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**LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00am – Liturgy of the Word (*Father John is busy elsewhere*)

Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Veterans (*The Legion*)

Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Peter Le Van Nham (*Eugene & Yvonne Bazin*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Eugene & Yvonne Bazin.

God's Share: Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - \$300.00 (19) + \$11.55 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$471.55

Church Cleaning: October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> – Lucille & Michelle Dheilly.

| <u>Ministries :</u>    | <u>November 3<sup>rd</sup></u> | <u>November 10<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>November 17<sup>th</sup></u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Readers:               | Janice Souque                  | Annette Bernard                 | Lucille Dheilly                 |
| Offerings & Collection | Jean Souque family             | Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu     | Marcel Dheilly family           |
| Communion:             | Yvonne Bazin                   | Michelle Dheilly                | Lucille Dheilly                 |
| Counters:              | Eugene & prtnr.                | Jean & prtnr.                   | Raymond & prtnr.                |

**Collection in support of Father Peter's family :** Father Peter has answered: *"Our family, especially his wife and his four daughters are in difficult situation both spiritually and financially. I do not dare to ask anyone for help but I am happy to accept offers with sincere and grateful heart. I appreciate your initiative to raise fund for us. May the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly for your kindness and generosity."*

There will be a collection to help Father Peter's family in Vietnam starting next Sunday. Baskets will be placed on the back tables. Please label your checks to Father Peter Le Van Ngu. We cannot offer tax receipts for a collection for an individual or family.

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### Prayer Intentions for November, 2019

**Let us pray for the Middle East**, where various religious components share the same living space, so that a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation can emerge.

- **For our pastor, Fr. Peter Le, double the prayers for his prompt return among us.**
- For the conversion of Christians, especially in our parishes.
- For all members of our community who are sick and the families who are grieving.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

### Recent News from Fr. Peter:

Fr. Peter had to go for medical tests during the past week in order to receive his visa. It will take a few days for him to get his results. The news is more encouraging currently. Let us continue our prayers for him?

### The Good Shepherd Campaign 2019



As the 2019 Good Shepherd Campaign draws to a close, we would like to thank those of you who have already sent your gift to the Archdiocese. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your donation in support of the formation of seminarians and of priests in and for our archdiocese, and of other ministries, please consider acting now and helping us reach our goal of \$270,000.

The special collection for the Good Shepherd Campaign takes place today. We are very grateful for your donations. Last Sunday, you received the special envelopes for this purpose. There are extras on the back tables. Please hand your donation in the collection basket today or at a future Mass. You can also send it directly to the Archdiocese or donate online.

*In closing, please continue to pray for new vocations, for our seminarians, clergy, volunteers and all missionary disciples.*

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

**Dear Parents**, it is important that your children receive a religious education first at home, and then reinforced throughout their school years and the rest of their life. Please see the following invitation to the sacrament preparation and register your child for the parish catechesis, planned to begin at the return of Fr. Peter or awaiting further notice.

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) - a 2-year program for Confirmation, are invited to contact La Paroisse de Saint-Claude as soon as possible at **(204-379-2434) during office hours.**

### Change of Mass Time for Saturday, November 23, 2019:

In honor of the Community Dinner Theatre on Saturday, November 23, 2019 the Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated at **5:00 p.m.** This will give the chance to parishioners to arrive on time for the 6:30 p.m. supper. Father Peter has approved and given his permission for that day. Please spread the word!

### Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Fundraiser : Friday, November 8, 2019

The N-D. Knights of Columbus, in partnership with their parish have organized a "Steak Nite" supper for Friday, November 8, 2019. The dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by the hockey game of the Winnipeg Jets and the Vancouver Canucks, which will be televised. Tickets in advance are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5 to 12 years and free for children under 5 years. Tickets sold at the door will be \$25. Come join us for a fun evening!

### St. Claude Knights of Columbus Breakfast Brunch: Sunday, November 10, 2019

From 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the St-Claude Recreation Centre. On the menu: pancakes, hash browns, sausages, ham, eggs, beverages. Adults – 10\$; 5-12 yrs. – 5\$; under 5 yrs – Free. Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus charities.

