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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, July 12th - 9:00 am – Thérèse & Denis Furet (Cécile & Albert Furet)

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

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

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Jean & Janice Souque**

God's Share: July 5th - \$430.00 (17) + \$5.00 (loose) + \$15.00 (DD) = **\$450.00**

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>July 12th</u>	<u>July 19th</u>	<u>July 26th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Marcel Dufault	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Volunteers please	Denise & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.

Readings for Sunday: July 19, 2020

Wisdom 12, 13.16-19; Psalm 86 Romans 8.26-27 Matthew 11. 25



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 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Come Celebrate Bastille Day – Sunday, July 12th:

As has been the custom for 124 years in St. Claude, the traditional July 14th 'Bastille Day' celebration (The French National Holiday) will be held on Sunday, July 12.

Program: 11 a.m. – Open air Mass at the Grotto (weather permitting).
 12 noon – commemorative ceremony at the Cenotaph.
 12:30 p.m. – Light lunch of hot dogs, salads, drink, dessert.

Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Organized by the St. Claude Historical Society

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 12, 2020 – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Thought of the Week:

Every follower of Jesus can do his or her part to change the world. It is up to you to seed the world with the certainties of the Word of God.

Alain Faucher, priest

July 12, 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Certainty in Uncertain Times

Few things are really constant in our lives. Yet, we can count on the beneficial cycle of rain and snow described in first reading. Just about everything else is often up to chance. There are many uncertainties in our daily lives that we can honestly say provide us with anxious moments, adjustments, deep setbacks and sudden advances. Even in the realm of faith, we often navigate through an uncomfortable fog. As St. Paul writes, we don't necessarily reach our goals as we survive the bad times and the crises of growth: *We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies* [Rom 8: 22-23]



This tension that exists between what is already here and what is not-yet here is reflected in a powerful statement from Jesus. He uses agricultural references which would be familiar to his followers who worked the land. Seeds that have been improperly sown will not bring forth positive results. The focus now turns to Christ's comforting message of encouragement and that the phenomenon of growth is possible but not necessarily sustainable. Having understood Jesus' images, we focus on his comforting message about positive growth. St. Paul could have also added that creation and positive forces ultimately will succeed and inspire us throughout our lives.

In Jesus' era, people understood that God's intervention was indispensable for the survival and progress of humanity. God was not perceived as exacting vengeance on mankind, as some modern and deluded *preachers* now state. God is our essential ally for our well-being. St. Paul's faith strongly expressed God's acknowledgement of our human realities and he issued this statement: *I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us* [Rom 8:18]. This glory is evidence of our adoption by God and the result of our bond with Him.

God's gift might meet a lot of opposition. Because of this sometimes nasty feedback, there is a danger that we may too quickly fall into that trap and become fragile, manipulated, or otherwise resistant like fallow soil. Moving beyond these agricultural comparisons, and giving thanks to God, we focus on our progress, advances and strengths. We celebrate God's action at the heart of creation in His garden! May our trust and reliance on God's positive action change our view of the world and our lives...

Alain Faucher, priest

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