



[Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

## The Gift of Mystery

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**n life there are moments that some call **transcendence**, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was “of God.” While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles’ experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today. ●

### Reflect

***Have you had an experience of the transcendent that changed you?***

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**St. Brieux Parish Office Hours**

**Fr. Tru Le:** will be away attending the “World Youth Day” in Lisbon, Portugal. Please contact Abbot Peter Novecosky at (306) 682-1777 in case of an emergency.

**Janet:** Wednesday - July to Sept hours will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm - Closed from 9:00 am to 9:30 am for mass.

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: 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 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**

**Aug 8 - Aug 11: No Weekday Masses**

**Aug 9:** Office Closed

**Aug 11:** 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Janet is in the office

**Aug 11:** Father Tru returns

**Aug 11 & 12:** Youth Rally - St. Walburg

**Aug 12:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**Aug 13:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux

**Aug 13:** Mass 11:00 am - Kermaria Church - Potluck lunch to follow

**Aug 13:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**Janet is away August 7th to 10th. She will be in the office Friday - August 11th. Office hours from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Aug 15 - Aug 18:** Mass 9:00 am

**Aug 19:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**Aug 20:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux

**Aug 20:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**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. Brioux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues Aug 08	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. Aug 09	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thurs. Aug 10	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri. Aug 11	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat. Aug 12	7:00 p.m.	+Brett Matisz by John & Marie Matisz
Sun. Aug 13	9:00 a.m.	For all present & past parishioners of Keramaria Church by Jean & Eva Marie Kerneleguen

## Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sun. Aug 13	4:00 p.m.	All Parishioners
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## Collections

**St. Brioux:** July 30th, 2023 - \$635.00

**Mary, Mother of God:**  
July 30th, 2023 - \$230.00

***Thank you!***

## 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: August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"* -Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

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

## **Vocation Corner: August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**A Vocation View:** If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

**Prayer:** That those called to help Christ feed the multitude will not be held back by what they see as their limitations, but will rely on Jesus who will feed those to whom they are sent; as priests, deacon, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** ALL THE MEMBERS of the church are responsible for looking after priestly vocations. "The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives." (*Vat II*) To have a full Christian life, listen to the Word of God, participate in the Eucharist, exercise charity and pray!

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

**"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."**

*-St. Gregory Nazianzen*

# Dear Padre,

*For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?*

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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## 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
August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13
Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	St. Clare, Virgin	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).*

ANGELUS, MARCH 8, 2020