



## Waiting, but Quick!

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**T**his is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

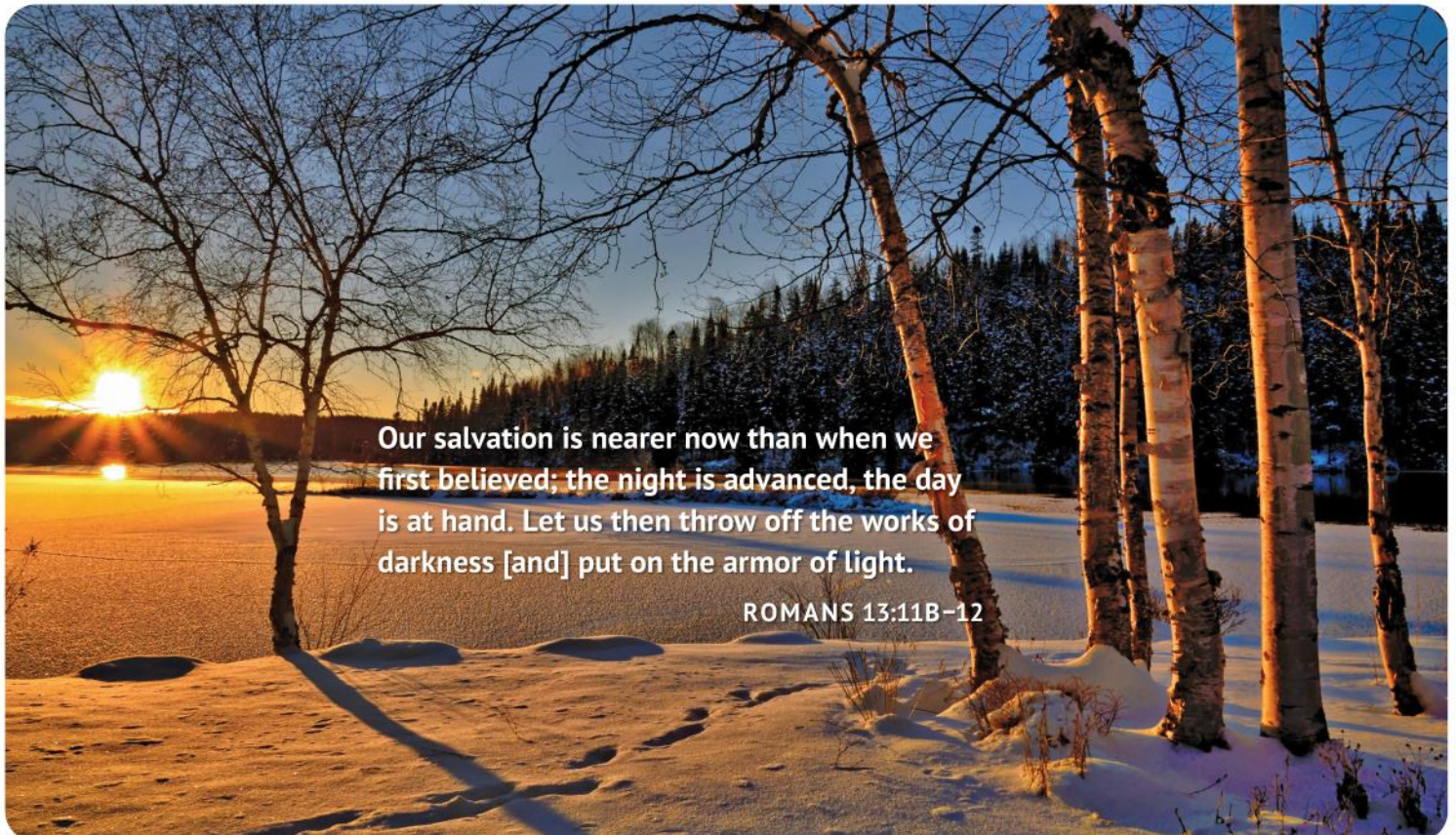
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



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### Reflect

***What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?***



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

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**St. Brieux Parish Office Hours**

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**Janet:** Office hours will vary. Text or call (306) 921-4147

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: 10:00 a.m. (Thursday mass is at the St. Brieux Manor)

1st & 3rd Wednesday of Month - Adoration at 6:00pm

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 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 1st & 3rd Wednesday 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**

**Dec 02, 03 & 05:** Mass 10:00 am

**Dec 03:** Adoration 6:00 pm - St. Brieux

**Dec 03:** Men's Support Group - 7:00 pm

**Dec 04:** Mass (at the Manor) 10:00am

**Dec 06:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**Dec 07:** Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

**Dec 07: Christmas Concert - 2:00 pm**

**Dec 07:** Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Dec 09, 10 & 12:** Mass 10:00 am

**Dec 10:** Men's Support Group - 7:00 pm

**Dec 11:** Mass (at the Manor) 10:00am

**Dec 13:** Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**Dec 13:** Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

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

**Dec 14:** Reconciliation 5:00 pm - Kinistino

**Dec 16:** Reconciliation 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm (Kinistino)

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve - 8:00 pm (St. Brieux)

**Dec 25:** Christmas Day - 11:00 am (St. Brieux)

**Dec 31:** New Year's Eve - 7:00 pm (St. Brieux)

**Jan 01:** New Year's Day - 11:00 am (St. Brieux)

**Jan 01:** New Year's Day - 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

<b>Sunday, December 7th:</b>	
Altar	Christine Bedard
Greeters & Gifts	Dan & Darlyn Hunt
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Michelle Piatt
Lectors	Jackie Mark & Sebastiaan Cadano
Communion - Bread & Cup	Dan Hunt, Philip Mansiere, Marthe Rohel-Coquet
	Celine Kleiboer
Children's Liturgy	Thomas Family
Counters	Dolores Rheame, Kathy Nemeth, Betty Mahussier
Altar Servers	Avery, Kaylie, Riley
Vocation Cross	Janet Creurer

### **St. Brioux Parish Mass Intentions**

Tues. Dec. 02	10:00 a.m.	Marie Gregoire (95th Birthday) by her Family
Wed. Dec. 03	10:00 a.m.	+All the Souls in Purgatory by Terry Valmont
Thurs. Dec. 04	10:00 a.m. At the Manor	+Velma Fagnou by Claude & Ann Gueguen
Fri. Dec. 05	10:00 a.m.	+George Laczko by Darren & Jewe Varga
Sat. Dec. 06	7:00 p.m.	+Lymwell Tuba by a Parishioner
Sun. Dec. 07	10:00 a.m.	For all Parishioners

### **Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions**

Sun. Dec. 07	4:00 p.m.	+Aime & Eva Martin by Brad & Diane Merkosky
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### **Regular Collections**

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

November 23rd, 2025 - \$1,284.10

**Mary, Mother of God:**

November 23rd, 2025 - \$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** : 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. 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.

### **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

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

- St. Jouis Grignon de Montfort

# Dear Padre,

## Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more

anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent	Advent	St. Francis	Advent	Advent	Advent	Second Sunday
Weekday	Weekday	Xavier, Priest	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	of Advent
Is 4:2–6	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Is 30:19–21, 23–26	Is 11:1–10
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8	Rom 15:4–9
						Mt 3:1–12



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.*

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

### **Stewardship: November 30th - First Sunday of Advent**

*“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” MATTHEW 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

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

### **Vocation Corner: November 30th - First Sunday of Advent**

**A Vocation View:** In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

**Prayer:** That those called to plow the Lord’s vineyard with the sword of His Word and Spirit will respond with generosity in serving Him as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** DID YOU KNOW... every member of the Church needs to consciously feel responsibility for promoting vocations, especially since God’s voice may be drowned out by “other voices?” A wealth of vocation information is available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org), the website of the US Bishops.

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## **Bishop’s Annual Appeal: “Planting Seeds of Hope” October 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025 Every gift is greatly appreciated!**

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports Catholic Family Services both in Prince Albert and North Battleford and in the surrounding areas. Their goal is to enhance and strengthen the mental and emotional health of individuals, couples, families, and groups. Catholic Family Services provides counselling and support. No one is ever denied service because of their economic situation. As a non-profit agency, they rely on funding from many sources including the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. With our financial support, we can help those in need. “A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.” Proverbs 18:16

**If you do not wish to mail your donation, you may put it in the collection basket or slip it under the office door. Please make sure it is clearly marked “Bishop’s Annual Appeal”. These envelopes will not be opened but will be forwarded to the Diocese via Father Tru.**



# St. Brieux Parish Christmas Raffle



All Ticket Books must be handed in by **December 3rd**

Bring them to Jocelyn Tuba

“Thank you” to all who sold or purchased Tickets.

