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Our Mission Statement:

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, **March 18th - 9:00 am** – Rhéa Poirier (*August & Thérèse Debusschere*)

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

Sunday, **April 1st – 9:00 am** – Solange Mineault (*Yvonne McKay*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Eugene & Yvonne Bazin

God's Share: Mar. 11th - **\$210.00** (15) + **\$30.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$260.00**

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

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>March 18th</u>	<u>March 25th</u>	<u>April 1st</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Marcel Dufault	Annette Bernard
Passion:		Judith & Annette	
Offerings & Collection:	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Marcel Dufault	Yvonne Bazin
Counters:	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.	Denise & prtnr.

Blessing of the Shawls of Compassion – Sunday, March 18, 2018

Following the Sunday Celebration today, there will be the ceremony of the blessing of the shawls of compassion. A big thank you to the ladies for this gesture of compassion that has touched so many people from here and from afar!

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.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

March 18th, 2018

Schedule of Holy Week Celebrations for 2018

St-Claude and St-Denis Parishes

Holy Thursday:	March 29th: St-Claude at 7:30 p.m. - Bilingual mass
Holy Friday:	March 30th: St-Claude at 3:00 p.m. - French celebration
Holy Friday:	March 30th: Haywood at 7:30 p.m. – Bilingual Way of the Cross
Easter Vigil:	March 31st: St-Claude at 9:00 p.m. - French mass
Easter Sunday:	April 1st: Haywood at 9:00 a.m. - Bilingual mass
Easter Sunday:	April 1st: St-Claude at 11:00 a.m. - English mass

Celebration of Reconciliation for Easter

<u>Saint-Claude:</u>	Sunday, March 18 th at 2:00 pm
Haywood à St-Claude	Sunday, March 18 th at 2:00 pm



Sacrament de Réconciliation :

Let us pray for the children of St-Claude and St-Denis who will be receiving their first sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 20th at 7 :30 p.m. in St-Claude : (in *alphabetical order*) Matthew Cabiscuelas, Nathan de Rocquigny, Natasha Gosseye, Charles Green, Jesse Green, Elijah Hutlet, Kali Rey, Eric Viallet, Nicholas Viallet et Caden Williams. Thank you to the parents who have done the preparation with their children.

Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission 2018: 'Abide with us, Lord Jesus': **March Sundays**

All are welcome for a time of prayer, music, faith-sharing group, reflection and fellowship during the Mountain Deanery Lenten Mission which will be given on 3 Sundays at **7:30 PM: Sunday, March 18th** (*Eucharist and the Church*) at St. John Berchmans Parish, Holland. Free will offering. View poster.

Way of the Cross for Lent : **Friday, March 23, 2018 at 7 :00 p.m. in St. Claude**

All parishioners are invited to participate.

Development and Peace: Solidarity Sunday We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

When making your donation, please write your cheque to the **St. Denis Parish** and indicate *Development and Peace* on the memo.

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.*

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 27th, 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.

Marriage Tip:

Have you prayed together during Lent (not just grace before meals)? Try saying a prayer together before bedtime or share your reflections on a short passage of Scripture.

Stewardship Reflection- 5th Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2018

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbours and the world, just as God cares for us

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What is the Sacrament of Confession? How do I make a good confession? View the **Catholics Come Home** website for a variety of short videos: *click on video* or click the link: www.catholicscomehome.org/your-questions/what-is-the-sacrament-of-confession/



Why Confess My Sins to a Priest?

Fr. Mike lays out many reasons why confessing our sins to a priest makes perfect sense. Confession isn't a man-made tradition of the Church but rather a valuable gift given by God and rooted in Scripture. To view: *click on video* or on the link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtvjmsPmVpw.

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

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Seeing Christ



Two Greek visitors had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. They had heard rumors about Jesus and wanted to see him. As the visitors only spoke Greek, they went to Philip for assistance and made their request.

There was no exchange between the visitors and Jesus, no questions, no responses. Jesus seemed to be lost in thought and began a disconcerting conversation that his time would soon be coming to an end. Christ spoke about renunciation, death, fear, and the glory that the Father would manifest. His hour of judgment was near. Christ was raised up (at his crucifixion and resurrection). God's Son brought salvation to us.

At first glance, the passage appears to be turbulent and perplexing. The men wished to meet Jesus who greeted them with comments that appeared to be confusing. But when we re-examine the passage, we quickly see another perspective. According to St. John, **seeing is believing**. Jesus was not there to shake hands like a movie star. He wanted people to believe in him. Yet, who was he and what was this pathway? What **must we believe** in order to **see Jesus**? What was His message?

Seeing Christ means, that we, like the grain of wheat, must be *buried* in the earth to be reborn.

Seeing Christ means that we agree to *lose* our lives.

Seeing Christ means that we *do not retreat*, that we do not give into fear, but we state: *Father, glorify your name...*

Seeing Christ means we *accept the cross* and are elevated above the earth.

Seeing Christ means we will rise with the Lord.

Seeing Christ means we focus on salvation that is everyone's destiny.

André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli