



## ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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### Our Mission Statement:

**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, **Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – **Rose Chapman** (*Thérèse & August Debusscchere*)

Sunday, **Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 9:00 am – **Mona Antoine** (*Marie Rose Antoine*)

Sunday, **Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am – **Deceased members of the Massinon family**

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Helen Poirier

God's Share: Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> - **\$360.00** (19) + **\$4.20** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$384.20**

Church Cleaning: August 16<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> – Janice & Mona Souque

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>August 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>September 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>September 9<sup>th</sup></u>
Readers:	Janice Souque	Mona Souque	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection:	Jean Souque family	Raymond Souque family	Raymond Massinon family
Communion:	Lucille Dheilly	Judith Robidoux	Michelle Dheilly
Counters:	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.

### Readings for Sunday, September 2, 2018

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15.2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5 (R.1)  
James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 1.1-8, 14-15, 21-23



### Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Month of August, 2018

*Universal:* For economic and political decisions to protect families as a treasure of humanity.

**Let us also pray also for Deacon Peter Van Le Ngu**, so that the Lord may grant His graces upon him throughout his year of study for the priesthood.

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### CATECHISM AND PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

The parents of the Saint-Claude and Saint-Denis parishes who wish to undertake the catechism and preparation of their children for the sacrament of first Reconciliation (7-8 years of age or Grade 2), first Communion (8-9 year of age or Grade 3) or Confirmation (11-12 year of age or Grade 6 or more) are invited to contact La paroisse de Saint-Claude (**204-379-2434**) during office hours between **9:00 and 12:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (closed on Wednesdays)** or to send an e-mail to [pstclaud@mymts.net](mailto:pstclaud@mymts.net)

**Let us keep a thought in our prayers for:** Mrs. Francine Marion, who passed away at the St. Claude Health Centre on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at the age of 95 years. A memorial service funeral will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in St. Claude at 2:00 p.m. with eulogy at 1:30 p.m. Our condolences go out to her family and friends who are grieving.

### Marriage Tip:

Jesus gave His Mother, Mary to be our mother, too. She experienced the joy of the birth of her Son, separation from Him during His ministry, grief at His death, and the glorious triumph of His resurrection. Ask for her intercession – and comfort – in all parts of your life.

### Thought of the Week:

To follow our Master Jesus, we must engage in the road He has traced. Every day we have to carry our cross to live the real life. (*Pierre Destoop*)

### Community Event:

**St. Claude Community Fowl Supper - Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Served from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Claude Community Centre

Adults \$15. 6 to 12 yrs \$5. 5 yrs & under FREE



## Stewardship Reflexion – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 26, 2018

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

### The Eucharist in Our Lives

When one chooses to go and celebrate the Eucharist, it means to commune with the body and the blood of Christ; this goes without saying for all the faithful. We understand that there is a close link between faith in Jesus Christ and the Eucharistic practice.



Sometimes, however, parents who have enrolled their children in catechetical sessions leading to the First Communion candidly admit at the beginning of the process that they do not want to be "recovered" by the Church. Some even add that their first communion will not follow with others.

It is not a question of going back to the time when to miss the Sunday Mass was a mortal sin, but it is not true that to deprive oneself of the Eucharist is without consequence for our life of faith. Our communities suffer from the absence of our baptized brothers and sisters who chose not to join us in celebrating the Lord's day. And what is the difference between a religion that is not practiced and the absence of religion?

"As for us, we believe." Together, let us give thanks for our Christian community, renew our faith, and let our communion sustain our walk following the Lord. (Liturgical Life)



**The host is a pill for faith.** (Leo Campion)

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## Choices and Good Decisions



After the multiplication of the loaves and a lively discussion with the disciples, a good number of them left Jesus. It was a pivotal moment. Jesus said to the twelve: *Do you want to leave too?* Peter took the lead and confirmed his faith in Christ: *You have the words of eternal life.*

I find this passage relevant. Many of us, myself included, lived in an era where the Christian tradition and faith were part of the predominant culture, even the air we breathed. No matter the question, Jesus was the answer.

Since those days, our culture has changed, along with our values and social order. Today we live in a pluralistic and highly secularized society that is often hostile to religion. There are also the influences of other religions, sects, and mystical currents of all kinds. It is not uncommon, then, that Christ's words may appear to be shocking, discouraging, and perhaps even obscure.

I hear Jesus ask us: *Do you want to leave, too?* Each one of us has to make that decision.

We reflect and exercise our free will. The choice is always ours. Remember that spirituality is a dimension that will enrich our lives. Like Peter, we must take the lead and live with our decision.

**André Beauchamp**