



ST. DENIS Roman Catholic Parish

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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - 9:00 am – Thérèse Richard (*Auguste & Thérèse Debusschere*)

Sunday, Dec. 10th - 9:00 am – Simone Dheilly (*Cécile Dheilly*)

Sunday, Dec. 17th - 9:00 am – Rhéa Poirier (*Dorothée & Marcel Dequier*)

Sanctuary Lamp this week: Simone Lambert.

God's Share : Nov. 26th - \$337.00 (21 env.) + \$5.00 loose + \$140.00 (dd) = \$482.00

Collection for Missions in Canada : Nov. 26th - \$110.00 (8 env.)

Church Cleaning : Nov. 16th to Dec. 30th – General cleaning for Christmas.

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 3rd</u>	<u>December 10th</u>	<u>December 17th</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection:	Raymond Massinon family	Jean Souque & Gérald Poirier	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Lucille Dheilly	Michelle Dheilly
Counters:	Lucille & prtnr..	Denise & prtnr.	Margaret & prtnr.

Meal at l'Accueil d'Âge d'Or of Haywood : Tuesday, December 5th at noon –

Please call your contact person or phone 204-379-2477 to give your name before 6:00 pm Monday. Everyone welcome. \$8.00 for adults.

Tree Lighting : December 8th 2017 –

Please return all your sheets of offerings/donations, sold or not, before Friday, December 8th. The profits this year are shared between the church and the hall.

Shawls of Compassion: Next Sunday we will have the blessing of the shawls and volunteers are needed to process with and hold the shawls for the blessing. See Yvonne.

Let us pray for all the sick and the deceased of our community!

First Sunday of Advent (B)

December 3rd, 2017

The Four Candles of Advent:

The first of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a candle.

Each week we will light an additional candle.

*This week : **The prophesy candle – the candle of hope.***



MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2017

FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Please note some changes!

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

Sunday, December 24th at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, December 25th at **10:00 a.m.** in St-Claude: **French** celebration.

New Year's Day Masses: Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude: English celebration.

Monday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.

Monday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. in St-Claude: French celebration.

*Let us take the time to come and pray with our parish community
for Christmas and New Year's Day.*

CELEBRATIONS OF RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT :

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.: Carman

Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m.: Saint-Claude et Haywood (bilingual)

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.: Somerset

Thursday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m. St-Léon

Let us keep a thought in our prayers for : *Lucille Major (Oliviero)* who passed away Monday, November 27th at the Carman Hospital at the age of 64 years. Her funeral was held Friday, December 1st, in our parish. Our condolences to her husband, Lawrence, her son, Patrick, as well as to family and friends who are grieving.

Let us keep a thought in our prayers for : *Raymond Dedieu*, who passed away in Surrey, BC on Friday, November 24, 2017 at the age of 59 years. His funeral will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 in St. Claude at 2:00 p.m with eulogy and video at 1:30 p.m. Our condolences to his family, as well as to family and friends who are grieving.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for December 2017

Universal: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Archdiocese of Saint Boniface: Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration – Friday, December 8, 2017

Archbishop Albert LeGatt will be presiding the Eucharist on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 PM, at the Saint Boniface Cathedral to honor the principal patron feast of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. It is also the official launch of the bicentenary of the establishment of the Catholic Church in Western and Northern Canada. Coffee will be served, after the Mass, in the parish hall.

2017 Good Shepherd Campaign:

On July 3rd, 2017, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface celebrated the ordinations of Father Vincent Lusty and of Father Joshua Gundrum who are now serving in parishes. Our Good Shepherd Campaign is committed to raising funds to continue our support of seminarians, to assist in the ongoing professional development of our clergy and the enculturation of our international priests. Further information about the campaign, along with a pledge form and donation envelope is enclosed in this week's bulletin.

To make your donation, please detach the envelope and follow the directions. Place your donation and fill in your personal information. If you are writing a cheque, please make the cheque to **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface**. Your tax receipt will be mailed to you from the diocese. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket. The special collection will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017**.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and clergy.

Donations to the parish:

Keep in mind that you can get a receipt for income tax purposes for your donations to the parish. Please make sure to make your donations **prior to December 30, 2017** if you wish to have a receipt for the year 2017.

Time Changes for Christmas Masses in St-Claude:

At the November PPC meeting, a decision was made regarding the Christmas Eve Mass. **The English Mass, which will take place at 5:00 pm will replace Midnight Mass** to benefit families with young children and some older people. Mass in French will be celebrated on **Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.** (correction to last week's bulletin). In changing this we hope to encourage the greatest number of our parishioners to attend mass in our parish. Thank you for your understanding.

Donations to the Needy:

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, we are collecting toques, mittens, scarves, socks or coats for all ages. In addition, we accept articles such as toothbrushes, pencils, crayons, combs, hair pins, bars of soap, and small toys. These items will be distributed to people in the region who are in need. Please drop them off at the church in Saint-Claude or Saint-Denis. Thank you on behalf of *Jacqueline and Yvonne*.

First Sunday of Advent (B)

December 3rd, 2017

If we keep awake, we persevere

When I was a student, I worked as an employee in a home for the aged. I worked the night shift which was the least desirable and most difficult. Though we tried to convince ourselves that nights were calm, the opposite of demanding daily rhythms, we soon realized that this tranquility made it so difficult to persevere, stay awake, and so easy to give in to sleep.



Advent, which begins today, is oriented toward Christ's return and brings us to the fullness of divine love. The attitude that we adopt is one of vigilance. Jesus emphasizes this: *Therefore, keep awake-for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly* (Mk 13: 35-36). An interesting fact: in the Greek versions of the Gospel, the expression to *keep awake* is **gregoreite**, which is the root of the name *Gregory*.

As Christians, we could always figuratively add the name *Gregory* to our own names to remind us to persevere and watch for the Lord's coming. What we need is *perseverance* in our daily duties of faith so they will never become routine. We *persevere and protect* people from whatever would destroy their human dignity and remain *committed* to promote it.

With hope, we persevere in our stand against the evil forces weighing on our world today that would deter us from our focus. God needs *Gregories* to accomplish and fulfill creation.

Yves Guillemette , priest

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