### Life's Vision Annual Banquet – November 16, 2019

Do you ever struggle with how you can discuss the pro-life viewpoint without upsetting your friends and neighbours? Join pro-life speaker, author and podcast host, Jonathon Van Maren at the Life's Vision annual banquet to learn about the successful strategies Jonathon has used to build bridges regarding the subject of abortion. Prior to the banquet, from 1 -3 PM, Jonathon will be presenting on the topic of euthanasia and medically assisted suicide. This is a free event that is meant to educate the public surrounding end of life issues.

November 16 at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Avenue in Winnipeg. Tickets: \$50. Doors open at 5 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Information and tickets: 204-233-8047 or [lifesvision@shaw.ca](mailto:lifesvision@shaw.ca). Book now – Seats are limited! Visit our website: [www.lifesvision.ca](http://www.lifesvision.ca)

### FATHER ACT 2: The Concert – November 16, 2019

They're back! Fr. Dominic La Fleur (St. Malo), Fr. Rodrigo Lazarte (Blessed Sacrament), Fr. Gerry Sembrano (St. Emile), and King's Chorus (St. Emile) are holding another riotous concert for the second year at St. Emile Parish (556 St. Anne's Rd in Winnipeg) on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$10 (Available at the parish office). Hurry! Limited seats available.

### Poverty in Canada – New CCCB Statement

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), through the Commission for Justice and Peace, released a statement entitled [Poverty in Canada: Ensuring Safe, Secure and Affordable Housing](#) in anticipation of the Third World Day of the Poor to be held on 17 November, 2019. Poverty is a serious issue not only in developing countries, but also in Canada. The statement presents a brief overview of poverty in Canada today, with a focus on the current housing crisis, and provides a short list of some key Catholic organizations engaged in the alleviation of poverty in our country. The Catholic Bishops of Canada call for collaboration between charitable organizations, all levels of government, and dioceses/eparchies, as well as local parishes, to support individuals who are in need.

**Marriage Tip:** Love is a choice, not a feeling. Choose to love your spouse today, especially when it is challenging.

### Reflection for the separated/divorced

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night but I find no rest. – Psalms 22:1-2, NIV*

Meditate on the crucifix and remember that Christ knows what it is like to feel as though the Father doesn't hear your cries or understand your pain. Allow Christ to join in your pain.

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## Life can change in an instant

We know the story of Zacchaeus, the curious tax collector who climbed a tree to get a better view of Christ. Instead, Christ saw him and called him down from his lofty perch.

The other Scriptural readings for this Sunday prepare us with biblical bookmarks prior to the Gospel. The word *today* appears prominently : *Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today* (Lk 19:5). *Today salvation has come to this house* (Lk 19:9).

Saint Paul reports another *today*, this time more disturbing. The term *day of the Lord*, was understood as the day of Christ's return, which many people understood as the end of time.

The Thessalonians were concerned and feared that day. We read in the Book of Revelation many disturbing images of the end of time. Yet the Thessalonians were not the only ones to be alarmed. St. Paul's letter resonates with what we experience *today*: global warming, ecological disasters, melting glaciers, scandals in the Church and a loss of faith.

In our modern context, St. Paul's words are astonishingly up-to-date: *We beg you brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter* (2 Thessalonians 2:2).

Christ is our partner in our threatened world. He reached out to people and changed the dynamics. He went to Zacchaeus' home and scandalized the society of his day by dining with a tax collector.

God supports us with his inclusive mercy and acknowledges our deficiencies as we read in the Book of Wisdom. God's words reached out to sinners and had a tremendous effect on Zacchaeus who realized that salvation had come to his home. Zacchaeus discovered the joy of sharing and became responsible for how he communicated and dealt with others. His new perspective on life made him a changed person.

Curiosity and knowledge are the keys to conversion and the impetus to save our planet. As we read about Zacchaeus who climbed up a sycamore for a better view, St. Luke reminds us that salvation will come to those who are curious about Jesus.

How curious are we about Christ?



**Father Jacques Houle, c.s.v.**  
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