



The Other Side of Love

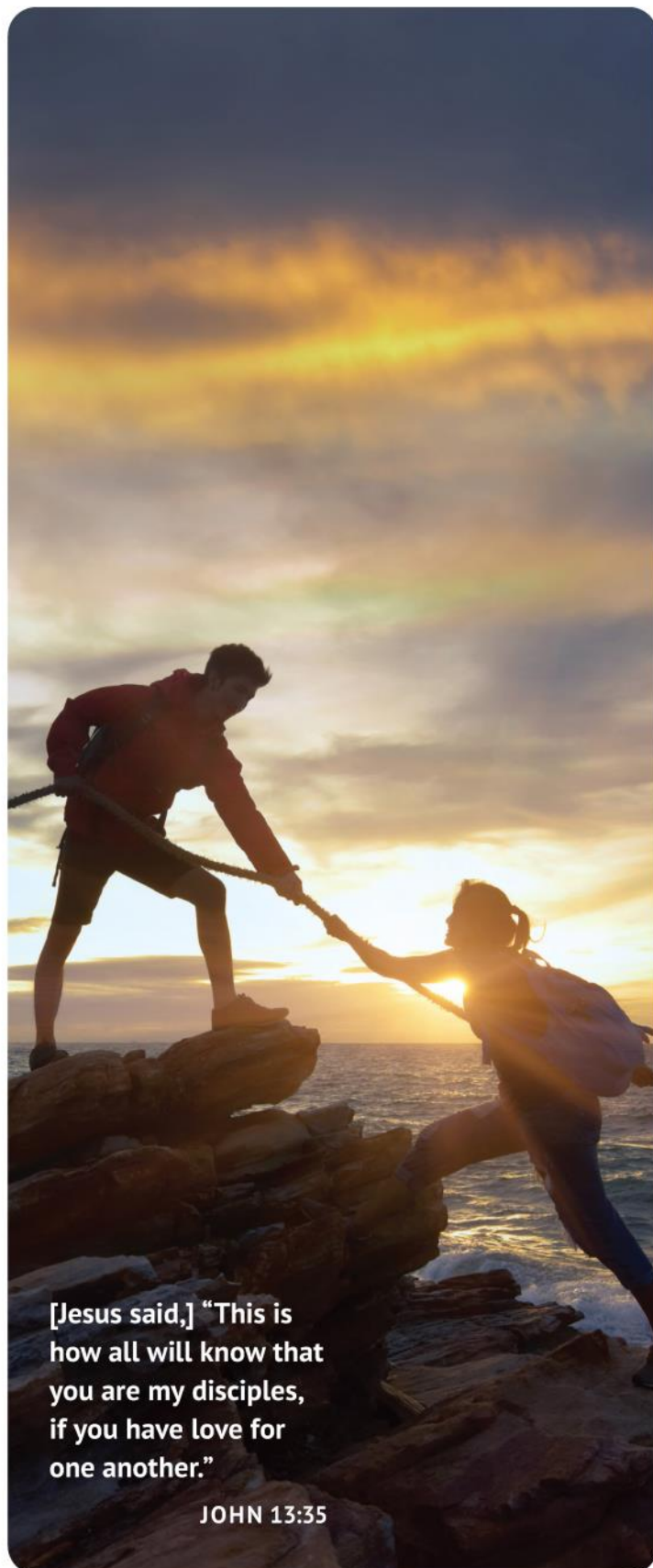
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We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

Reflect

**What is my definition of love?
How do I live it?**



[Jesus said,] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:35

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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**May 20 to May 23 :** Mass 9:00 am**May 24:** Flames of Hope Youth Rally - 9:00am to 5:00 pm (North Battleford)**May 24:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux**May 25:** Mass 9:00 am - St. Brieux**May 25:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino**UPCOMING EVENTS****May 27 to May 30 :** Mass 9:00 am**May 31:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux**Jun 01: Mass 9:00 am - Confirmation and 1st Eucharist (Coffee Sunday- Group 4)****Jun 01:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino**Jun 07 & 08:** St. Theresa Pilgrimage - Wakaw**Jun 14 & 15:** Jubilee Pilgrimage - Cudworth

“God does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way of life.

What sort of work then, must I do?

Which is my road to heaven?

In what kind of life am I to sanctify myself?

- St. Charles de Foucauld

Sunday, May 25th:	
Altar	Janet Creurer
Greeters & Gifts	Thomas Family
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Richard Coquet
Lectors	Marthe Rohel-Coquet & Darlyn Hunt
Communion - Bread & Cup	Eva-Marie Kernalleguen, Jean Kernalleguen, Marc
	Mansiere, Dan Hunt
Children's Liturgy	Analiza Llorca
Counters	Andre Assie, David Rheume, Richard Coquet
Altar Servers	Maria, Sebastiaan, Vince
Vocation Cross	Terry Valmont

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. May 20	9:00 a.m.	+John Perrot by Claude & Ann Gueguen
Wed. May 21	9:00 a.m.	+Roseann King by Edwin & Christine Bedard
Thurs. May 22	9:00 a.m.	+Mathieu Assie by Denise Horvath
Fri. May 23	9:00 a.m.	+Agnes Coquet by Jeanne Creurer
Sat. May 24	7:00 p.m.	+Lymwell Tuba by the Tuba Family
Sun. May 25	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. May 25	4:00 p.m.	+Jacob & Chloe Rybinski by Kurt & Celeste Leicht
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Collections

St. Brieux: (Includes Sunday Collection and Pre-Authorized Payments)

May 11th, 2025 - \$1,337.00

Mary, Mother of God:

May 11th, 2025 - \$360.00

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 : Percy King. 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.

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



Things God wouldn't ask:

God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it..

Dear Padre,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022

Monday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

Friday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23
Jn 14:23–29

Stewardship: May 18th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

[www.https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts](https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts)

Vocation Corner: May 18th—Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Vocation View: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

Prayer: That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Action: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux lived in a Carmelite convent with her older sister Pauline. Pauline was with Thérèse throughout her brief life, illness, and death at the tender age of 24. It is no accident that Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs. Having a spiritual companion, as Thérèse did, can be of great help and comfort on the sometimes difficult spiritual journey. Cultivate spiritual friendships in your own life.

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

100th Anniversary! St. Theresa Pilgrimage

Shrine of the Little Flower-314 Main Street Wakaw

Saturday, June 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Indoor French Mass (With English Homily)
8:00 p.m. Outdoor Adoration (Weather Permitting)
Followed by Light Lunch (Croissants/Jam/Coffee/Tea)
& Shopping at the Religious Articles Store.

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. Registration—Sale of Roses Begin
Religious Articles Store Opens
9:00 a.m. Outdoor Way of the Cross
9:45 a.m. Confessions
10:45 a.m. Outdoor Mass (Religious Articles Blessed)
12:00 p.m. Lunch Served—Cost \$10/person
1:30 p.m. Guest Speaker—Bishop Stephen Hero
"St. Thérèse: A Pilgrim of Hope"
2:15 p.m. Indoor Adoration & Healing Service
Blessing of Religious Articles
Followed by Refreshments In The Church Basement

Some Seating Will Be Provided For the Outside Mass But, If Possible, Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs.

For Information About Camping Locations At The Shrine:

Please Contact the Parish: Phone: 306-233-4230 or Email: stthereseparish@gmail.com

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE INVITATION!

Come join us on our Pilgrimage! The Ukrainian Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Cudworth Saskatchewan is celebrating the Jubilee Year on June 14th and 15th 2025. Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can find details at www.hillofsorrows.com.

Schedule:

June 14th 2025

Pilgrimage Walk from Bodnari (25km) at 10am
Pilgrimage walk from Spasa (5km) Confessions will be available in Ukr. And English
Vespers at 7pm

Stations of the Cross at 7pm and 8pm

June 15th 2025

Confessions will be available in Ukr. and English.
Matins at 10am
Divine Liturgy at 11am
Lunch at 1pm Food available for purchase
Grave Blessings (Cudworth and Spasa) at 3pm

Please register online if you are planning to go on the Pilgrimage Walk from Bodnari as the schedule is liable to change.



Prayer for Adoration

Loving Jesus,

I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of this quiet time in your Presence.

Grant me strength to go out from this place of sacred silence into the busy world.

May my experience of your Presence here help me to see your Presence there-

in the faces of the lonely and seeking souls I meet,
In the outstretched hands of the poor and needy,
in the hearts of my family and my dearest friends,
in the eyes of those who are most difficult and hard for me to bear.

As I experience your Presence in your beloved ones, may I act with love and generosity so that they may also experience it in me.

Amen

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Dignity Doesn't Expire.

MAiD is being offered to people who are lonely, disabled, or struggling, even if they have not asked for it or are not dying. **This is putting patients' lives at risk.**

In March 2027, a federal law will come into effect, making MAiD available to patients with mental illnesses.

Write to the Saskatchewan Minister of Health to call for stronger patient & provider safeguards around MAiD in Saskatchewan.

Visit <https://www.nooptionsnochoice.com/english/take-action>