Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 16, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 55:10–11 / Romans 8:18–23 / Matthew 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

Words, Words, and THE WORD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Our lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us. Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

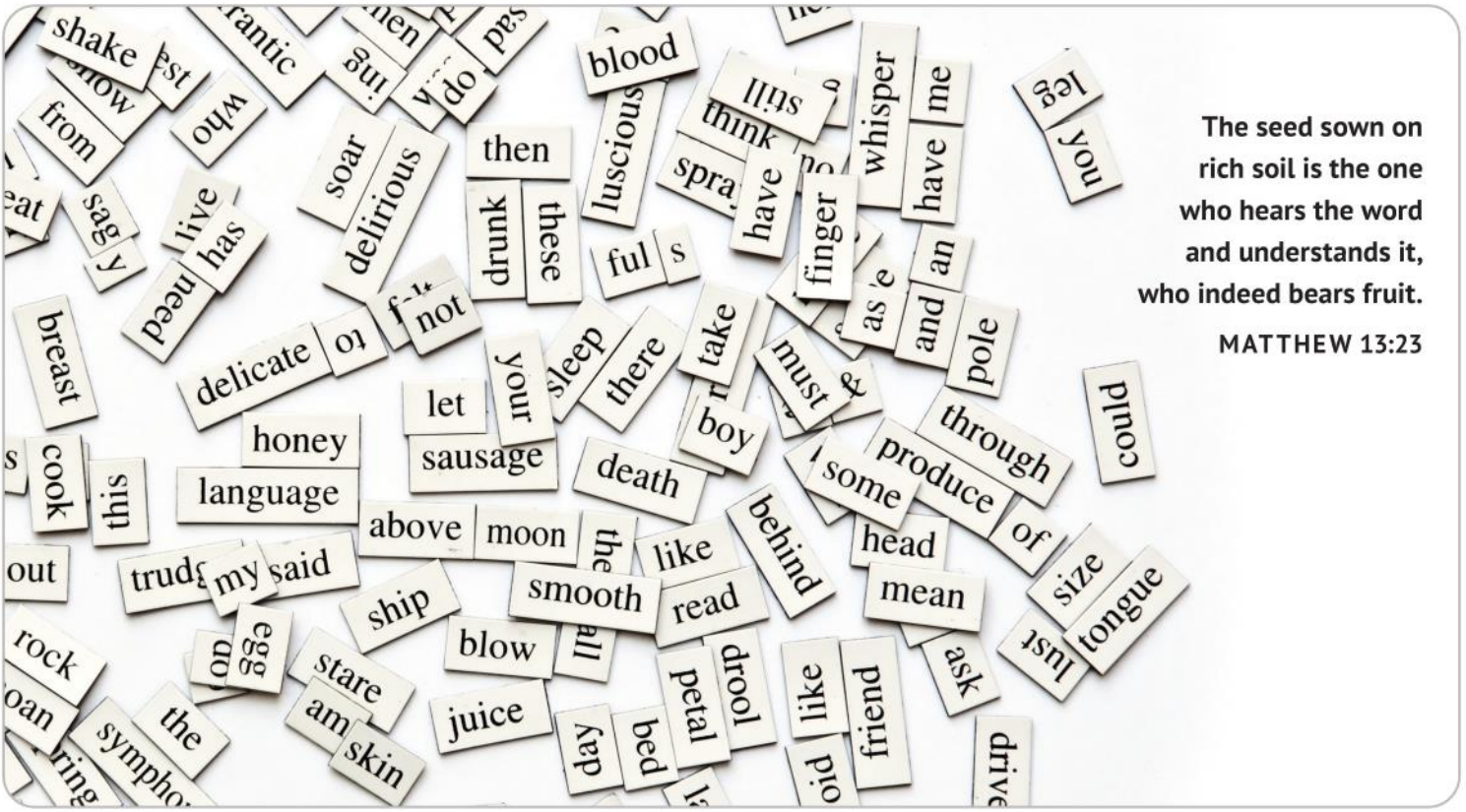
In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, /achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for.

Reflect

Which passage of Scripture would you choose as a motto for your life?

Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness. ●



The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit.

