



## Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

### Reflect

***Where am I on the journey of faith?  
How open are my eyes?***

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25



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**St. Brieux Parish Office Hours**

**Fr. Tru Le:** is available all week with the exception of Monday - his day off.

**Janet:** Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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.

1st Friday of the month: Mass 10:00 am. Adoration to follow

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

-The first Friday of the month during Adoration Hour

-Confession is available by appointment.

**Grief Ministry**

Someone is available for you and your family members to talk or just listen.....Call Fr. Tru Le at 306-714-7717

**Pregnancy Crisis Line: 1-800-665-0570**

**Farm Crisis Line: 1-800-667-4442**

**Catholic Family Services: 1-877-922-3202**

for appointment

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Mar 21 - Mar 24:** Mass 10:00 am

**Mar 21:** 7:00 pm - Reconciliation - St. Brieux

**Mar 22:** 7:00 pm - Lectio Divina

**Mar 24:** 7:00 pm - Way of the Cross

**Mar 25:** 6:30 - 7:45 pm - Rosary & Reflection with Bishop Stephen Hero (Sacred Heart Cathedral) . Livestream is also available.

**Mar 25:** Mass 7:00 pm

**Mar 26:** Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

**Mar 26:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar 28 - Mar 31:** Mass 10:00 am

**Mar 29:** 7:00 pm - Lectio Divina

**Mar 31:** 7:00 pm - Way of the Cross

**Apr 01:** Mass 7:00 pm

**Apr 02: Mass times change to 9:00 am**

**Apr 02:** 9:00 am - Palm Sunday - St. Brieux

**Apr 02:** 4:00 pm - Palm Sunday - Kinistino

**Apr 04:** 6:30 pm - Chrism Mass - Prince Albert

**Apr 06:** 8:00 pm - Holy Thursday - St. Brieux

**Apr 06:** 6:00 pm - Holy Thursday - Kinistino

**Apr 07:** 3:00 pm - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - St. Brieux

**Apr 07:** 1:00 pm - Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - Kinistino

**Apr 07:** 3:30 pm - Good Friday Mass - St. Brieux

**Apr 07:** 1:30 pm - Good Friday Mass - Kinistino

**Apr 08:** 7:00 pm - Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) - St. Brieux

**Apr 09:** 9:00 am - Easter Sunday - St. Brieux

**Apr 09:** 4:00 pm - Easter Sunday - Kinistino

**Apr 15:** 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - Extended Deanery Meeting

**Apr 28:** 7:30 am - St. Peter's Chorus Performance

**Apr 30:** Annual General Meeting following Mass

The 'Way of the Cross' will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm 

## St. Brioux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Mar. 21	10:00 a.m.	+Noreen King by Percy & Roseann King
Wed. Mar. 22	10:00 a.m.	Bennett Chillog by Percy & Roseann King
Thurs. Mar. 23	10:00 a.m.	+Floyd King by Percy & Roseann King
Fri. Mar. 24	10:00 a.m.	Joan & Dan Bakos - recovery & good health by Larry & Kathy Nemeth
Sat. Mar. 25	7:00 p.m.	Renante & Analiza Llorca - 23rd Anniversary by Renante & Analiza Llorca
Sun. Mar. 26	10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners

## Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sun. Mar. 26	4:00 p.m.	+Stella Powalinsky by "The Haven Family"
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## Collections

**St. Brioux:** Mar. 12, 2023 - \$1,015.00

**Mary, Mother of God:**  
Mar. 12, 2023 - \$45.00

***Thank you!***

***Congratulations to Mary Mother of God Parish on meeting your Bishop's Annual Appeal goal!***

## Leaving a Legacy

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

**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. Brioux 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

## **Stewardship: March 19th - The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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

## **Vocation Corner: March 19th - The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**A Vocation View:** If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

**Prayer:** That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** WHAT IS A DEACON? A permanent deacon is a man ordained—like bishop or priest—to serve as Christ Jesus who “came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). The word deacon comes from the Greek word for service: diakonia.

A wealth of vocation information is available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org), the website of the US Bishops

## **Prayer for Priests**

LORD, life up your holy priests, deacons and religious. Grant them the graces they need to minister to your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love. Give them courage when things are difficult, and accompany them when they are lonely. Strengthen them in times of weakness. AMEN

**“Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator.”**

**- St. Catherine of Siena**

# Dear Padre,

***Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?***

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●



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**Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## **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*.

### **MONDAY**

March 20  
*St. Joseph*  
2 Sm 7:4–5a,  
12–14a, 16  
Rom 4:13,  
16–18, 22 /  
Mt 1:16, 18–21,  
24a

### **TUESDAY**

March 21  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 47:1–9, 12  
Jn 5:1–16

### **WEDNESDAY**

March 22  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 49:8–15  
Jn 5:17–30

### **THURSDAY**

March 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ex 32:7–14  
Jn 5:31–47

### **FRIDAY**

March 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Wis 2:1a, 12–22  
Jn 7:1–2, 10,  
25–30

### **SATURDAY**

March 25  
*Annunciation  
of the Lord*  
Is 7:10–14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### **SUNDAY**

March 26  
*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*  
Ez 37:12–14  
Rom 8:8–11  
Jn 11:1–45 or  
Jn 11:3–7, 17,  
20–27, 33b–45



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....***

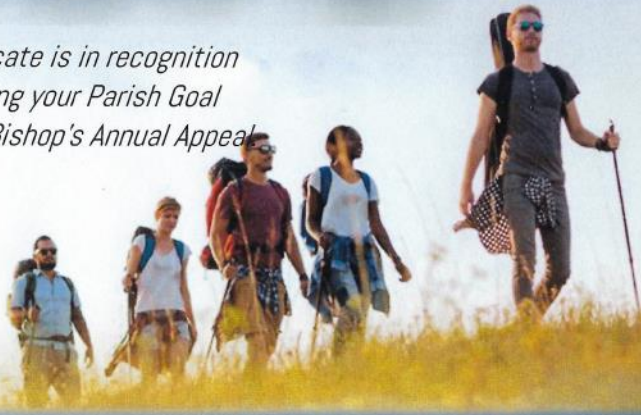
**ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of P.A.  
**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2022**

**WALKING  
 TOGETHER  
 IN  
 HOPE**



*This certificate is in recognition  
 of achieving your Parish Goal  
 in the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal*

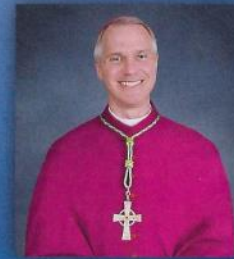


Congratulations  
 to  
 St. Brioux Parish  
 St. Brioux, SK

Thank You!!  
 Merci!!  
 Kinanâskomitin!!  
 Salamat!!

**God Bless You**

*Stephen A. Hero*  
 Most Reverend Stephen A. Hero



**We are resurrecting the Vocation Cross:**

Join our faith community in the resurrection of the Vocation cross. We ask you to take the Vocation cross home and pray for Vocations that week. Returning it the following Sunday. Please add your name to the ministry list, at the back of the church, under "Vocation Cross".

**Prince Albert Diocese - Chrism Mass  
 April 4th - 6:30 p.m.**

**At the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert**

We are looking for people to attend the mass on behalf of the Parish of St. Brioux. You can participate as a family or as a single attendee. Please let Father or Janet know if you wish to attend before March 27th.



**Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up?**

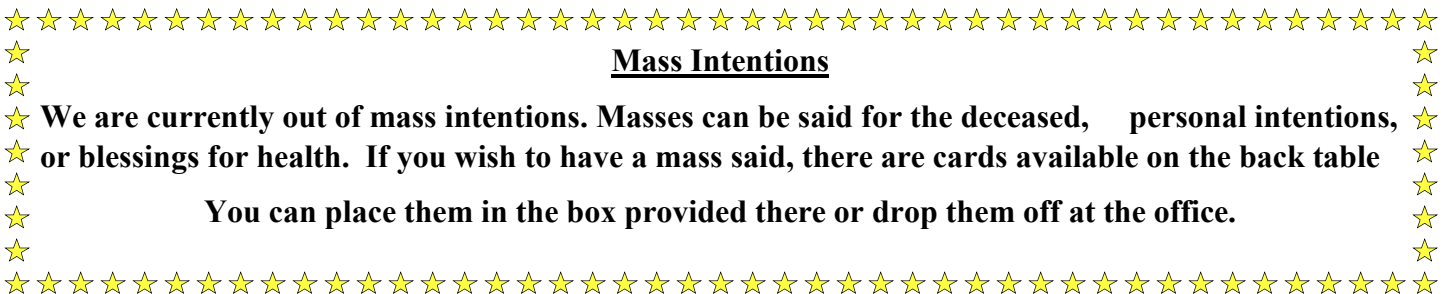
**Father would like to acknowledge and offer a blessing for these events at the end of Sunday Mass.**

**There is a sheet at the back of the Church where you can add your name and birthday or anniversary date.**

**Mass Intentions**

**We are currently out of mass intentions. Masses can be said for the deceased, personal intentions, or blessings for health. If you wish to have a mass said, there are cards available on the back table**

**You can place them in the box provided there or drop them off at the office.**



# St. Brioux R.C. Parish Easter Fundraiser 2023

Draw Date: April 9th, 2023



Where: After Mass at the church  
Tickets: \$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 10 for \$20

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Quilt (\$500 value)

Donated by St.Brioux Stitches

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$50 gift certificate donated by  
Little Country Greenhouse, ceramics & restaurant (St.Brioux)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$50 Gift card donated by St.Brioux Co-op  
Quilt on display at the church

Tickets sponsored by Erin Vedress Wealth Management  
e-transfers, cheque .. call Dolores 306-752-3520

\*Proceeds for parish needs and building maintenance\*

## CHOCOLATES ST.BRIEUX PARISH FUNDRAISER

SUPPORT OUR PARISH BY PURCHASING THESE DELICIOUS CARAMEL WHIRLS OR AN OLD FAVORITE - CHOCOLATE COATED ALMONDS  
ONLY \$3.00 A BOX

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 15th** - Extended Deanery Meeting (9:00 to 3:30) - all are invited to attend. Please let Janet or Father know if you wish to attend before March 31st.

**April 28th** - St. Peter's Chorus will be performing in the Church. Performance starts at 7:30. Donations at the door (*recommended donation for adults is \$15*).

**April 30th** - Annual General Meeting to follow mass.

**Lectio Divina** - Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the parish meeting room

For our Lectio Divina study we look to the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. It is a wonderful experience and we invite everyone to attend. There is no commitment to be there every week, as each week is a new and independent study.