



ST. DENIS Parish

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Eucharistic Celebrations :

Sunday, Dec. 8th - 9:00am – Peter le Van Nham (*Cécile & Albert Furet*)

Friday, Dec. 13th - 9:00am – Adoration and reconciliation
Mass – 10:00 am – August Debusschere (*funeral collection*)

Sunday, Dec. 15th - 9:00am – Victor & Marie-Ange Massinon
(*Raymond, Rachel Massinon & family*)

Sanctuary Lamp – this week: **Marcel & Michelle Dheilly.**

God's Share : Dec. 1st - **\$375.00** (18) + **\$35.25** loose + **\$20.00** (dd) = **\$430.25**

<u>Ministries :</u>	<u>December 8th</u>	<u>December 15th</u>	<u>December 24th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Lucille Dheilly	Judith Robidoux
Offerings & Collection	Eugene Bazin & Albert Furet	Marcel Dequier family	Gérald Poirier & Guy Dedieu
Communion:	Michelle Dheilly	Lucille Dheilly	Judith Robidoux
Counters:	Annette & prtnr.	Lucille & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.

Church Cleaning : **December 16th at 1:30 pm. – General Christmas cleaning.**

Meal at l'Accueil d'Âge d'Or of Haywood : Tuesday, December 10th at noon –
Please call your contact person or phone 204-379-2705 to give your name before Monday evening. Everyone welcome. \$8.50 for adults.

2nd Sunday of Advent (A) – December 8th, 2019

MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME 2019 FOR ST-CLAUDE AND HAYWOOD

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Tuesday, December 24th at **8:00 p.m.** in Haywood: **Bilingual** celebration.
Tuesday, December 24th at **11:00 p.m.** in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.
Wednesday, December 25th at **10:00 a.m.** in St-Claude: **Bilingual** celebration.

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

Tuesday, December 31st at **8:00 p.m.** in St-Claude: **English** celebration.
Wednesday, January 1st at **9:00 a.m.** in Haywood: **Bilingual** celebration.
Wednesday, 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.

Advent Reconciliation Schedule for Mountain Deanery:

- Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Holland
- Tuesday, December 17 at 7 :30 p.m. in Somerset.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in St-Léon.
- Thursday, December 19 at 7 :00 p.m. in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes.
- Friday, December 20 at 7 :00 p.m. in Carman.
- **Sunday, December 22 at 2 :00 p.m. in St-Claude for St-Claude and St-Denis.**



Meeting of the Knights of Columbus: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the sacristy in St. Claude.

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.
- Beginning on Saturday, December 14, 2019, the 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.

Second Sunday of Advent (A) - December 8th, 2019

Inspiring Hope



Installation for Father Peter: Sunday, December 22, 2019

Installation for Fr. Peter will be on Sunday, December 22nd after the bilingual mass of 10:30 am, celebrated by his Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt. In order to welcome as many parishioners as possible from our both parishes, **the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, December 21 and the 9:00 am mass in Haywood will be cancelled.** The parishioners from St-Denis are invited to join us for this one mass.

After the mass, everyone is welcome to a soup, sandwich and dessert lunch at the St-Claude Community Centre (north hall), prepared by the members of the Hutterite Colony. The cost for lunch will be \$10 per person. Following the lunch, parishioners of St-Claude and St-Denis are invited to participate in the Celebration for Reconciliation at 2:00 pm.

We invite the collaboration and volunteers of the parish committees to prepare the hall before the mass and help with the cleanup after lunch.

Celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 9, 2019

There will be a celebration at **10 a.m. in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes** to mark this 50th anniversary and the monks' transition from the monastery to this town. This is a local celebration; all are invited, especially to the faithful of the nearby parishes, for example, Holland, Swan Lake, Bruxelles, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Somerset and St-Claude and Haywood. **Welcome to all.**

Office Hours for Parish Secretary:

Beginning December 1st, 2019, the parish office will be closed on Mondays and Wednesdays. We ask you to leave a message if needed and please refrain from calling at home. Office hours will be from **8:30 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.** Fr. Peter's day off is on Mondays. In an emergency, please contact him at **204-952-4531.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Bulletin Online:

If you wish to receive the weekly bulletin online, please contact the parish office. Your email address will remain confidential. You will receive it on Friday mornings.

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. Assisting will be Adam's Funeral Home. The service will be followed by a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Faith, as shared in Church, opens onto a vast and hopeful horizon as we anticipate Christ's return. Despite whatever tribulations we endure, our Church encourages us to focus on a future far beyond our past and present circumstances. Christ took on our human flesh, suffered, died for us and rose from the dead two millennia ago. As we prepare for Christmas, we renew our commitment to maintain our faith as St. John the Baptist told his followers: *Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire* (Mt 3:10).

As we celebrate Advent, we move beyond our present circumstances and hopefully anticipate our *future*. How did the authors of these biblical texts express these magnificent promises? There are a series of remarkable and inspiring images to support our desire to engage in the joyous expectation of Christ's return. This strategy is especially evident on this second Sunday of Advent. Many images from Mediterranean countries unveil our world's destination, according to God's plan. Here are some examples that anticipate the joyful transformations that are possible in our world.

In the first reading, the shoot that sprouts from the root of Jesse, David's father, proclaims a dramatic reversal of what could be expected. In biblical times, a tree was a treasure and a dead tree, a symbol of sin. I remember seeing a stump of an olive tree in an Italian orchard with a shoot which had produced a branch. This new life could become an olive tree and potentially last for a thousand years.

The prophet Isaiah prophesized the birth of a descendant of a royal family that people thought had ceased to exist. This descendant would be a man of God and a rallying sign for everyone. This king would symbolize and guarantee God's presence among his people. Hope was also reinforced by the images of wild and domestic animals that would co-exist peacefully on earth and enjoy a vegetarian diet. The world would then return to the harmony of earlier days.

The Gospel is also teeming with strong images. We learn details of St. John the Baptist's life in the desert: his clothes, food and agricultural references. He mentions the unproductive tree that is cut down and burned. He also uses the image of gathering wheat into the granary and burning the chaff at the end of the harvest. The image is clear: conversion leads to a sorting process, a final, definitive judgment and the growth that God has dreamed for our world.

Alain Faucher, priest Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli