



[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

LUKE 2:51

All in the Family

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?*
- ✧ *Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?*

Dear the Parishioners of St. Brioux and Mary the Mother of God, Kinistino!

As your pastor, I am writing a Christmas message to you and your families!

1 John 4:8- *“But anyone who does not love, does not know God, for God is love.”*

God is love. At Christmas, God's love is revealed to all of us in the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. A little Baby who is very tangible. From the beginning of the world to the end, never heard of anything like that; God became one of us. He has pitched his tent in our midst. That is the good news at Christmas; The Creator comes to his creatures as a baby! No one is afraid of a baby. God is saying to all of us; don't be afraid, come to me all you who are carrying heavy loads in life and I will give you rest for your souls. We love babies; they bring us joy and smiles. God wants to share his love to all of his children. He comes to give us true life and real happiness. Let us open our hearts and our families to welcome him in. May you and your loved ones, experience the Joy, Peace and Happiness at the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!

Your priest, father Tru Le.

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. Tru Le: will be available all week except for Monday & Thursday

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Bulletin and information is available on the website:
stbrieuxparish.ca

St. Brieux Parish Mass Times:

Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Time

Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation (St. Brieux):

Fr. Tru is available to hear Confession:

-Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. before 7:00 p.m. Mass

-during the first Friday of the month Adoration Hour from 9-10 a.m.

-Confession is also available by appointment.

Mass Requests: When making a Mass request, Fr Tru asks that it be for a single person, couple or family unit, or, for a single reason. On Sundays, Fr Tru is only allowed to say one requested Mass. The other Mass will always be for "All Parishioners". Requested dates will try to be accommodated where possible. Mass requests are not accepted for dates that are a Monday, which is his day off.



St. Brieux Parish Social Justice is accepting donations for the Food Bank at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Dec. 27-29: Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 29: St. Brieux Parish office is closed.

Dec. 30: No Mass. Diocesan Priests' Christmas Party

Dec. 31: Solemnity of Mary Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary Mass at 11:00 a.m.

(No Saturday evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.)

Jan. 2: Mass of The Epiphany at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux

Jan. 2: Mass of The Epiphany at 4:00 p.m. Kinistino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4-7: Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 5: St. Brieux Parish office open

Jan. 7: First Friday of the month Adoration at 9:00 a.m.

Jan. 8: Mass of the Baptism of the Lord at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux

Jan. 9: Mass of the Baptism of the Lord at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux

Jan. 9: Mass of the Baptism of the Lord at 4:00 p.m. Kinistino

Jan. 11-14: Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 15: Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux

Jan 16: Mass at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux

Jan. 16: Mass at 4:00 p.m. Kinistino

The Giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic his giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.

-St. Nicholas of Myra

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Dec. 28 | 10:00 a.m. | +Fred Gilles by Janet Creurer |
| Wed. Dec. 29 | 10:00 a.m. | For anniversary blessings by Percy & Roseann King |
| Thurs. Dec. 30 | 10:00 a.m. | NO MASS |
| Fri. Dec. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | +Brett Matisz by Bernard, Fernande, Celine & Emilie Ferré |
| Sat. Jan. 1 | 11:00 a.m. | +Jeanne Creurer by Albert & Betty Mahussier |
| Sun. Jan. 2 | 10:00 a.m. | For August King (birthday) by Percy & Roseann King |

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

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| Sun. Jan. 2 | 4:00 p.m. | For All Parishioners |
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Collections

St. Brieux: in Jan. 9, 2022 bulletin

Mary, Mother of God: in Jan. 9, 2022 bulletin

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

"To Serve and Give His Life"

October 17, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Bishop's Annual Appeal Prayer of the Faithful:

That those who have so generously responded to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, may be rewarded with the growth, love and joy that giving generously brings. Let us pray to the Lord...

The Ill & Elderly ministry : Marthe Rohel-Coquet accepted to continue this card ministry and would appreciate being informed of anyone who would be touched by receiving a card in the name of our St. Brieux Parish.

Pray It Forward Prayer Group: to join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Our Prayer for the Week:

Holy Trinity, our families are formed as an image of your Divine relationship. Help us to grow in tenderness and respect towards one another. Grant us the grace and courage to support families in need of attention and care. May we always know and proclaim that a family sharing and growing love is a holy family, Amen.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Prayer of the Faithful:

For love, healing, and hope to be experienced by all families, and for the grace and resources to support families who need extra care, we pray to the Lord.

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/life-family/suggestions-for-homilies-intercessions/>

Vocation Corner: Feast of the Holy Family

A Vocation View: Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace.

Prayer: For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Action: THE LOVING ENVIRONMENT of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people

Stewardship: Feast of The Holy Family

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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

Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day

www.clicktopray.org

Dear Padre,

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12e

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**
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