

2025  
Tax Receipts  
are available at  
the back of the  
church

INTERESTED IN SINGING?  
**JOIN THE  
EASTER VIGIL  
CHOIR**  
 

Contact Patrice  
at 780-293-7767

Please Call or visit the  
office for any update  
on your Contact Info



## Sacramental Prep Course



These preparation sessions are for children, who are currently in Grade 3 or older.

### First Reconciliation

#### Preparation - Church



Session 3 - Sunday, Feb 8 2-4 pm

Reception of First Reconciliation

Tuesday, Feb 10 6:30pm

### Sacrament of Confirmation

#### Preparation - Church



Session 1 - Sunday, Mar 1 2-4 pm

Session 2 - Sunday, Mar 8 2-4 pm

Session 3 - Sunday, Mar 15 2-4 pm

Confirmation Celebration

Friday, April 10

# SOUP & A BUN

"JOIN OUR LENTEN  
TRADITION!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS  
TO PREPARE SOUP  
FOR OUR  
'SOUP & A BUN'  
GATHERINGS,  
SERVED EVERY FRIDAY  
DURING LENT."

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL  
DIANE AT 780-826-2917



Have a good singing voice?

### Join the Choir

**Youth & Sat  
Mass Choir**  
Call Patrice at  
780-293-7767

#### French Choir

Call Anna at 780-812-1682.  
Practise is Thurs 7:30 pm.  
Reading in French is an asset but  
not required.



#### English Choir for Sun Mass

Call Germaine  
at 780-812-0846

### Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

#### 2026

Feb 8 - French  
Feb 15 - English  
Feb 22 - French  
Mar 1 - Youth

Mar 8 - French  
Mar 15 - English  
Mar 22 - French  
Mar 29 - English  
Apr 5 - French

Apr 12 - Youth  
Apr 19 - French  
Apr 26 - English  
May 3 - French  
May 10 - English

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**  
Dave Scott, **Maintenance** – part-time  
Jojo Policarpio, **Secretary**  
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010  
OR email [officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca](mailto:officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca)  
Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – **Chairperson**  
Members -----

Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus  
Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary  
Vince MacDonald Wayne Marks  
Leona Bonneau Marie Southcombe  
Audrey Campbell Gerard Germain  
Jason Morgan Nathan Gumangan  
Maria Shea Lise Medford  
Sheldon Germain

#### Family Committee

Regimbald Family \* Taylor Family

#### Finance Committee

Russ Yarmuch \* Luc Vincent \* Loriann Lafrenière \*  
Stacey Taylor \* Carrie Goldsmith \* Isabelle Hetu

#### Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell \* Germaine Prybysh.

#### Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh \* Annette Schultz  
Robert Albert \* Paul Husereau \* Yvonne Primeau

#### Adoration

Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085

#### Adult Servers

- Dan Dugas

#### Baptism Preparation

- JoJo Policarpio

#### Bldg & Maintenance Concerns

- Roger Lafreniere

#### Camp St. Louis:

780-645-3277

#### Collections

- Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

**Communion in the Homes** - Call the Parish Office.

**Sacramental Preparation** - Mel Poulin

**Knights of Columbus** -

Vince Spila

#### Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Marriage Preparation** – Call Fr. Rene

6 months in advance.

#### Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald

Sunday: Margaret Borders

Dimanche: Anna Laplante

**Pastoral Care** – Call Parish Office

**RCIA** – Call Parish Office

**Sacristan** - Janet Anctil

**Sunday School** – Natasha Miller

Suzanne Antoniuk

# Paroisse St. Louis de France Parish

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## Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
First Friday -After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

**Feb 1 2026**



## Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday and Friday : 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital  
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge

First Friday: 6 pm

Last Friday : 10:30 am Extendicare

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Soul-searching

If hearing the Beatitudes from St Matthew's Gospel cause us to feel a little uneasy, they are probably meant to do so. They are like a spiritual tonic, to help us probe and clear our conscience. If taken quite literally they seem to be too idealistic, too unworldly for us. But Jesus meant them as words of life, to bring out the best in us. They make no strictly enforceable demands, they are not a set of laws, they are not meant to lay a burden of guilt on our shoulders. What they do is describe in eight striking sentences of the marvellous freedom we can enjoy, if we are not too tied to ownership. Jesus speaks from experience, because he himself lived the Beatitudes fully.

Although laid down as commandments, they are revolutionary ideals, going well beyond the beatitudes found in the Old Testament Wisdom books. The Wisdom writers describe as happy the man who has a good wife, docile and obedient children, faithful friends, and prosperity in all his undertakings. But according to Jesus, the happy and blessed are not those who are currently enjoying wealth and success, but rather the poor, the hungry, the mourners, the despised and persecuted. Naturally we wonder just what he meant by the "poor in spirit." Was it people in material poverty, or rich people who were not overly attached to their money, or spiritual-minded people who for whom God meant everything? In practice the majority of the population of the Graeco-Roman world in those times were in material poverty.

Certainly the "poor in spirit" must include people in humble circumstances who made do without complaint. Their lives were in shape contrast to the arrogant spirit of the upper-class minority who owned most of the wealth and controlled the lives of others. Long before Christ the Psalmist wrote, "This poor man called, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his distress" (Ps 34:6) . The poor could not rely on wealth for their security, so they relied on God, who alone was their hope and strength. Jesus did not praise material poverty but taught that a humble disposition draws us near to God.

Paradoxically, He did not agitate for social reform, or call for a coup d'état. Later he says, "Lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven" (Mt 6:19+) . He utterly refused to be a part of any violent rebellion but was called the friend of publicans or tax collectors. Despite his miraculous feeding of the multitudes, His concern seems never to have focussed on agitation for economic reform.

Source: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/01-feb-2026-4th-sunday-a-feast-of-st-brigid/>

## THE BEATITUDES

**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed** are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**Blessed** are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

**Blessed** are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**Blessed** are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**Blessed** are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:3-10

It was on people themselves, the human person in relation to God, that he focused his mission. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these other things will be given you as well" (Mt 6:33) . Certainly his sympathy went out to the humble, the toilers and heavily laden. He blessed those who have only God to turn to, the powerless, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. All these will be comforted. They will have mercy shown them. Theirs will be the kingdom of heaven. To them the love of God will reveal the meaning of life. They will be called children of God and shall see God face to face.□

# BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On February 3, the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles.

St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles (blessed on Candlemas) are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

*“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

## Crossed Candles

Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol.

*St. Blaise, pray for us!*

Source: <https://dioceseofprovidence.org/news/february-3-the-feast-of-saint-blaise>



Catholic Health Care Week  
February 1 – 7 2026

## *Our Roots in Catholic Health Care*

Catholic health care is the cornerstone of health care in Alberta. More than 155 years ago, the Sisters of Charity (also known as the Grey Nuns) arrived from Montreal with deep faith and an unwavering commitment to serve the most vulnerable.

They built the first hospitals in remote and underserved communities not for recognition, but in faithful response to the Gospel and the call to live out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Those courageous beginnings grew a ministry that continues today through Covenant and through supporters like you. Caregivers, staff, volunteers and donors across generations have carried this sacred mission forward caring for the human person at every stage of life from birth to natural death.

**This is our legacy – and yours, too. Together, let's ensure it continues.**



A Sister of Charity with children in Edmonton



Nurses in training at the first Vegreville hospital, 1932

## Eucharistic Adoration

### *What is Adoration?*

Adoration is a time of prayer and worship before Jesus in the blessed sacrament. Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist ~ Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

### *Why do we do it?*

- To spend time with Jesus, like visiting a close friend
- To pray and reflect in silence
- To grow in faith and peace



Adoration is every Tuesday following 9 AM mass till 1PM.  
The first Friday of every month it is after 6 PM mass till 7:30PM  
Come for 15, 20 maybe 30 minutes. It feels good for the mind and soul.  
If you have any questions, please call or text Sylvie at 403-861-0425

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 5:3*

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Jan 31	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		Saint John Bosco
Sunday dimanche Feb 1	10:00 am	Church	+Rose Ducharme	Denis Ducharme	
Monday Lundi Feb 2					Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday mardi Feb 3	9:00 am 9:30-1 pm	Church	+ Doris Lapointe <b>Blessing of the Throat</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	Therese Dallaire	Feast of Saint Blaise
Wednesday Mercredi Feb 4	10:30 am	Hospital	+ Janet Baik	Remi & Debbie Caoette	
Thursday jeudi Feb 5	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+Ernest Campeau	Ernest & Pauline Chartrand	Saint Agatha
Friday Vendredi Feb 6	6:00 pm 6:30-7:30pm	Church	For Parishioners Eucharistic Adoration		Saint Paul Miki & Companions
Saturday samedi Feb 7	5:00 pm	Church	+Owen Peter <b>Blessing of Candles</b>	Gabrielle Tellier	Our Lady's Saturday
Sunday dimanche Feb 8	10:00 am	Church	+Lionel & Maria Lafond <b>Blessing of Candles</b>	Terry & Paulette Coleman	Saint Jerome Emiliani/Saint Josephine Bakhita

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
Jan 25 Offering	\$2341.00	Offrandes 25 janvier
Building Fund	305.00	Remplacement du toit
Missal	7.00	Offre du Nouvel An
New Year's Day	20.00	Enveloppes
*Does not include e-transfers		
Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

### Blessing of the Throat

9:00 am Mass Feb 3 Tuesday



### First Friday Mass

February 6, 2026 at 6 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration to follow till 7:30 pm



### Lenten Community Confession

March 18, 2026 at 7 pm

### February 2026 Pope's Prayer Intention/ Intention de prière du Saint-Père

#### For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

#### Pour prier avec la Parole de Dieu

Prions pour que les enfants atteints de maladies incurables et leurs familles reçoivent les soins médicaux et le soutien nécessaires, sans jamais perdre force et espoir.

### Next Week's Readings Feb 8

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 58:6-10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8a-9

R: Light rises in the darkness for the upright.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1Corintians 2: 1-5

I proclaimed to you the mystery of Jesus Christ, and him crucified

#### Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.