



## ST. DENIS Parish

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**Our mission statement: LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – private mass - Rose Vaillant (Yvonne & Eugene Bazin)

Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – private mass – Ernest Montsion (Funeral collection)

Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – private mass – Alphonsine DiNottia(Tognet)  
(Gamby & Katopodis families)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: Simone Lambert

God's Share: Nov.15 & 22 - \$315.00 (10) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$70.00 (DD) = **\$385.00**

Taxes & Insurance Fundraising: Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - **\$1050.00** - YTD = **\$5,525.00**

**Tree Lighting:** December 4<sup>th</sup> will be the night of the tree lighting. Pledge sheets can be picked up and dropped off at the Post Office, at Janice Souque's or at Judith Robidoux's. Bulbs are \$5.00 each and can be purchased in honour of or in memory of a loved one.

### **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 40, 1-5.9-11;  
Peter 3, 8-14;

Ps 84 (85);  
Mark 1, 1-8



*November 29, 2020*

*First 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.

### **Sharing from Fr. Peter:**

*Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*A devastating situation has happened in my family. A year ago, my older brother passed away due to a car accident. Yesterday, his wife had gone forever in a traffic collision like her husband. They left behind 4 young daughters. Now they are orphans. One of my nieces is currently hospitalized in critical condition. How heartbreaking...*

*Please keep us in your prayers! Pray that my parents who are now 75 and 70 might be sustained in caring for my nieces. Please pray for the repose of the soul of my sister-in-law Catarina and a MIRACLE for my dear niece in the hospital right now.*

*May God give us strength to overcome these challenges! More than ever, we need your prayers and support.*

*From the bottom of my heart, thank you. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe and healthy. I keep you all in my prayers!*

*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 check to the parish (Box 58) or sign up for direct deposit. Thank you very much for your support.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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, Shawls of Compassion, Cemetery, or other of your choice.

### **Collection envelopes for 2021:**

If you do not have a box to your name and wish to have one for 2021, 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 a teller at the Caisse. Boxes will be ready in early December.

### **\*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](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

### 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.



### Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering. **In French at 9 AM and in English at 10:30 AM.**

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live>

Or on the Diocese's Facebook page at the

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live>

Liturgies will start precisely at the indicated broadcast time.

### 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.

- This Sunday, there will be no Mass livestreamed because Fr. Peter was asked to self isolate at this time, although his COVID-19 test result was negative.

- 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

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent (B)

# Advent Experiences ...



What a delightful surprise! My nephew Joel has just informed us that he, along with his wife and two children, will join us for the Holidays. They found plane tickets that didn't cost an arm and a leg and will fly from Newfoundland to be with us. There are joyful expectations on both sides: from our Newfoundland cousins and our family in the Outaouais Region. According to the Roman missal, Advent is a period of joyful anticipation leading up to the feast of Christmas! What exactly is involved? Why does the Church have this annual celebration?

### Preparing for Our Fulfillment ...

The Church has made Advent an important liturgical season to enlighten us about a fundamental element of our entire Christian life. We are moving beyond living in hope and faith, as promised in the Bible, to celebrating the fulfillment of God's promise. Realistically, Christians cannot remain *static* in the present time, as if everything has been given, completed and accomplished. Christians are always in the process of attaining their personal fulfillment. As St. Paul emphasizes: *Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Christians are also actively pursuing an ultimate goal: one that will bring people of all nations to live in peace and harmony. The whole cosmos - galaxies, planets, astral dust – all are part of this journey towards fulfillment: *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God* (Romans 8:19-21.).

**Living free ...** As we become aware of our "incomplete" state, it allows us to put into perspective what often monopolizes our energies: such as our houses, our cars and certain painful situations. Often these are perceived, not as absolutes, but as elements, steps in the long journey towards our fulfillment.

### Watching and being attentive means...

**We are watching and waiting for mutual joy:** God is waiting for us and will flood us with his joy and life. As we wait, we pray with a word used by the first Christian communities: ***Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus.*** Come, our happiest blessing is your birth that we anticipated and which could only be accomplished by your will.

**Watching means** never forgetting that we are always on a progressive journey and that our lives have meaning.

**Watching means** that our individual existences are part of a great and beautiful project that started long before us and will continue after our time on earth.

**Watching means** that we acknowledge we are the ***leaven*** in our ***human dough***. We must be the ***leaven*** that will transform our world.

**Watching means** being open to the many times that Christ comes into our lives and to his final coming that will complete the history of the world.

Father Georges Madore

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