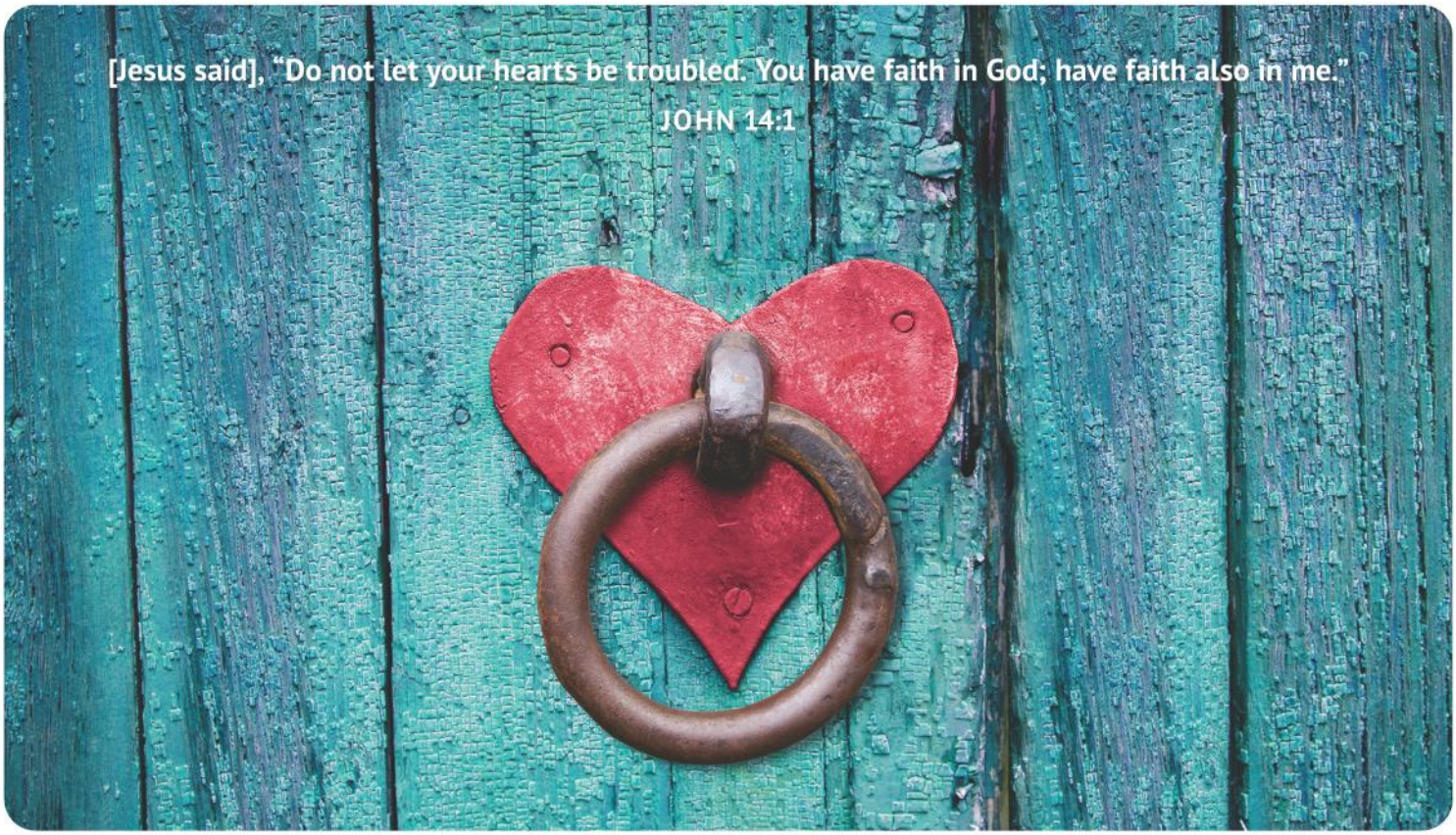
Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12




# Where the Heart Is

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul.** And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are byproducts of loving others. If the focus of one's life is to be happy, one never achieves it. If one seeks to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So also eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around. Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time, that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve. ●

**Reflect**

***Where do you feel truly at home—and is Jesus invited?***

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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 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Bulletin and information is available on the website: **stbrieuxparish.ca** and our Facebook page: **St. Brieux Catholic Church.**

## St. Brieux Parish Mass Times:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.
1st Friday of the month: Mass 9:00 am. Adoration to follow
Saturday: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 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 Ministery

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

**May 09- May 12 :** Mass 9:00 am
**May 11:** March for Life - Regina
**May 12:** Adoration (following mass)
**May 13:** Mass 7:00 pm
**May 14:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux
**May 14:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 16 - May 19 :** Mass 9:00 am
**May 20:** Mass 7:00 pm
**May 21:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux
**May 21:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino
**May 28:** Multicultural Pentecost Pot Luck following mass
**Jun 05 - 07:** Couples Retreat - Humboldt
**Jun 04:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux - Grad Mass

## 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

**National Family & Life Week**

**May 7th to May 14th, 2023**

**St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tues. May 09 | 9:00 a.m. | +Gertrude Boyer by Denise Bortis |
| Wed. May 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Complete healing for Lael Jay Samia by a Parishioner |
| Thurs. May 11 | 9:00 a.m. | World Peace by Agnes Thomas |
| Fri. May 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Jon & Gisele and Family by Percy & Roseann King |
| Sat. May 13 | 7:00 p.m. | +Nick & Vera Lipan by Percy & Roseann King |
| Sun. May 14 | 9:00 a.m. | All Parishioners |

**Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention**

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|---|---|---|
| Sun. May 14 | 4:00 p.m. | +Stella Powalinsky by "The Haven Family" |

