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**LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS TRAIN DISCIPLES**

### Eucharistic Celebrations :

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 8:00pm – Jeffrey & Blair St-Germain (Marie-Rose Antoine)**

**Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation**

**Mass – 10:00 am – Blanche Souque (funeral collection)**

**Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – Thanksgiving (Eugene & Yvonne Bazin)**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00am – August Debusschere (S & A Lambert)**

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Yvonne & Eugene Bazin**

God's Share : Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - **\$297.00** (19) + **\$7.00** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$324.00**

Church Cleaning : **Thank you** to all who helped with the cleaning last week.

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>December 29<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020</u>
Readers:	Judith Robidoux	Janice Souque	Annette Bernard
Offerings & Collection	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu	Jean Souque family	Marcel Dheilley family
Communion:	Judith Robidoux	Yvonne Bazin	Michelle Dheilley
Counters:	Michelle & prtnr.	Eugene & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.

***Joy to the world the Lord is come !  
Let earth receive her king !***

## *Nativity of the Lord - December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019*

### MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2019 FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. in St-Claude: Bilingual celebration.**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in St-Claude: Bilingual celebration.**

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

**Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in St-Claude: English celebration.**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Haywood: Bilingual celebration.**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

#### **Prayer Intentions for December, 2019**

- *Universal: The Future of the Very Young* That every country determines to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.
- For our pastor, Fr. Peter, and the members of his family.
- For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
- For those who mourn, who are sick, who suffer from loneliness at Christmas time.

#### **The St.-Claude Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 26, 2019.**

**Donations to the Parish:** Please keep in mind that you can receive a tax receipt for your donations to the parish. Donations need to be made **prior to December 30, 2019** if you want it included in the year.

#### **Pastoral Plan for St-Claude Parish:**

As decided at the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, here are certain details on the schedule for our parish.

- The Tuesday mass at 9:00 am will be in the sacristy for the winter.
- The weekly mass on Wednesdays at the Pavilion will now be at 2:30 pm.
- The Christmas Day and New Year's Day masses at the Pavilion will be at 2:00 pm.
- The sacrament of Reconciliation and adoration on Thursdays will be from 3:00-4:00 pm.
- Saturday mass will be at 5:00 pm following the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 4:30 pm for the winter on a trial basis.

## Marriage Tips

Take a trip down memory lane. Remember your first date or the first time you said, "I love you" to your spouse. Recall the early days of your dating and how you came to realize that you wanted to spend your lives together. Who knew it first?

## Memorial Service in honor of the 2019 deceased members and friends of St-Claude – Haywood: January 12, 2020

The holidays is a time for memories and remembering, but it is not always a happy time. Sometimes we can feel very much alone in the midst of the celebrating. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

For these reasons, the St-Claude Catholic parish will offer Candlelight Memorial Services on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the St-Claude Church. Come out and share with us in a time of remembrance. The service will be followed by a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. *See program on bulletin board.*

## Talk with the Archbishop - for separated/divorced people - January 12, 2020

A "Talk with the Archbishop" meeting for separated/divorced persons will take place on Sunday, January 12, 2020, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at the Provencher Salon of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface (151 avenue de la Cathedrale). This meeting will be a 'workshop' type and is part of a series of meetings with Bishop LeGatt. The goal is to create diocesan initiatives for separated/divorced persons. The event is an opportunity to share experiences, and to see how to meet the needs of separated/divorced persons in our archdiocese.

Refreshments and a light snack will be offered. On-site childcare will be available. For information or to register before January 8, 2020, please contact Sophie from the Marriage, Family and Life Service at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface: [mfv@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfv@archsaintboniface.ca); 204-594-0274.



**To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord....Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! (Lk 2:11, 14).**

**Merry Christmas !!!**

## *Nativity of the Lord - December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019*

### APOSTOLIC LETTER **ADMIRABILE SIGNUM** OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him....

The origin of the Christmas crèche is found above all in certain details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, as related in the Gospels. The evangelist Luke says simply that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (2:7). Because Jesus was laid in a manger, the nativity scene is known in Italian as a *presepe*, from the Latin word *praesepeum*, meaning "manger".

Coming into this world, the Son of God was laid in the place where animals feed. He became the first bed of the One who would reveal himself as "the bread come down from heaven" (*Jn* 6:41). Saint Augustine, with other Church Fathers, was impressed by this symbolism: "Laid in a manger, he became our food" (*Sermon* 189, 4). Indeed, the nativity scene evokes a number of the mysteries of Jesus' life and brings them close to our own daily lives.

Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.

To read the full text of Pope's Francis apostolic letter, please visit the following link:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20191201\\_admirabile-signum.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html)