MATTHEW 13:23

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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 - July to Sept hours will be 8:30 am to 2:00 pm - Closed from 9:00 am to 9:30 am

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

July 17 - July 21: Mass time changes for the week of Vacation Bible School to 7:00 pm . Wednesday office hours will start at 12:30 pm.
July 17 - July 21: 9:00 am to Noon - Vacation Bible School.
July 21: 11:45 am - Vacation Bible School Concert
July 22: Mass 7:00 pm
July 23: Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux
July 23: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino
July 23: Mass 11:00 am - St. Phillips Church (Little Moose) - Blessing of the Graves and a Potluck lunch to follow
July 23: The third - "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly"

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25 - July 28: Mass 9:00 am
July 29: Mass 7:00 pm
July 30: Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux
July 30: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino
of the Graves and a Potluck lunch to follow
Aug 11 & 12: Youth Rally - St. Walburg
Aug 13: Mass 11:00 am - Kermaria Church - Potluck lunch to follow

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

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues Jul 18	7:00 p.m.	+Bernard Martin by Alvena Unick
Wed. Jul 19	7:00 p.m.	Lola Piche by Don & Celine Kleiboer
Thurs. Jul 20	7:00 p.m.	Don & Celine Kleiboer by Gilles & Monique Tremblay
Fri. Jul 21	7:00 p.m.	Brandy Pyle by Don & Celine Kleiboer
Sat. Jul 22	7:00 p.m.	+Brett Matisz by John & Marie Matisz
Sun. Jul 23	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sun. Jul 23	11:30 a.m.	+Stella Powalinsky by "The Haven Family"

Collections

St. Brieux: July 2nd, 2023 - $1,090.00

Mary, Mother of God: July 2nd, 2023 - $265.00

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: July 16th - The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

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

Vocation Corner: July 16th - The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

Prayer: That the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

Action: WHEN suffering in body or spirit offer your pain in your own words for a vocation intention. Jesus offered his suffering on the cross for our sins. Consider offering yours to obtain grace for our seminarians and novices to persevere in vocation discernment and for generosity in the single life.

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

"We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."
- St. Francis de Sales

Dear Padre,

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 12, 2020

JANTANEE RUNPRANOMKORN / SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY
July 17
Weekday
Ex 1:8–14, 22
Mt 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY
July 18
Weekday
Ex 2:1–15a
Mt 11:20–24

WEDNESDAY
July 19
Weekday
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12
Mt 11:25–27

THURSDAY
July 20
Weekday
Ex 3:13–20
Mt 11:28–30

FRIDAY
July 21
Weekday
Ex 11:10—12:14
Mt 12:1–8

SATURDAY
July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

SUNDAY
July 23
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–43 or
Mt 13:24–30

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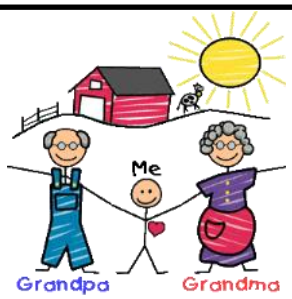
Upcoming Dates to Remember:

July 17th to 21st, 2023 - Vacation Bible School from 9:00 am to Noon. Weekday mass will be at 7:00 pm.

July 21st, 2023 - Vacation Bible School Concert at 11:45 am

July 23rd, 2023 - Mass at St. Phillips Church (Little Moose) at 11:00 am with blessing of the graves and a potluck lunch to follow.

August 13th, 2023 - Mass at Kermaria Church at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow.



The third **"World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly"** will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, 23 July 2023**. Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help "treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation"

Take a moment next Sunday, or any other day, to thank God for our grandparents and the elderly in our community. They give so much and ask so little.

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. The sign-up sheet is 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THINGS TO KNOW

We are excited to have over forty children registered Vacation Bible School! The week will be spent learning new songs, listening to stories, making crafts, playing games, and conducting science experiments.

Here are few things to know:

- The program will run Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21 from 9AM until noon at St. Brieux RC Church.
- Our final concert will be held Friday, July 21 at 11:45AM. Please join us!
- There will be a "color of the day" again this year. If those participating would like to wear something in that color they are encouraged to do so. This is not mandatory; it is just something fun to get in the spirit of the week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dark Blue	Orange	Yellow	Light Blue	Red

Questions? Contact Anne-Marie Waldner (306.921.5118) or Rochelle Mansiere (306.361.3226).

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME & ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

All cheques should be made out to "St. Brieux Parish" with a note that it is for the Vacation Bible School (VBS). There are envelopes marked VBS on the back tables by the pillars. You can put them in the collection plate or slide them under the office door.

Your support is greatly appreciated by all involved in VBS - especially the children!!