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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Dec. 6th – livestreamed from St. Claude church

– **Alphonsine DiNottia(Tognet)** (Gamby & Katopodis families)

Friday, Dec. 11th – private mass – **August Debusschere** (*Funeral collection*)

Sunday, Dec. 13th – livestreamed from St. Denis church

– **Roger Landriault** (*Marie-Rose Antoine*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Father Peter's family**

God's Share: Nov.29 - \$255.00 (6) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$175.00 (DD) = **\$430.00**

Taxes & Insurance Fundraising : Nov.29th - **\$200.00** - YTD = **\$5,725.00**

Sunday Bulletins:

The bulletins will be sent via email or picked up at André's since the doors of the church remain locked at this time.

Sanctuary Lamp: Phone, text or email me your choices and make a donation if you want by mail or drop off at my place.

Readings for Sunday: December 6, 2020

Isaiah 61, 1-2a.10-11;
1 Thessalonians 5, 16-24;

Ps Luke 1, 46b-48, 49-50, 53-54);
John 1, 6-8, 19-28



St-Claude Parish Office Hours:

The new hours for the parish office will now be on **Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. Please remember to wear a mask if you need to come to the office.

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Prayer Intention for December, 2020

For a Life of Prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer

Let us pray for Fr. Peter and the members of his family in the tragic accident of his sister-in law.

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

What Is Advent?

Advent, from Latin Adventus, means coming. During the four weeks before Christmas we look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ as king and judge at the end of time, and to our Christmas celebration of his coming as our Saviour more than 2,000 years ago.

Advent is season of joy and hope for all who follow Jesus. We must be careful not to lose sight of the true meaning of the season as the world around us hustles to buy and sell, to have parties and plan vacations. Advent is a time to renew our life in Christ and to thank God for saving us in Jesus; it is a season for asking God to save all people and for praying for peace in the world.

During Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for his return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of his birth.

- **Dying to sin:** We strive to die to sin and selfishness and to obey the Father's will.

- **Living for God:** We set out to love God each day by loving and serving others.

This is the way in which Jesus wants us to make a straight way for him in our hearts as we await his coming.

Lord Jesus, our brother and our Saviour, come into our hearts with your love, with your joy, your hope, and your peace. Help us to reflect your love for all by loving and serving all we meet. Lord Jesus, come into our lives, and share your gifts with all people. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, forever and ever. Amen!

Fr. Peter's message

On behalf of my parents and my entire family in Vietnam, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you, friends near and far and parishioners of St. Claude et St. Denis- Haywood, for all your love and your support in so many different ways during the tragic events in my family. The funeral for my sister-in-law went well. The children are under my parents' care now, and the hospitalized 9-year-old girl is showing progress, though slowly but this gives us a ray of hope. The doctors said that it takes months for her to recover. We keep praying for her, for the children and for my parents who are taking on the role as parents of these orphans.

At first, I was so sad and shocked upon hearing this sad news, but I am feeling better now. I know that I need to be healthy and strong in faith to serve you as a pastor. This is my priority. In addition, I need to be a spiritual pillar for my parents and my nieces during the current challenges and the days ahead.

God is good- all the time! His Grace is sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9). I believe so!

Fr. Peter Le

Parish Finances: In order to keep our parishes active, we need your financial support, so could you please drop off your donation at André's, or mail in your cheque to the parish (Box 58). Thank you very much for your support.

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Donations to the parish:

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 30th, 2020** if you wish to have a receipt for the year 2020.

Please specify on your check or envelope if you are donating towards Taxes / Insurance, Shaws of Compassion, Cemetery, or other of your choice.

*NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE: New COVID-19 Restrictions: No Religious Gatherings

New provincial COVID-19 restrictions came into effect on November 10. The entire province will be under Code Red Alert as of Thursday, November 12. Please be advised that there can be no gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. No in-person services can take place for at least four weeks. The livestreaming of Masses is permitted, however, provided that parishes limit the number of persons to five (5). Gatherings for weddings or funerals are to be limited to five (5) people, socially distanced, plus the presider.

At any given time, you will find the most current information on the website:

www.archsaintboniface.ca

PARISH NEWS:

- In compliance with the New COVID-19 Restrictions made by the government and the directives from the Archdiocese, as of today Thursday November 12, there will be no public masses in our two parishes until further notices.

- The Diocese has clarified that the churches must be closed to the public except for the livestreaming purposes.

- Fr. Peter will celebrate Mass daily in private with your requested Mass intentions.

- All Masses are cancelled until the further notice. Therefore, you can watch daily Mass, and Sunday Mass on TV, or through Facebook. You can receive the Holy Communion spiritually by saying this prayer:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.” Amen.

In addition, I encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy for an end to the coronavirus pandemic and for the conversion of heart of all Christians, especially the loved ones in our parish.

I will be available at any time if you wish to receive a visit or a sacrament such as Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick, or if you want to talk, please contact me at the parish number at 204-379-2434 or call me directly at 204-952-4531.

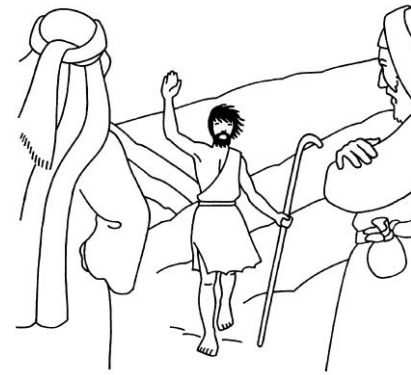
You are in my thoughts and my daily prayers! May the Lord keep you safe and healthy!

Fr. Peter Le

Marriage Tips:

Take a moment each day to tell how much you love your husband/wife. Thank him/her for what he or she does for the family, or just tell them that you miss him/her when you are separated.

Supporting actor?



Christmas is coming. There is so much to do that we may find it hard to set aside a little time to focus on Jesus, the center of attention for this celebration. In our chaotic context, why dwell on John the Baptist? I was initially surprised to read that the Gospel pays so much attention to this secondary character. Is our interest in this supporting character a good use of our time? Is it a good investment of our energy as we prepare to meet and welcome Jesus Christ?

By carefully re-reading the Gospel, we find that St. John behaves like a prophet. He speaks on behalf of another person. His role is important: St. John directs our gaze to the essential character. Through his actions which interest the crowd, with his enlightening words concerning the One who has come, St. John introduces Jesus, somewhat like a public relations officer of his time! St. John the Baptist was not working to promote himself. Instead he directed our attention to the right place: to Jesus.

More important, St. John the Baptist's courageous announcement recognizing Jesus poses an important question for us in this Advent 2020. Are we able, today, to listen to a vigorous testimony about Jesus? Do we know how to grasp it and apply it to our own faith approach? Another important and personal question: *"Would I have the courage to present myself as an intermediary and relay communication that promotes contact with Jesus?"* This last question arises from the collective awareness experienced recently by the Church. As we scrutinize Biblical texts, we discover that everyone in our world cannot live as Jesus' disciple without opening him/herself to a great missionary effort. Our world needs to hear the hope offered by Jesus. Given the complexity of today's world, our Christian community leaders are not always able to disseminate such an important announcement alone. Sooner or later, circumstances will arise where we will have to take on this role. This is the path that will enable Jesus to shine and transform hearts.

Meditating on the role of St. John the Baptist and our role as missionary disciples could transform the shape of our Christmas celebrations. Indeed, there is a margin of difference between festive moments focused on our moods and gifts and those which will make a place for Christ at Christmas. This second Sunday in Advent invites us to be aware of this sometimes controversial subject. It may happen that in certain circles, families or groups, we cannot discuss Jesus' place at Christmas. This rejection of Jesus is a misuse of the meaning of the holiday. As a priest, I always include in my prayers at Christmas those who choose to distance themselves from God and Jesus.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli