

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals *are* necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!



Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 24
Weekday
Jas 3:13–18
Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 25
Weekday
Jas 4:1–10
Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 26
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Thursday
FEBRUARY 27
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
FEBRUARY 28
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
FEBRUARY 29
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
MARCH 1
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7
Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12,
17–19
Mt 4:1–11



February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Mt 5:38–48

Be Perfect

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does perfect mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be *holy*, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between *perfect* and *holy*, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime.

This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where in your life are you being called to consecrate yourself to God and God's work?
- ★ Where in your life are you being challenged to love more unselfishly?

[Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you....Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
MATTHEW 5:44, 48

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Darlyn Hunt: 306-921-6439
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Mary, Mother of God Parish
P.O. Box 830
Kinistino, SK S0J 1H0
New Mass Time:
Sunday Mass: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION:
Kinistino Community Church
118 Kinistino Avenue
Kinistino, SK

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Bradley Merkosky: 306-864-7814
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Mark Powalinsky: 306-864-2587

St. Brieux Parish Liturgical Ministers for the Ash Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020	
Hospitality/Ushers	Dale & Millie Weiman, Albert Mahussier
Lay Leader	Bernard Ferré
Altar Servers	Benjamin, Jacob Knudtson, Luke Mansiere
Liturgy of the Word	Marthe Rohel-Coquet Brock Bertrand
Gifts	Julie & Colette Rheaume
Ministers of the Bread & Cup	Phillip & Jeannette Mansiere, Dennis & Louise Suignard, Dan Hunt

Mary, Mother of God Parish Liturgical Ministers for the Ash Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020	
Liturgy of the Word	Shannon Borsa
Presentation of the Gifts	Christianson Family
Body and Blood of Christ.	Joanne Jansen Mark Powalinsky

Mary, Mother of God Parish Liturgical Ministers for the First Sunday of Lent Mar. 1, 2020	
Liturgy of the Word	Joanne Jansen
Presentation of the Gifts	Lasuik Family
Body and Blood of Christ.	Mark Powalinsky Mike Rybinski

Mary, Mother of God Eucharistic Celebration

Sun. Mar. 1	4:00 p.m.	For Alfred & Rita Soulier at the request of the Soulier family
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St. Brieux Parish Eucharistic Celebrations

Tues. Feb. 25	12:05 p.m.	For Wilna Ferre at the request of Bernard & Fern Ferre and Family
Wed. Feb. 26	10:30 a.m.	For Robert Boissiere at the request of Jackie & Dale Laczko
Wed. Feb. 26	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs. Feb. 27	10:00 a.m.	For Joan Orachesky at the request of Roger & Janet Creurer and Ron & Marie
Fri. Feb. 28	10:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Sat. Feb. 29	7:00 p.m.	For Joan Orachesky at the request of Roger & Janet Creurer and Ron & Marie Gregoire
Sun. Mar. 1	9:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners

St. Brieux Parish Liturgical Ministers for the First Sunday of Lent Mar. 1, 2020	
Altar Prep	Darlyn Hunt
Hospitality/Ushers	Kristen Bertrand & family
Lay Leader	Rick Coquet
Altar Servers	Emma Thomas, Riley & Amy Kovacs
Children’s Liturgy	Kristen Bertrand Brock Bertrand
Liturgy of the Word	Percy King Kathy Bedard
Collection	Dennis & Louise Suignard, Julie Rheaume, Robert Fagnou, Patrick Assié
Gifts	Kevin & Jacquie Mudrik
Ministers of the Bread & Cup	Terry Valmont, Denis & Lorette Mevel, Percy King
Collection Counters	Jackie Laczko, Gisele Sorenson, Wanda Lefebvre, Émilie Ferré

<u>Collections</u>
St. Brieux: Feb. 16: \$1077.00
Mary, Mother of God: Feb. 16: \$125.00

