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

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

**Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM** - livestreamed from St. Denis church  
– Jacques & Thérèse Furet (*Cécile & Albert Furet*)

**Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – private mass – Paul Dedieu** (*funeral collection*)

**Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 AM** - livestreamed from St. Claude church  
- Rose Philippe (*funeral collection*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Lucille Dheilily**

God's Share: Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$280.00 (6) + \$0.00 (loose) + \$35.00 (DD) = **\$315.00**

### Readings for Sunday, January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18, 15-20; Ps. 94 (95) 1-2, 6-7abc, 7d-9;  
1 Corinthians 7, 32-35; Mark 1, 21-28



### **St-Claude Parish Office Hours:**

The parish office will be open on **Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. Please remember to wear a mask if you need to come to the office.

**Virtual Candle Light Memorial Service: Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

Available to view at [www.afh.ca](http://www.afh.ca) or Adam's Funeral Home Facebook page

**Sunday Bulletins:** The bulletins will be sent via email and are also available at André's due to the church remaining closed.

January 24, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

### **Prayer Intention for January, 2021**

**Human Fraternity** – May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### **\*NEW: COVID-19 UPDATES FROM THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA**

PROVINCE MAKES MODEST CHANGES TO PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS PROTECTING MANITOBANS EFFECTIVE JAN. 23.

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=50289&posted=2021-01-21>

\*Restrictions on religious gatherings and the functioning of our churches have not changed. Therefore, no religious gatherings are permitted.

\* Funerals to have up to 10 people in addition to the officiant under clear COVID-19 protection protocols.

### **COVID-19 Vaccines - Moral Questions and Principles**

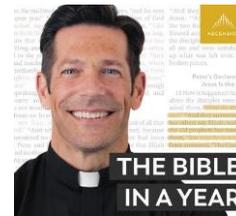
**Is it OK for a Catholic to be vaccinated against COVID-19?** The short answer is: yes, it is.

Yet there are many reasons to ask this question. What could be wrong about a vaccine whose very aim is to save lives? As the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories put it in a December 2, 2020 letter to the Faithful, “the moral issue arises from the fact that vaccine development and testing often make use of cell lines derived from either the tissue of aborted fetuses or destroyed human embryos”. At present, the current vaccines being shipped to Canada do not violate the Church’s teachings. Still, we invite you to explore some resources that can help us all reflect and deepen our understanding of Catholic bioethics, as well as pray for the application of the best medical practices in fighting COVID-19. Please read the link below for more resources.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/health-care/covid-19-vaccine-moral-questions-and-principles/>

### **Adult Faith Formation**

#### **\*NEW\* Bible in a Year Podcast**



The Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by The Great Adventure Bible Timeline, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing

story that continues in your life today! Listen and... 1) Read the ENTIRE Bible 2) Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture 3) Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life 4) Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture. To download the podcast on Spotify, [click here](#). The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) is produced by Ascension, the leader in Catholic faith formation.

Visit [www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear) for the complete Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) reading plan.

## Spiritual Growth

### Adult Faith Growth Workshops: Knowledge for the Soul – February 10 and March 17



Interested in taking time to grow in your faith with others? The Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface is offering online faith growth workshops for adults. Both evenings will be hosted through Zoom and a special guest will share on a particular subject. There will then be time for discussion and questions. First evening will be on **February 10 at 7:00 pm on the theme of: *Let Go & Let God***. The second evening will be on **March 17 at 7:00 pm on the theme of: *Finding God in our Everyday Life***. Registration is necessary to receive Zoom link. [Click here to register](#). Questions? Contact Mireille Grenier, [mgrenier@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mgrenier@archsaintboniface.ca) To view poster, [click here](#)

### 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated **18 to 25 January 2021**. The 2021 theme – *“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”* (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

#### PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

*They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
And he saved them from their distress.  
He sent out his word and healed them,  
And delivered them from destruction.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
For his wonderful works to humankind.  
(Psalm 107:19-21)*

Lord God,

I pray for all who have become sick or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the world.

In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,

In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,

In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have fallen sick,

Welcome into your arms the ones that died,

Comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.

In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.

In love, I give glory to your name.

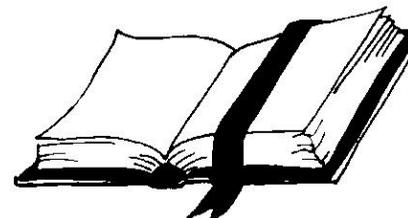
In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

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## God's Word and Our Lives



At each Mass and celebration of the sacraments, we read passages from the Bible. Why then did Pope Francis dedicate a special Sunday to celebrate the Word of God? I believe this was done to make us appreciate the dynamic words which reiterate and emphasize God's gift to us. It is precisely to make us think beyond the uniformity of our daily routines...

The Biblical texts proclaimed at each celebration are not only traces of our history. They remind us of the incredible covenant between God and us and set possible scenarios in motion. This meeting of minds affirms that the time is ripe for something else. Our lives are changing because people just like us are following Jesus, God's messenger. In today's readings, Jonah and St. Paul acted on God's invitation to proclaim that the Kingdom of God was near. The effect of this initiative can be seen today in the work of missionary disciples whose journeys we are invited to join. Despite the ambient noise of our present concerns, lingering disappointments, and expectations, we are still invited to become disciples. The Word of God has a lasting effect on those who discover and receive it with joy and respect. This is what we now celebrate once a year with God's Word.

This Sunday's Gospel is striking as it relates the transformation of some *entrepreneurs* from Galilee into Jesus' disciples. They left everything behind and followed Him for the rest of their lives. It was quite a decision. When Jesus invites us, we must decide between our lives and our love of God. We bring a list of issues to consider that are first and foremost to our advantage. Obviously, we must respect our primary needs such as feeding and dressing ourselves, working and educating our children. Then decisions must be made when we are presented with or seek the opportunity to participate in a Christian activity. We may decline because of previous commitments or hobbies. Let's be frank with ourselves. *God* could become a secondary consideration as we may opt to choose our distractions. There is a lot to consider.

The Gospel tells us that the disciples followed Christ throughout their lives. There was no hesitation: no *“maybe yes”* or *“maybe no”*. Jesus spoke clearly and influenced those whom he invited. Jesus transformed people into disciples who followed him to the end. These disciples were not satisfied with just *knowing* about God's love. Instead, they made the decision to dedicate their lives to Him as God's Word had become essential. Will we be among these disciples?

*Alain Faucher, priest*

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli