

# ST. DENIS Parish

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# Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Special intention (a parishioner)

Weekday masses – July 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – will be celebrated privately to the intentions of the parishioners and the faithful departed of St. Denis and St Claude.

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - Thérèse & Denis Furet (Denise & Denis Danais)

<u>Sanctuary Lamp - this week:</u> for all vacationers

<u>God's Share:</u> July  $12^{th}$  - \$253.00 (17) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$55.00 (DD) = **\$308.00** 

Ministries:July 19thJuly 26thAugust 2ndReaders:Marcel DufaultJudith RobidouxMona SouqueCounters:Denise & prtnr.Eugene & prtnr.Jean & prtnr.

## Readings for Sunday: July 19, 2020



1 Kings 3, 5-7-12; Psalm 118 (119) Romans 8.28-30 Matthew 13. 44-46

## Prayer Intention for July, 2020

**Our Families** – We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

Let us pray for our pastor, Fr. Peter.

Let us pray for all the members of our parishes who are sick and for our deceased faithful.

# July 19, 2020

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

#### Welcome Fr. John!

In the absence of Fr. Peter for his 2-week vacation, the parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are honored to welcome Fr. John Tê Nguyen as our replacement priest to celebrate our weekend masses. It's nice to see you among us, Fr. John!

#### Weekday Mass:

**In St. Claude:** at 9 AM (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) \* Thursday afternoon: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession from 3PM to 4PM.

**In St. Denis:** Friday morning, 9AM – 10AM: Eucharistic Adoration and Confession; 10 AM: Holy Mass

Saturday Evening: 7:30PM Holy Rosary; 8 PM: Mass in English in St. Claude Church.

### **Sunday Mass**:

+ In St. Denis: at 9:00 Am: Bilingual Mass in the church.

+ In St. Claude: at 11:00 Am: Mass in French in the church.

#### St-Claude Parish Office:

The new hours for the parish office will now be on Friday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

## Some important notes during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic:

- If you do not feel healthy or you do not feel comfortable, please stay home.
- I had prepared facemasks for you. For the common good of all, I ask you to sanitize hands, wear a mask and practice social distancing (2 meters or 6 feet apart) when attending the Mass.
- If possible, could you please bring your own disinfecting wipes to clean your place and surrounding. It helps!
- We had also prepared disinfecting wipes and garbage bins at the back of the church. We look for volunteers to clean the surfaces, the doorknobs before and after each liturgical celebration.

Brothers and sisters, we are blessed that we are safe so far in St. Claude and St. Denis-Haywood. We are complying with all safety measures to prevent the future outbreak of the Covid-19 in our community and for the common good of all. I appreciate your cooperation and your sacrifices!

#### **Summer Vacation:**

"The summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord...It is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from our daily activities, we can reinforce our strength of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey" (Pope Francis, Angelus August 6, 2017).

Brothers and sisters.

I am taking two weeks' vacation after this weekend Masses. Father John Te Nguyen will be replacing me for Sunday Eucharistic celebrations on July 18-19 and July 25-26 in our parishes.

I will take advantage of this short vacation to rest as well as to "reinforce my strength of body and soul" as said Pope Francis. In addition, I will take time to discover the beauty of rural Manitoba. Road trip is one of my hobbies.

During this time, I will be celebrating Mass privately and offering all mass intentions to pray for you- parishioners of St. Denis and St. Claude, and to pray for all faithful departed in our parishes.

In urgent cases, do not hesitate to contact me at 204-952-4531.

May the Lord bless you and keep you all in his love.

I wish you all a safe, fun and blessed summer! Fr. Peter Le

## **Summer Publication of the Diocesan Weekly News Bulletin:**

The *Weekly News Bulletin* will be published **Tuesday**, **July 28**, **2020** and **Tuesday**, **August 25**, **2020**. The publication will resume on **Tuesday**, **September 8**, **2020**.

# Stewardship – July 19, 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

"The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom" (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

## **Thought of the Week:**

What is missing in today's world is a new vision for peace. John Paul II

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# What has become of patience?

We acknowledge there is a mixture of good and evil that exists in each of us. While we can aim for it, perfection is beyond our grasp. We only have to look at nature as our beautiful little blue planet experiences hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires and floods throughout the year.

While we aim for the best harvest possible, weeds can still grow with wheat. It's often discouraging. St. Paul said: For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do [Rom 7:19].



This is often our experience. We look forward to the future with much hope even if disruptions arise from all sides: money, diseases, infidelities, and children who are torn between divorced parents. These are our daily realities.

What part does patience play in our lives? Christ went to those who needed His presence: the wounded, the poor, the forgotten and the sick. Jesus' words reveal God's patience and gentleness. In the Bible many people have been touched by Jesus: Zacchaeus, Mary Magdalene and the Samaritan woman, just to name a few. Bible stories document great sinners who have become saints.

It is not necessary for us to search for people who have been transformed. Just look around and recognize that with God's grace, people close to you have been able to change their lives. They agreed one day to seek help. They became new people and were filled with God's tenderness.

Our Churches are assemblies of fragile people. We have no authority to pronounce judgment on anyone else, because our words are often unfair and blinded by our biases. Before judging and commenting, let us strategically review our evangelical criteria.

We start by being critical of ourselves. Remember the parable of the straw in another's eye while there is a log in our own. Let's look first at our own actions and calm our reflex to criticize. It is worth the wait and we end up considering others as people who are as valuable in God's eyes as we are. Live and let live, remembering that God is always patient.

**Yvon Cousineau, c.s.c.** Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli