they wanted to sit in the restaurant and warm up, they had to buy something. He just wanted to be warm.

Then I really felt it - the compulsion was so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes. That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me, judging my every action. I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray.

I then walked around the corner to the table that the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue-eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you." I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this for you. God is here working through me to give you hope."

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope." We held hands for a moment and at that time, we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given were we able to give. That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love.

I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand. I turned in "my project" and the instructor read it. Then she looked up at me and said, "Can I share this?" I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class. She began to read and that is when I knew that we as human beings and being part of God share this need to heal people and to be healed. In my own way, I had touched the people at McDonald's, my husband, son, instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student. I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I would ever learn: UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Much love and compassion is sent to each and every person who may read this and learn how to LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS - NOT LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.

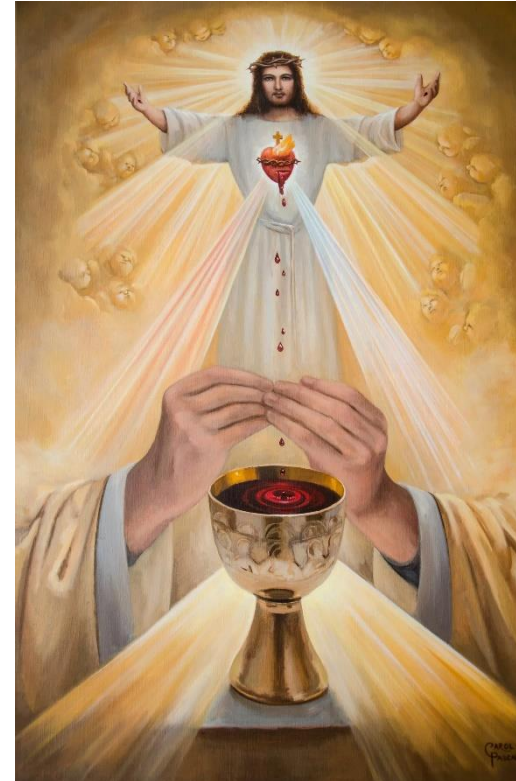
To handle yourself, use your head.

To handle others, use your heart.

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest.

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«‘Sir, give us this bread always’. ‘I am the bread of life’»



Today, we can appreciate different behaviors in the people looking for Jesus: some have eaten the material bread while others are requesting a miraculous sign when the Lord has just made a huge one; still, others, have eagerly run to meet him to make a spiritual communion—in good faith we could say—: “Sir, give us this bread always” (Jn 6:34).

Jesus must have been very pleased with their efforts to seek and follow Him. He was teaching them all while speaking to them in different ways. To some of them, he says: “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life” (Jn 6:27). And those who ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” (Jn 6:28) will receive in that Capernaum synagogue a specific advice, where the Lord promises them the Holy Communion: “Believe.”

You and I, who are trying to immerse ourselves in the pages of this Gospel, do we see our attitude reflected therein? While trying to revive this scene: which are the most pointed expressions for us? Are

we persistent enough in our efforts to find Jesus after the many gifts, doctrine, examples and lessons we have received from Him? Do we know how to make a good spiritual communion? ‘Lord, give us always this bread, that satiates our hunger’?

The best shortcut to find Jesus is through Mary. She is the Mother of the Family that dispenses the white bread for the children in the warmth of the paternal home. The Mother of the Church that wants to feed her children so that they may grow strong, be happy, may carry out a blessed task and be communicative. St. Ambrose, in his work “On the mysteries”, writes: “And the Sacrament we carry out is the body born of the Virgin Mary. Can you request the nature's order in the body of Christ, when Jesus was conceived by Mary above every natural law?”

The Church, mother and teacher, teaches us that the Holy Eucharist is a “sacrament of piety, sign of unity, bond of charity, the paschal banquet "in which Christ is received, the soul is filled with grace and we are given a pledge of the glory that is to be ours” (II Vatican Council).

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