

## Fulfilled in Your Hearing

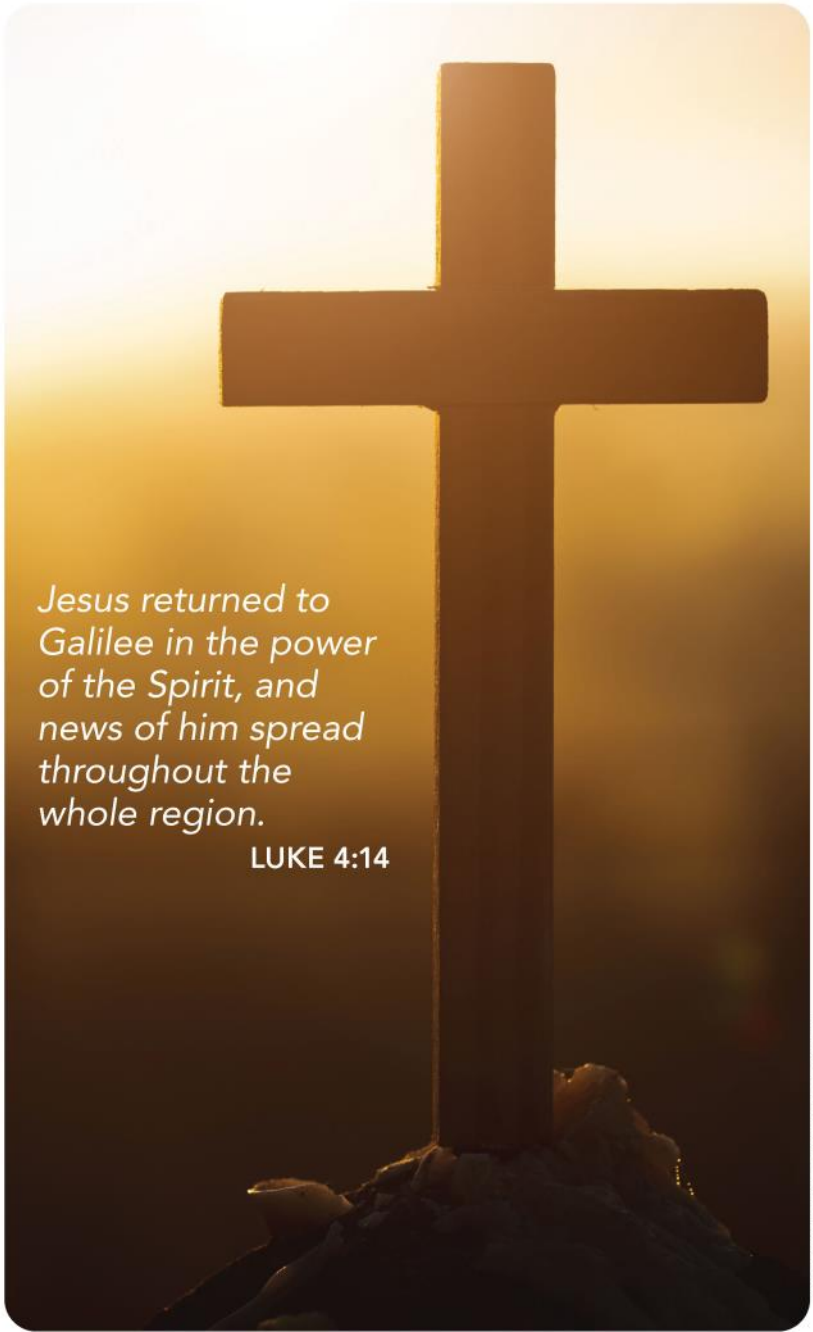
**W**hen we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy.

However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.*

LUKE 4:14

### FOR Reflection

- ✱ *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*
- ✱ *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*

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**St. Brieux Parish Office Hours****Fr. Tru Le:** is available all week except Monday, his day off.**Francine:** Wednesday 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.Bulletin and information is available on the website: [stbrieuxparish.ca](http://stbrieuxparish.ca) and our Facebook page: **St. Brieux Catholic Church.****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.

**St. Brieux Parish Social Justice is accepting donations for the Food Bank at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!****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.**EVENTS THIS WEEK****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.****UPCOMING EVENTS****Feb. 1-4 :** Weekday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**Feb. 4:** First Friday of the Month Adoration at 9:00 a.m. St. Brieux**Feb. 5:** Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Brieux**Feb. 6:** Mass at 10:00 a.m. St. Brieux**Feb. 6:** Mass at 4:00 p.m. Kinistino**St. Brieux Parish – St. Brieux 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Update****Congratulations!!** Your Parish has achieved its goal for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of January 17, 2022, we have received **31** pledges from your parish. The amount pledged to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal by parishioners of your parish is: **\$12,660.00**. The total amount pledged for the Diocese is \$412,322.19 with 1,243 donors. Please extend our thanks to all who pledged.**Mary, Mother of God Parish – Kinistino 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Parish Update****Congratulations!!** Your Parish has achieved its goal for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of January 17, 2022, we have received **11** pledges from your parish. The amount pledged to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal by parishioners of your parish is: **\$2,225.00**. The total amount pledged for the Diocese is \$412,322.19 with 1,243 donors. Please extend our thanks to all who pledged.

## St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	+Mary Lamb by Percy & Roseann King
Wed. Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Farthing(birthday) by Percy & Roseann King
Thurs. Jan. 27	10:00 a.m.	+Brett Matisz by Marie & John Matisz
Fri. Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.	+Jeanne Creurer by Edwin & Christine Bedard
Sat. Jan. 29	7:00 p.m.	+Jeanne Creurer by Gilbert Creurer
Sun. Jan. 30	10:00 a.m.	+Dominique Rocher by Elaine Houle & Morris Wituik

## Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sun. Jan. 30	4:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners
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## Collections

**St. Brieux: Jan. 16:** \$695.00

**Mary, Mother of God: Jan. 16:** \$280.00

**Speak ill of no one and avoid the company of those who talk ill about their neighbours.**  
- St. Jacinta Marto

## Our Prayer for the Week:

God of the broken hearted, help us to continue to listen and be open to the Spirit, not letting ourselves be discouraged. May your Spirit and your Life refresh our souls and enlighten our eyes. Let us set aside time to pray with the Scriptures in our own personal way and together in our families. We pray to the Lord.

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

## **Prayer of the Faithful:**

For those who suffer and who are broken hearted, we pray to the Lord.

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

**Join Pope Francis in Prayer Every Day**

**[www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org)**

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

*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”*

*(NEHEMIAH 8:10)*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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

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

**A Vocation View:** The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be the face of Christ for others.

**Prayer:** For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** The Christian faithful have an obligation to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life by living faithfully the call to holiness, by holding vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in esteem, and by encouraging young men and women to consider the possibility of a call from God to the ordained or consecrated states.

## **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”.



## 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.

## 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

### 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:

• **General Forum addressing the main Synod questions. (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out) – Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** register through diocese website.

If you were unable to attend your parish session, would feel more comfortable joining a Synod session from your home, or are a parish looking to join a Zoom session as the base for your parish gathering, please register and participate in the listening virtually. At this gathering, we will be addressing the main Synod Questions. Before we gather, please take the time to consider these questions prayerfully.

1. Do I feel I belong in my faith community/parish/church and have a role in the Church’s mission? Which situations have made me feel I belong? Which situations have made me feel unwelcome or unheard? Are there those that my faith community excludes, values less or values more?

2. Is my faith community/parish/diocese a safe place for me to speak courageously, candidly, and responsibly about the Church and society? Do I feel heard?

• **Celebration (The Mass, Prayer, Devotions (rosary, pilgrimages etc.)) – February 23<sup>rd</sup>** register through the diocese website.

As Catholics, our sacramental life is central, particularly the Eucharist, which is “the source and summit of our faith (CCC 1324).” Our devotional life is also unique to us. Please invite friends, neighbours and family members to participate in this forum, where we will answer questions about CELEBRATION (The Mass, Prayer, Devotions (rosary, pilgrimages etc.)). Before we gather on February 23rd, please take the time to consider the following questions prayerfully.

How do prayer, devotions (rosary, pilgrimage etc.), and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community? How do they inspire the most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy? What space is given to participating in the ministries of lector and acolyte?

• **General Forum (Belonging/Listening/Speaking Out) – Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** register through the diocese website.

• **-Missionary Disciples (Sharing Responsibility) – Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** register through the diocese website.

# Dear Padre,

**In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?**

**T**he Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. *We* are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 24

*St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

2 Sm 5:1–7, 10

Mk 3:22–30

### Tuesday

JANUARY 25

*The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle*

Acts 22:3–16

or Acts 9:1–22

Mk 16:15–18

### Wednesday

JANUARY 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5

Mk 4:1–20

### Thursday

JANUARY 27

*Weekday*

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

### Friday

JANUARY 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church*

2 Sm 11:1–4a,

5–10a, 13–17

Mk 4:26–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 29

*Weekday*

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

### Sunday

JANUARY 30

*Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

or 13:4–13

Lk 4:21–30