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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 23rd - 9:00 am – Juliette Ellchuk (Lucille Dheilly)

Christmas, Dec. 24th - 8:00 pm – Roseanne Parrott (Simone & André Lambert)

Sunday, Dec. 30th - 9:00am – Norman Vallee (Marcel Dufault family)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Roseanne Parrott.

God's Share : Dec. 16th - **\$260.00** (17) + **\$20.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$300.00**

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 23rd</u>	<u>December 24th</u>	<u>December 30th</u>
Readers:	Lucille Dheilly	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault
Offerings & Collection:	Marcel Dheilly family	Raymond Massinon family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Michelle Dheilly	Lucille Dheilly	Marcel Dufault
Counters:	Raymond & prtnr.	Dorothée & prtnr.	Maurice & prtnr.

Prayer Intentions for Christmas Week 2018:

1. Mary, share with me your faith, that I, as you and with you, may welcome my Savior.
2. In this joyful time of Christmas, let us pray for all our parishioners who are going through difficult times: illness, cancer, accidents, mourning, loneliness, discouragement, loss of faith, etc.
3. Let us pray for Deacon Peter Le, so that the Lord may grant him His graces in his year of study to the priesthood. It is with regret that he will not be with us during the Christmas holidays.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C) December 23rd, 2018
Nativity of the Lord December 25th 2018

MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2018 **FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD**

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

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

Monday, December 24th at 11:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

Tuesday, December 25th at 11:00 a.m. in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

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

Monday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. in St-Claude: **English** celebration.

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

Tuesday, 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.*



*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16*



Readings for Monday, December 24, 2018

Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Psalm 96. 1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13 (R.Luke 2.11)
Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-16++

Readings for Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98.1, 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6 (R.3bc)
Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

Readings for Sunday, December 30, 2018

1 John 2.3-11; Psalm 96.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.11a)
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Fundraiser: The Vietnamese Parish of St. Philip Minh in Winnipeg is once again selling Spring Rolls. Packages of 24 rolls (2 dozens) are available for \$15 per box. Contact Father John Tê Nguyễn after mass or e-mail him at huute.nguyen@yahoo.com or call [\(431\) 225 - 2629](tel:431-225-2629) to place your order.

Marriage Tips

December 23, 2018

As we remember the birth of Jesus on at Christmas, let it be a call to honour our human nature. Christ honoured humanity by humbly taking on our human condition. Allow yourself and your spouse to be human today; even to make mistakes.

Stewardship Reflections

December 23, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Advent

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.



December 23rd, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Christmas Preparations

Our Christmas preparations are first and foremost on our agendas! We have gifts to purchase and wrap; trees to decorate and food to prepare ... But beyond the material preparations, how do we prepare spiritually for Christmas? Today's readings offer us three suggestions.



Celebrate life

Today’s Gospel describes a meeting of two women: an elderly woman who is pregnant and a young girl who is pregnant earlier than expected. The elderly Elizabeth greets Mary with an exclamation inspired by the Holy Spirit, one that is prophetic. *Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* Mary is blessed because she carries the Child who is the Source of all blessings. The first blessing in the Bible is one for life: *God blessed them saying, “Be fruitful and multiply...”* (Genesis 1:22). Jesus is the blessing who brings life: *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10).

The life that God offers us through Jesus is greater than anything on earth, greater than illness or death, than old age and war. As the angel said to Mary: *Nothing will be impossible with God* (Luke 1:37).

Celebrate joy

Not only did the two women connect, but a relationship developed between the babies within their mothers’ wombs. Elizabeth felt her baby (John the Baptist) move joyfully as he acknowledged the Savior’s presence. John the Baptist fulfills an important role during Advent. He recognized and identified the Savior whom we welcomed. Let’s set aside time for moments of reflection and silence to welcome the One who is the Source of our joy.

Celebrate the first beatitude

For Christians, the first beatitude in St. Matthew’s Gospel is from Christ’s teaching on the mountain: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 5:3). In St. Luke’s Gospel, Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, proclaimed the first beatitude: *Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord* (Luke 1:45). How do we describe Mary’s faith? It comes down to one word *welcoming*. She welcomes God who is faithful to his promise. Mary has complete confidence in God and welcomes Him in her body, mind, intelligence, will and emotions. Mary’s self and existence became the abode of our infinite God. Mary offers herself to God so that our Savior can enter our world to inhabit, heal and transform it. Through Mary, the faith of the people of Israel reached its peak and the faith of the Church had its Source. According to some authors, Mary’s faith was so cherished that even when she was taken up to heaven, she kept it, not for herself alone, but to share with us. With Mary, we welcome God into our lives.

My preparations for Christmas begin by praying to Mary, God’s mother, to share her faith with me.

Georges Madore, s.m.m.

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli