

St. DENIS Parish

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

Eucharistic Celebration	ns: <u>St. Claude</u> – <u>Haywood</u> - <u>Pavilion</u>
Sat. July 27 th 5:00 pm	+ Parishioners – Fr. Peter
Sun. July 28 th 9:00 am	 + Patricia Genest – Genest family H + Parishioners – Fr. Peter + Bernie Ball – Gisèle & Lucille Dheilly
Sun. July 28 th 11:00 an	
Mon. July 29 th private Tue. July 30 th private Wed. July 31 st private Thu. Aug. 1 st private Fri. Aug. 2 nd private	 + All souls – Fr. Peter
Sat. Aug. 3 rd 5:00 pm	 + Parishioners – Fr. John + Thanksgiving – Irène Deleurme
Sun. Aug. 4 th 9:00 am	 H + Parishioners – Fr. John + Irénée & Georgina Cormier – Pierre & Angela Cormier & family
Sun. Aug. 4 th 11:00 an	

Ministries:	July 28 th	Aug. 4 th	August 11 th
Readers:	Simone Lambert	Annette Bernard	Judith Robidoux
Collection:	Michel & René	Eugene & Albert	Raymond & Gérald
Counters:	Dorothée & prtnr.	Jean & Prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.
Cross bearers :	Albert Furet	Gérald Poirier	Eugene Bazin

<u>God's Share :</u> July 21st - \$462,00 (16) + \$0.00 loose + \$380.00 (4-DD) = **\$842.00**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time B - July 28th, 2024

Prayer intention for July 2024 - For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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

Parish life:

Retreat – Father Peter will be making his priest's retreat and will attend the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Quebec so will be away from the parish between July 31st and Aug. 8th. Father John will be replacing him for weekend masses. In case of emergency, please call Father Marcel Carrière at 204-791-0369.



Many hands help to support our world's estimated 130.8 million displaced people 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 global contemporary 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.

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: Shart Khatcheran/CNEWA)

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, <u>click here</u>. Visit CNEWA Canada's website at <u>www.cnewa.org/ca</u>

* 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday, July 28, 2024



Pope Francis' theme this year is: **"Do not cast me off in my old age"** (*Psalm 71:9*). The Catholic faithful are invited to reflect on the loneliness of the elderly, encouraging us to "take a new path" and to spend time with them, "acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church..." <u>Click here for Pope Francis' message</u>. The CCCB has prepared a toolkit of resources: an official logo, a catechesis on old age, recent texts from the Magisterium, the official prayer for the World Day, and pastoral suggestions. Click here for toolkit. To view on Google drive

click here.

Prayer Chair

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No, who are you?" said the father. "I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day, about four years ago, my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus.

Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, "I'll be with you always." Then, just speak to Him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

So, I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked. "Yes, when I left the house about two o' clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

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«A large crowd followed him»



Today, we contemplate how both human and supernatural love can grow in us, given that we use the same heart to love both man and God.

Generally speaking love starts to grow in the human heart with the progressive discovery of that which is attractive in the other person: their friendliness, their

goodness. This is the case of the "boy who has five barley loaves and two fish" (Jn 6:9). He gives Jesus all he has got with him, the bread and the fish, because he has let himself be won over by the attractiveness of Jesus. —Have I discovered the attractiveness of the Lord?

The next step is falling in love, the consequence of feeling a response. "A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick" (Jn 6:2). Jesus listened to them; He paid attention to them because He knew what they needed.

Jesus Christ finds an attraction in me and desires that I fulfill myself both humanly and supernaturally. He loves me as I am, in all my weakness, because I ask for forgiveness and I continue trying with his help.

"Jesus realized that they would come and take him by force to make him king; so He fled to the hills by himself" (Jn 6:15). He will say to them the next day: "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." (Jn 6:26). Saint Augustine writes: "Many are those who look for Jesus guided solely by worldly interests! (...) Rarely do they seek Jesus for Jesus."

The fullness of love is love that gives of itself, when you look for the good of the loved one without expecting anything in return, even when it entails personal sacrifice.

Today, I can say: "Lord, you make us share in the miracle of the Eucharist. We beg you not to hide away. Live with us. May we see you, may we touch you, may we feel you. May we want to be beside you all the time, and have you as the King of our lives and of our work" (Saint Josemaría).

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