<p><u>St. Brieux Parish Office Hours</u> Fr. George– Available through the week Reconciliation – One half hour prior to Sunday Mass or by appointment please. Francine – Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Note: Items for the Sunday Bulletin should be at the Parish office by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to ensure that it gets into the bulletin. Thanks in advance! <u>ST. BRIEUX PARISH MISSION STATEMENT</u> “As a community of faith in St. Brieux, we wish to provide all parishioners – especially the youth – the opportunity to discover their inner spirit and strength through liturgical participation. By sharing our talents and knowledge with each other, we become more like Christ.” <u>Are You New To The Parish?-</u> For information on programs, ministries or any information we can help you with; please contact the Parish Office at (306) 275-2043. <u>VISITS FROM FATHER GEORGE:</u> If you would like to invite Fr. George to your home for a visit, contact him by phone at 306-275-2043 or 306-921-5005. <u>SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE</u> Our Roman Catholic Church has seven Sacraments: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Order, and Marriage. These are all important in our journey of faith together. To help you understand your faith on a much deeper personal level, special programs are designed for each Sacrament.</p>	<p><u>BAPTISM:</u> All expecting parents, and parents who are wishing their child to be baptized into the Catholic faith, are expected to attend all baptismal preparation sessions. Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact Fr. George at 306-275-2043 or 306-921-5005 so arrangements can be made. <u>RECONCILIATION:</u> Fr. George is available for the half hour before Sunday Mass. If you would like to receive this Sacrament at any other time, please contact Fr George at 306-275-2043 or 306-921-5005 to make arrangements. <u>MARRIAGE:</u> To help you prepare for this Sacrament couples are asked to contact their Pastor at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage and before planning other details. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. George at 306-275-2043 or 306-921-5005 <u>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</u> If you know of some-one in our parish who is sick, is going to have an operation or is in hospital and may like a visit from our Pastor, contact Fr. George by phone at 306-275-2043 or 306-921-5005. Please also pray that the sick of our parish and community will experience healing and comfort. <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-</u> Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions are for adults who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith or wish to receive the sacrament Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 306-275-2043. Mass times in St. Brieux this week: Tuesday: 12:05 p.m. Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Chateau Providence Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Friday: NO MASS Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Mass time in Kinistino: Sunday: 4:00 p.m.</p>

*“Celebrate Christ:
From Mass to Mission”*
Advent 2019 – Christ the King 2020

Our Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, help us to follow you in responding to evil with perfect love. May our witness effectively build your Kingdom of mercy and love. Amen.

Stewardship: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy.” When we pray for others, even “our enemies,” maybe it softens their hearts as well.

<http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Vocation Corner:

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

A Vocation View: We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

Prayer: For all those called to be perfected through the vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will bear lasting fruit, we pray to the Lord.

Action: SAINTS ARE MODELS FOR US – and there are many websites offering great information! Some of them are <https://mycatholic.life/saints/> and usccb.org.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Family Faith Encounter is organized by the Adult and Family Faith Formation Commission of the Diocese of Prince Albert. It is sponsored by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. It hopes to gather families to have a faith-filled experience through talks, activities, and music. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Family Love: a vocation and a path to holiness.” Featured speakers are Bishop Albert Thévenot, M. Afr. and Tim Staples from Catholic Answers (for more information go to catholic.com <<http://catholic.com>>). Various performers will be present to give entertainment. **Location:** Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Laurent, Duck Lake. **When:** June 12 (Friday) & 13 (Saturday) 2020. **Please register for souvenirs! You can bring your camper to the site. For more information please contact Fr Millan Sajonas 306-763-5677 or email bmjs1981@gmail.com <<mailto:bmjs1981@gmail.com>>**

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Feb. 25: Mass is at 12:05 p.m.

Feb. 25: St. Brieux Parish Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper from 4-6 p.m. in the church.

Free Will offerings gratefully accepted. Thank you to Dan & Darlyn Hunt for putting on this fundraiser.

Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday Mass in St. Brieux is at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 28: No Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar. 1: St. Brieux Parish Coffee Sunday. Everyone is welcome to stay for food and Fellowship after Mass.

Mar. 3: Diocesan Cemetery Workshop will be held on Tuesday, **March 3, 2020** at St. Mark Catholic Church (581-9th St East). Registration 10:00 a.m. Workshop 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no workshop fee and we will simply take a collection offering to cover the cost of the lunch. This workshop is sponsored by The Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

Mar. 4: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Session 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church.

Mar. 7: P.A. Diocesan Charismatic Conference will be held on Saturday **March 7, 2020** at St. Vital Parish (11-18th St. E.), Battleford, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ***Give The Holy Spirit Space In Your Life***, Fr. Peter Nnanga, MSP is presently the pastor of Spiritwood. A gifted and enthusiastic speaker; filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit!! ***The Lord's Chosen***, Fr. Frederick Akah, MSP is presently the pastor at Hafford. Charismatic and blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!!!! Fr. Roger Lavoie and Fr. Sebastian Kunnath will also be present for confession and celebration of the Mass. Music ministry by Gary Francis, Sharon and Erica Koch. ***Praise and Worship, Reconciliation, Prayer for Healing, Prayer for Deliverance, Anointing.*** \$30.00 Adults; Family Rate \$50.00; Pay at the door; lunch and snacks provided. If you have children coming, please call or text 306-883-9313 (Helen).

Mar. 8: St. Brieux Parish Liturgical Committee meeting after Mass.

Mar. 10-11: Lenten Retreat: Mary at the Foot of the Cross You are Cordially Invited to a Lenten Retreat: Mary at the Foot of the Cross, to be held on **March 10 & 11, 2020**

(Tuesday & Wednesday) at St. Joseph Parish, Prince Albert, SK. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Talk at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Fr. Roque S. Concepcion. For more details, please call St. Joseph Parish office at 306-764-4942, or send email to st.josephschurchpa@sasktel.net.

Mar. 11: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Session 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church.

Mar. 13-14: Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus is inviting you to attend a weekend retreat on March 13-14, 2020 at the Holy Family Cathedral in Saskatoon. The theme of the weekend is "Into the Breach II: Equipped and Empowered" by André Regnier. More information at <https://www.padiocese.ca/knights-of-columbus>

Mar. 17: St. Brieux Parish Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 18: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Session 6 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Mar. 18: Deadline for St. Brieux Parish Annual Reports from the various committees and ministries within our parish.

Mar. 19: Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. in St. Brieux church.

Mar. 25: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Session 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church.

Mar. 28: Extended Deanery Meeting for *Deanery 2* in Tisdale at Immaculate Conception Church.

Mar. 29: St. Brieux Parish Annual Meeting immediately following Mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

World Youth Day, Lisbon, 2022

Are you interested in participating in World Youth Day, Lisbon, 2022? The planning process is beginning. If you are interested in serving on a planning committee or interested in attending World Youth Day, please contact Louis Hradecki, 306-922-4747 ext. 233, socialjustice@padiocese.ca. Thank you.

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: St. Brieux Parish has a group of people who have made it their ministry to pray for you and others. Since this group has come together, they have prayed almost daily for special requests that have been received. Intercessory Prayer Requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information by contacting Terry Valmont (by text or call) on her cell at 306-920-8771.

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day

www.clicktopray.org

If you would like to join Pope Francis in prayer every day, now there is an app to make it easy: 'Click to Pray.' You can find it in the App Store on your mobile phone.

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QUEEN'S HOUSE/RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTRE PROGRAMS, SASKATOON

<https://www.padiocese.ca/queen-s-house-retreat-renewal-centr>

LEAVING A LEGACY

REMEMBERING YOUR CHURCH

By leaving a gift in your will or estate to St. Brieux Parish, the impact will be felt and remembered for generations. For more information, please contact the parish office at 306-275-2043.

Need a ride to church for Weekend Masses in St. Brieux? Contact the following for a ride at least an hour before Mass.:

Brian Bedard 306-752-3533

Rick Coquet 306-275-2161

Denis Mevel 306-275-2315

Leon Rheume 306-275-4648

Trouble Hearing: Hearing devices are on the table at the back for those hard of hearing. Please make sure it is turned off and returned after Mass.

Mobility Issues: Please let Fr. George know prior to Mass or contact the office on Wednesdays if you are unable to come to the front for Eucharist and wish to receive it where you are seated.

Low Gluten Hosts: If you have an intolerance to gluten in the regular hosts, low gluten hosts can be ordered for you. Please note that there is still a small amount of gluten as required in the hosts. Contact the Parish office for more information or if you require.

Change of Address/Phone Number: Have you gotten rid of your Land Line or have a new address? Please contact the office if you have any changes. The parish office and various ministries are finding it very difficult to get in touch with people.

Coffee Sunday Group Schedule:

Groups are responsible for help with setup and clean up. Thank you in making Coffee Sundays such a great success! New group members are always welcome as some of our members have moved away. If you would like to become a member contact Jocelyn Tuba.

Group 1	March & September
Group 2	April & October
Group 3	May & November
Group 4	June & December
Group 5	July & January
Group 6	August & February

Community Events:

Chateau Providence Auxiliary meet the first Tuesday of the month (with the exception of July & August) at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Room at Chateau Providence. New members welcome.

Knights of Columbus meet the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Den at the Arena. Contact Justin Assié at 306-921-3635 for more information.