



*Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.*

JOHN 2:10

BOGDAN SONACHNYI / SHUTTERSTOCK

## What's New?

**F**ew parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ★ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*

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[stbrieuxparish.ca](http://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.

**Our Condolences:** St. Brieux Parish faith community wishes to extend its condolences to Ramona & André Assié and her family on the passing of her mother Mary Theresia Lamb. May she and all the dearly departed rest in peace.**Please pray for those of our parish family, whose family members have been affected by Typhoon Rai in The Philippines, especially the Tuba family.****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****Jan. 18-21:** Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**Jan. 22:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux**Jan 23:** Mass at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux**Jan. 23:** First Eucharist/Confirmation Parents Meeting (St. Brieux) with Fr. Tru after Mass**Jan. 23:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. Kinistino**UPCOMING EVENTS****Jan. 25-28:** Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**Jan. 29:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux**Jan. 30:** Bishop Stephen Hero will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux**Jan. 30:** Bishop Stephen Hero will celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. in Kinistino.

**May we be in this world a ray of light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.**

**-Pope Francis****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.**Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day****[www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org)**



## St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 18	10:00 a.m.	<b>+Dominique Rocher by Jeanne &amp; Gilbert Creurer &amp; Chantel Shaner</b>
Wed. Jan. 19	10:00 a.m.	<b>+Michelle Yeo by Rob &amp; Francine Allen</b>
Thurs. Jan. 20	10:00 a.m.	<b>+Brett Matisz by Marie &amp; John Matisz</b>
Fri. Jan. 21	10:00 a.m.	<b>Joan Bakos, for healing by David &amp; Delores Rheume</b>
Sat. Jan. 22	7:00 p.m.	<b>+Dominique Rocher by Elaine Houle &amp; Morris Wituik</b>
Sun. Jan. 23	10:00 a.m.	<b>+Mary Theresia Lamb by Rob &amp; Francine Allen</b>

## Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sun. Jan. 16	4:00 p.m.	<b>For All Parishioners</b>
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## Collections

**St. Brieux: Jan. 9:** \$965.00

**Mary, Mother of God: Jan. 9:** \$130.00

## Our Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you prepare a table for us and your cup overflows. Teach us to do your will in our lives and to proclaim your wonderful deeds you achieve within and for us. Help us to find ways to celebrate you within our families, even in small and simple ways. We pray to the Lord.

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

## **Prayer of the Faithful:**

For renewed joy and celebration in our families, we pray to the Lord.

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

## **Vocation Corner: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**A Vocation View:** There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.

**Prayer:** That all those especially chosen by Christ for the

unique paths of holiness as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother's counsel to do whatever He tells them in loving obedience, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** Consecrated men and women of today have the duty to be witnesses of the transfiguring presence of God in a world that is evermore disoriented and confused, a world where toning down has substituted sharp and distinctive colors....Belonging to the Lord: this is the mission of the men and women who have chosen to follow Christ—chaste, poor and obedient—so that the world may believe and be saved. To belong completely to Christ so as to become a permanent confession of faith, an unequivocal proclamation of truth that frees us from the seduction of the false idols that deceive the world. *Pope Benedict XVI, 2006 Address to superiors general of institutes of consecrated life and Societies of apostolic life*

## **Stewardship: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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



## **SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA- JANUARY 17**

*Dear Saint Anthony, I extend my prayer to you, confident in your compassionate goodness, which can listen and console everyone: be my intercessor before the Lord.*

*You who led an evangelical life, help me to live mine with faith and Christian hope; you who preached the message of charity, inspire the whole of humanity to search for peace and brotherhood; you who supported, even through miracles, the suffering and all those who were facing injustice, please sustain the poor and the forsaken of this world.*

*Bless especially my work and my family, taking away illnesses of body and soul; make me capable of always remaining close to God, both in times of joy or sorrow, with the faith and the love of a son.*

*Amen!*

## **Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25, 2022)**

The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him” (Mt 2:2). The international theme and resources speak to our world’s urgent need for solidarity and transformation in the face of political, economic, and social turmoil, including the challenges and injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ’s manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways.

## **Sunday of the Word of God (January 23, 2022)**

**Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments:** The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls “the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist”. Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, “they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples”. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God’s Word, explains the Pope, “they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work”. An ecumenical value: In the *Motu proprio* (literally, “of his own initiative”), Pope Francis declares that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God”. This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has “ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”.

## **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

February 2nd is World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. **We will celebrate it on January 30, 2022.** In order to learn more about Consecrated Life, and to pray for those individuals who have been called to this life, and for an increase in Vocations to the Consecrated Life, **the diocese is hosting a 2 hour adoration, January 30th, at St. Michael Parish in Prince Albert (1505-13th Street West), from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.**

There will be music, scripture, and reflections on the Consecrated life.



**Synod 2021-2023:** To follow the diocesan Synod plans please go to the diocesan website: <https://www.padiocese.ca/synod2023> where you can currently view Bishop Hero's presentation about the Synod given on October 30 and the opening Mass for the diocesan synodal journey on

November 8, 2020. This page will be updated as more of the diocesan plans unfold.

## **UPCOMING DIOCESAN LED ZOOM EVENTS**

### **Facilitators Training Session – January 19th, 2022, from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

This session is for those organizing a parish group session and those helping to facilitate (lead) the small groups at a parish or a group during the diocesan zoom sessions. We will review how to effectively run a gathering and provide hints on keeping your small groups on track. We will also further explain how to send the results of your consultations back to the diocese committee. If you are part of your parish group or would like to help at the Diocesan Zoom sessions, please register through diocese website.

### **Christian Unity (Ecumenism) Zoom Session – January 26th, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.**

Please invite your friends and acquaintances from the Catholic Church as well as those from other Christian faiths in your community to discuss these questions: What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other Christian traditions and denominations? What do we share, and how do we journey together? What fruits have we drawn from walking together? Where are the difficulties? How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other? If you would like to attend the Synod session on Christian Unity, please register through the diocese website.

### **Other Upcoming Zoom Sessions:**

- **Main Synod Questions (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out) – February 9<sup>th</sup>** register through diocese website.
- **Celebration (The Mass, Prayer, Devotions (rosary, pilgrimages etc.)) – February 23<sup>rd</sup>** register through the diocese website.
- **Main Synod Questions (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out) – March 9<sup>th</sup>** register through the diocese website.
- **Missionary Disciples (Sharing Responsibility) – March 23<sup>rd</sup>** register through the diocese website.



# Dear Padre,

**I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?**

**I** imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,  
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

### Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,  
37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

### Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

### Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,  
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

### Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,  
19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

### Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10  
1 Cor 12:12–30  
or 12:12–14, 27  
Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21