



## The Pruning Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core part of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that “who” has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones—all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we once thought we could control.

Where is God in all of this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness. ●

### Reflect

***How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?***



[Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

JOHN 15:1-2

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**Kinistino, SK S0J 1H0**

**LOCATION:**

**Kinistino Community Church**  
**118 Kinistino Avenue**  
**Kinistino, SK**

**Pastoral Council Chair**

Bradley Merkosky: 306-864-7814

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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 8:00 am to 4:00 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: 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**

**Apr. 30 to May 03 :** Mass 9:00 am

**May 03:** Adoration following Mass

**May 04:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**May 05:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux - Coffee Sunday (Group 3)

**May 05:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 06 to May 10 :** **No Mass** - Father is away for Priest Retreat

**May 07: Reports due for Annual Meeting**

**May 11:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**May 12:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux (Mother's Day)

**May 12:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**May 19: Annual General Meeting**



**“God is a spring of living water  
which flows unceasingly into the  
hearts of those who pray.”**

*- St. Louis Grignon de Montfort*

## St. Briex Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Apr. 30	9:00 a.m.	Rick, Marie and Family by Percy & Roseann King
Wed. May 01	9:00 a.m.	Grae - Birthday by Percy & Roseann King
Thurs. May 02	9:00 a.m.	+John Kajner by Lorraine & Allan Bedard and Family
Fri. May 03	9:00 a.m.	+Mathieu Assie by Don & Celine Klieboer
Sat. May 04	7:00 p.m.	+Norbie Leray by Don & Celine Klieboer
Sun. May 05	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners

## Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intention

Sunday May 05	4:00 p.m.	+Arvel & Irene Rheume by Mary, Mother of God Parish
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## Collections

**St. Briex:** April 21st, 2024 - \$898.80

**Mary, Mother of God:**  
April 14th, 2024 - \$110.00  
April 21st, 2024 - \$155.00

*Thank you!*

## Leaving a Legacy

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH - By leaving a gift in your will or estate to St. Briex 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. Briex 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: April 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter**

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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

## **Vocation Corner: April 28th - 5th Sunday of Easter**

**A Vocation View:** Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

**Prayer:** That Catholic mothers and fathers will abide in the Lord as branches on His vine, cultivating in their children the desire to love Him in truth and action, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** CHILDREN OFTEN TALK about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God — you can encourage your children to consider Church ministry.

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

# Dear Padre,

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14	May 4 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	May 5 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches.**

**Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.**

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021**

# Upcoming Events

SASKATCHEWAN  
**PRO LIFE**  
ASSOCIATION

**“I will never forget you.”**

**March for Life  
Regina, SK**

March from Holy Rosary Cathedral to the  
Legislature Building

**09 May 2024 at noon**

- Join Regina's faith community, schools and service groups.
- Demonstrate respect for life from conception to natural death.
- Come for all or part of the day.
- Before the March, we will have the Rosary and Mass.



P.O. Box 27093, Avonhurst R.P.O.  
Regina, SK S4R 8R8  
Phone: (306) 352 - 3480  
Email: info@saskprolife.com  
www.saskprolife.com





**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Tickets \$5 each**

**Only 1000 tickets available**

**Draw date: Saturday May 4, 2024**

**At St. Joseph's Church Hall**

**Prince Albert, SK**

**License #SR23-5190**

**For tickets or information please call:**

Darlene (306) 763-2873

## You Are Invited!

COME CELEBRATE OUR 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

St. Theresa Parish & Shrine—Wakaw  
Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Camper Overnight Parking Available

For Information Email: sttheresaparish@gmail.com

Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs—If Possible

Schedule:

**4:30 p.m.— Doors Open**

**Come Visit Our Church & Religious Articles Store**

\*Reduced prices on several items including hand-crafted crosses embedded with original church trinity window stained glass, antique framed prints & Christmas items.

**Enter The Store Door Prize**

**Centennial History Books For Sale—\$20 each**

**5:00—7:00 p.m.**

**Multicultural Food Booths Open**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**FREE Outdoor Concert!**

**7:30— 8:30 p.m.**

**Candlelight Procession, Adoration & Rosary**

## CENTENNIAL & PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, June 9th, 2024

St. Theresa Parish

Shrine of the Little Flower  
314 Main Street, Wakaw, SK

Schedule

8:30 a.m.—Registration & Sale of Centennial History Books

9:00 a.m.—Outdoor Way of the Cross

9:45 a.m.—Guest Speaker: Christy Dupuis—Missionary & Evangelist



10:30 a.m.—Individual Confessions & Private Prayer/Reflection

11:30 p.m.—Outdoor Eucharistic Celebration

Presider and Homilist—Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Andrew Hero

12:30—Lunch Provided (Donations Welcomed)

2:00 p.m.—Healing Service & Blessing of Religious Articles

2:45 p.m.—Eucharistic Exposition & Procession

3:00 p.m.—Adoration & Blessing of Those Present

3:15p.m.—Refreshments & Farewell

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE OPEN:**

8:30—9:00 am, 10:30—11:15 am & 12:30—1:45 pm

**HOPING YOU CAN JOIN US!**



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### JOIN THE FUN

Participants aged 4 to grade 5 are welcome!

**Date:** July 15 - 19, 2024

**Time:** 9:00AM - Noon

**Location:** St. Brieux RC Church

Register by Thursday, April 28 at a cost of \$50/child, registrations received after April 28 will be charged \$60/child. Space is limited for late registrations.

Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or by contacting Tyra Tomas.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This program could not happen without the help of volunteers. If you are grade 6 or older, please let us know if you can help.

#### QUESTIONS?

Give Anne-Marie Waldner a

call at 306.921.5118

Ministries that are still without a leader:

## Social Justice & Youth

Please consider helping our Parish by volunteering to serve in these areas.

### PRAYER FOR VOLUNTEERS "DIRECTION TO GOOD WORKS"

Creator God, Your Word tells me that I am Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which You prepared beforehand so that I would walk in them. You have called me to serve You, and I stand ready and willing to volunteer wherever You desire. Please direct my heart to the areas of service where You can best utilize me as Your instrument of blessing to others. Prepare my heart to be tender to the prompting of the Holy Spirit so I can be used to speak to those in need. Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to labor in Your vineyard.

Amen.



### Where can I serve my Faith Community?

Please consider the following:

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

Contact: Janet Creurer

**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.