The draw will be made at our Christmas Concert



***It's not too late to donate to our Christmas Basket?***

***We still need a Turkey or Ham - 3rd prize***

***You may purchase or drop off donations***

***at the St. Brieux Co-op with Jocelyn Tuba.***



We are currently very low on mass intentions. If you would like to have a mass said for someone who has passed, someone currently needing prayer, or any other personal intention; please fill out the mass card on the table at the back of the church and place it in the red box marked “Mass Intentions”. (Please include \$10.00 per mass request.) Father Tru is paid a \$10.00 stipend for celebrating the mass with your intentions.



Paul and Pauline would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the prayers that are being dedicated to our family at this time. We ask for continued prayers as we heal. We have already seen evidence that these prayers are being answered and are so grateful for your support.

We would also like to thank Jackie Mark for organizing a group of ladies that provided such beautiful and tasty food. Thank you, ladies for all the wonderful food that will nourish us through this difficult trial we are currently experiencing.

Yours in Christ, *Paul and Pauline Boyer*

November 15, 2025

Greetings from Kermaria Church and Cemetery Committee

We are writing this appeal to anyone who may be interested in providing a monetary donation toward the upkeep of the Kermaria Church.

Kermaria Church was built in 1915 and declared a heritage site in 1992. It is an important part of our Kermaria District and we would like to keep it viable for generations to come.

Renovations made to the church since our appeal in 2006 have been repair of the foundation, steeple, windows, straightening the walls, painting the exterior, and purchasing the cedar shingles for the roof.

We have hired a contractor to shingle the roof with the cedar shingles at a cost of \$29,187.69. We would also replace rotting boards on the front of the church at an estimated cost of \$5,600.00 to \$6,600.00 and painting the exterior of the church after the repairs are made at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00.

We will reassess our costs before continuing to repair the boards on the front of the church and painting of the exterior of the church. Our last renovation would be to paint the interior of the church IF we have enough funds.

A letter has been sent to the St. Brieux Finance Committee informing them of our intent to shingle the roof at a cost of \$29,187.69 and they have approved the expenditure.

This would deplete the Kermaria Trust Account held by the St. Brieux Parish leaving an amount of approximately \$25,000.00 we need to raise through fundraising/donations to complete the exterior repairs to the church. We have not investigated the cost of painting the interior at this time.

Contributions to our appeal can be made by cheque or e-transfer. Donations will be given a receipt for income tax purposes.

Please make cheques payable to: St. Brieux Parish Kermaria Church.

E-transfers: [rcparish.stbrieux@sasktel.net](mailto:rcparish.stbrieux@sasktel.net) specify Kermaria Church in the comments section.

St. Brieux Parish

Box 370

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Annual Mass has been Scheduled for Sunday, August 9, 2026 @ 11:00 am, with a potluck lunch to follow. Envelopes will be provided at the church for anyone needing a receipt for income tax purposes. Please mark Kermaria Church on the envelope as well as your name and mailing address so you may receive your receipt.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the Kermaria Committee members;

Eva-Marie Kernaleguen 306-275-4622

Kimberly Martin 306-920-9092

Thank you for your consideration and share with anyone interested.

Eva-Marie Kernaleguen, Secretary

Kermaria Committee

# Christmas Concert

St. Brieux Church  
Sunday | December 7th | 2:00 p.m.

Performers: Edward & Chad Daubenfeld, Pauline & Paul Boyer, Jocelyne Bortis, Denise Bortis, Lucie Coquet, Colette Coquet, Karen Vicente, Precious David, Jhardyn Brobo, Russell Agnote, St. Brieux School students & teachers: Michelle Daubenfeld, Naomi Bauml, Traci Mueller, Kristen & Justin Rybinski, Erika & Shawn Vereschagin, Helen & Trinity Chester

There will be silver collection by the door for the church's insurance bill. Cheque donations to St. Brieux Parish (\$50 & above) will be issued tax receipt. Raffle, door prizes, and refreshments available!