**Collections**

**St. Brieux:** April 30th, 2023 - $1,060.25

**Mary, Mother of God:** April 30th, 2023 - $245.00

***Thank you!***

**Leaving a Legacy**

REMEMBER 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

**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

## *Stewardship:* May 7th - 5th Sunday of Easter

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone."1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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

## *Vocation Corner:* May 7th - 5th Sunday of Easter

**A Vocation View:** The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

**Prayer:** For a deeper faith, hope and love among all Christians in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life and especially among those He is calling to do the works that He does as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** A **DEACON** is a man with a vocation (call) from the Holy Spirit to embody and make visible the service (diakonia) of Jesus in the Church and to the world. The deacon's service is rooted in Love and makes God's love visible in a three-fold way: in the ministry of the Word, in the ministry of Sacrament, and in the ministry of Charity and Justice. Through the deacon's ministry, we see a clearer image (icon) of Christ the Servant. We see Love in action!

A wealth of vocation information is available at usccb.org, the website of the US Bishops

**"God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us."**

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

# Dear Padre,

***I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?***

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A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs....Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!" ●

***Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR* / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| May 8 | May 9 | May 10 | May 11 | May 12 | May 13 | May 14 |
| *Easter Weekday* | *Easter Weekday* | *Easter Weekday* | *Easter Weekday* | *Easter Weekday* | *Weekday* | *Sixth Sunday of Easter* |
| Acts 14:5–18 | Acts 14:19–28 | Acts 15:1–6 | Acts 15:17–21 | Acts 15:22–31 | Acts 16:1–10 | Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 |
| Jn 14:21–26 | Jn 14:27–31a | Jn 15:1–8 | Jn 15:9–11 | Jn 15:12–17 | Jn 15:18–21 | 1 Pt 3:15–18 |
| | | | | | | Jn 14:15–21 |

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***[Jesus] knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone...and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him.***

***REGINA CAELI*, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 10, 2020**

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***St. Brieux Parish wishes to thank all those who helped clean the church at last weeks church cleaning. A special thanks to the lady in charge - Jeanne Clifford.***

**Another successful fundraiser!!!**

**Thank you to St. Peter's Chorus for their wonderful performance. Our appreciation also goes out to all those behind the scenes who made this night a success. The profit realized by the parish was $1,133.10**

**PARISH COUNCIL POSITIONS - 2023**

**Chairperson** - Percy King
**Vice Chair** - Janet Creurer
**Secretary** - Susan Creurer **(term ends this year)**
**Youth Catechetics** - Darlyn Hunt
**Youth** - **Vacant**
**Adult Faith** - Janet Creurer
**Altar Servers** - Lisa Kovacs
**Ill & Elderly** - Percy King
**Community Life** - Jocelyn Tuba
**Communications** - Dan Hunt
**Social Justice** - **Vacant**
**Members at Large** - Marthe Rohel-Coquet/Jackie Mark
**Liturgical Chair** - Darlyn Hunt
**Knights of Columbus** - Justin Assie
**Finance Chair** - Andre Assie

**A huge *"THANK YOU"* to those who are serving in the many positions of our Parish Council.**

**There are currently two vacant positions. Please consider serving in one of these capacities - *Youth or Social Justice*. We will also need a new secretary next year as this is Susan's last year.**

# Sask March for LIFE 2023

## & Sask Pro-Life annual convention and AGM

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

**12:30pm** Rosary and Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral, 3125 - 13th Ave. Regina

**2:00pm** March for Life - Starting at Holy Rosary Cathedral parking lot

Short program at the Legislature followed by silent witness along Albert Street

**4:30pm** AGM, banquet & speaker at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 2020 Winnipeg St.

**STAND FIRM**

*Eph 6:14*

SASKATCHEWAN PRO LIFE ASSOCIATION | Campaign Life Coalition | K of C | CANADA MARCH FOR LIFE

Registration forms are available at the SPLA office and on our website **saskprolife.com**

## Multicultural Pentecost Potluck

**May 28th - Pentecost Sunday**

**Potluck Lunch (following mass)**

**You are invited to dress in your cultural attire and share your cultural food.**

## ROSARY AND REFLECTION

The next Rosary and Reflection evening with Bishop Stephen Hero, will be on May 27, 2023; the theme is "Praying When It Hurts". All are welcome to attend Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1401 – 4th Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK. If unable to attend, the livestream will be available on the Diocesan Facebook page or YouTube.

A retreat for couples who want to grow in personal Holiness and live the sacrament of marriage as God's will

SPEAKERS
MANOJ SUNNY &
DR. BEENA MANOJ

# L'AMOUR

**TOPICS COVERED**

God's design for marriage
Growing in the love of God
Beauty of spousal love
Healing and forgivenes & more

2023 June 1st 7pm to 4th 2 pm
St Therese Institute of Faith and Mission
Bruno, SK +1 (306) 715-5559

2023 June 5th to 7th (6:30 pm -9 pm)
St Augustine Parish
Humboldt +(306)514 0606

2023 June 10th & 11 th (10 am -7 pm)
St Joseph Calasanctius church
North Battleford +1 (639) 999-1375

**REGISTER NOW!!**
**LIMITED SEATS ONLY**

## Where can I serve my Faith Community?

Consider the following:

**Sunday Ministries** - Altar Society, Greeters, Lay Leader, Lectors, Communion, Taking up of Gifts, Children's Liturgy, Vocation Cross and Counters. Sign up sheets are on the back table of the Church.

**Serving on the Décor Committee** - helping to prepare our church for mass and special celebrations. Contact: Florette Rheaume

**Serving with the Choir** - Additional voices are always welcome. Help us to share the word of God through song. Contact: Dolores Rheaume or just join us on Sunday.