



## ST. DENIS Parish

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### Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am – Gilles Richard (*Dorothée & Marcel Dequier*)

Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation

Mass – 10:00 am – René Dedieu (*Simone & André Lambert*)

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Peter le Van Nham (*Cécile & Albert Furet*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Helen Poirier.

God's Share: Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - \$270.00 (19) + \$12.65 loose + \$160.00 (dd) = \$442.65

Church Cleaning: November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> – General Christmas cleaning.

### Ministries :

Readers: Janice Souque

Offerings & Collection Jean Souque family

Communion: Yvonne Bazin

Counters: Maurice & prtnr.

### December 1<sup>st</sup>

Annette Bernard

Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet

Michelle Dheilly

Annette & prtnr.

### December 8<sup>th</sup>

Lucille Dheilly

Marcel Dequier family

Lucille Dheilly

Lucille & prtnr.

### December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Missals and Sanctuary Lamps:** The lists are now available for you to select your preferred week for the lamp to burn to your intentions. Free will offering.

The Sunday Missals are also available at a cost of \$4.00 each.

**St. Denis Tree Lighting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

Please return all pledge sheets as soon as possible.

We are asking for dainties for the party.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (A) - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2019 FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: **Bilingual** celebration.

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

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

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Haywood: **Bilingual** celebration.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

#### **Advent Reconciliation Schedule for Mountain Deanery:**

- Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Somerset.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in St-Léon.
- Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.
- Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Holland.
- Friday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Carman.
- **Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. in St-Claude for St-Claude and St-Denis.**



**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the sacristy in St. Claude.

**Meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the sacristy in St. Claude.

#### **New Office Hours for St. Claude Parish Secretary:**

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the parish office will be closed on Mondays and Wednesdays. We ask you to leave a message if needed and please refrain from calling at home. Office hours will be from **8:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. Fr. Peter's day off is on Mondays. In an emergency, please contact him at **204-952-4531**. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Parish Bulletin Online:**

If you wish to receive the weekly bulletin online, please contact the parish office. Your email address will remain confidential. You will receive it on Friday mornings.

**Marriage Tip:** Today, make a list of things you love about each member of your family and share it with them.

**Collection envelopes for 2020: Please pick up your box today or as soon as possible.**

If you do not have a box to your name and wish to have one for 2020, please contact the parish office. If you would like to become a new contributor via automatic transfers in 2020 or if you wish to change the amount of your existing transfers, please contact the office or the Caisse.

### **Concert: A Prairie Christmas The Nadeau Ensemble – December 4, 2019**

A captivating concert of Christmas songs and stories performed on harps, vocals, violin and unique ancient instruments, led by Janelle Nadeau on pedal harp, with world-renowned Celtic harpist Kim Robertson, with medieval instrumentalist Joaquin Ayala. Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Fannystelle. Tickets: \$ 25. Call Rachelle at 204-436-2486. Proceeds will help the Fannystelle parish.

### **Advent Adult Retreat – Saturday, December 7, 2019**

“Flames of Faith”- an adult retreat on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church in Manitou. \$25 per person with lunch included. Speakers: Fr. Ramon Oncog, Fr. Vincent Lusty and others. Theme: prayer, sacraments, our faith and more... Come grow in faith, nourishing the seed of faith received at baptism and ignite the zeal! Please register by calling 204-242-3107 or emailing [belro@mymts.net](mailto:belro@mymts.net). See poster on bulletin board.

### **Celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 9, 2019**

There will be a celebration at 10 a.m. in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes to mark this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the monks’ transition from the monastery to this town. This is a local celebration; all are invited, especially to the faithful of the nearby parishes, for example, Holland, Swan Lake, Bruxelles, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Somerset and St-Claude and Haywood. **Welcome to all.**

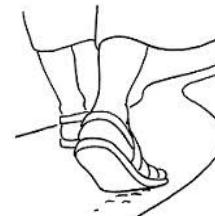
### **Development & Peace (D & P): Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology**

Development and Peace’s campaign for the next two years is called **For Our Common Home**, inspired by the papal encyclical ‘*Laudato Si’ – On care for our common home*. The first year of the Campaign will be dedicated to the Amazon, recognizing that a future for the Amazon is a future for all. This is a timely campaign as Pope Francis convened a Special Synod for the Pan-Amazonian Region from October 6-27, 2019 called *Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology*. This campaign gives us all an opportunity to better understand the Amazon biome and how it is vital to the balance of the Earth, our common home. It is also a time to walk alongside Indigenous and local communities in the Amazon, to learn about their needs and challenges and to support them in their quest for a dignified life. Watch the most recent video on Development and Peace partners at the Synod on the Amazon: <https://bit.ly/330tDWt>

*First Sunday of Advent (A)*

*December 1<sup>st</sup> , 2019*

# **Awaiting the Lord's coming**



At the beginning of Advent, we can briefly review the history of this liturgical season.

During the first centuries of the Church, the liturgical year in Spain and Gaul began barely a week before Christmas. During November, people were reminded of Christ's second coming by Gospel references to the end of the world. It was a time marked by fasting and penance. In contrast, people in Rome were preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

According to Vatican Council II: *Advent serves two purposes: it is a time of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate Christ's first coming. It is also a time when our thoughts and hearts are focused on the Lord's second coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of joyful and holy anticipation.* Free translation (Roman Lectionary).

### **From Parousia to Advent**

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus refers to his *coming* or *parousia*. In the Greek documents used by the early Christians, *parousia* referred to the visit of an important person that was marked by commemorative monuments and new roads. There were festivals, gifts, and prisoners were released. The New Testament writers used this term to refer to the coming of the Risen Christ. After a long struggle against the forces of evil, Christ, the Conqueror, would come from the heavens to unite the faithful in his reign of glory. The term *parousia* was translated into Latin as *Adventus*, which became *Advent* in English and *Avent* in French.

### **Christ guarantees our future**

Christ's resurrection and his second coming assure us of a future for our world despite the forces of evil and death. With the Risen Jesus, God's life force transformed our fragile human flesh. Beginning with Christ's birth in Bethlehem, his human person is transfigured, renewed and eternal! Yet there still remains a great deal of work ahead to transform creation to comply with His divine plan. It is an on-going process: a lengthy passage from death to life, from selfishness to love, from hatred and mistrust to peace.

As Christians of the twenty-first century, we are active participants in this transformation. Advent reminds us that Christ took on our human flesh until death. With Christ we are assured of a new humanity and this transformative work continues until its fulfillment in Christ's glorious second coming.

In the liturgy of the Eucharist, we share in these historical moments (*parousia*): *We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.*

**Father Georges Madore**  
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