Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10–14 / Romans 1:1–7 / Matthew 1:18–24

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus."

MATTHEW 1:20–21

Close Enough!

MIGUEL DULICK

It is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the "sign" as clear as day: "the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son" (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than "Emmanuel" himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls "the obedience of faith" (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the "Spirit of holiness" is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of "obedience of faith," Joseph is the perfect example. The word "obey" comes from the same root as "to hear," and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" in today's gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: "he took his wife into his home." Everything is set for Emmanuel!

SCAN TO LEARN ABOUT AUTHOR MIGUEL DULICK

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, "God-With-Us," from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from "birthing" Jesus in our midst? Even when a "happy holiday" seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let's sing Christmas carols every day! ●

Reflect

How am I at listening? Can I find new insights in old stories that I think I know so well?

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

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: 10:00 a.m. (Thursday mass is at the St. Brieux Manor)
Adoration/Reconciliation -1st Wednesday of Month at 6:00pm and 1st Friday of Month - following Mass
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 Wednesday & 1st 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

Dec 23 & 26: Mass 10:00 am
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 27: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux
Dec 28: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux
Dec 28: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 30 & Jan 02: Mass 10:00 am
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)
Jan 02: Adoration following 10:00 am Mass
Jan 03: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux
Jan 04: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux
Jan 04: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino
Jan 05 to 09: No Mass as Father is away

"The first thing I recommend to you for Advent is to keep yourself in the presence of God deep within your heart, just as the Blessed Virgin, before the birth of our Lord, adored him within herself."

- Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon

Sunday, December 28th:	
Altar	Denise Bortis
Greeters & Gifts	Thomas Family
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Dan Hunt
Lectors	Marthe Rohel-Coquet & Michelle Piatt
Communion - Bread & Cup	Terry Valmont, Marc Mansiere, Dan Hunt
	David Rheaume
Children's Liturgy	Irene Piatt
Counters	Marc Mansiere, Philip Mansiere, Marthe Rohel-Coquet
Altar Servers	Avery, Kaylie, Riley
Vocation Cross	Betty Mahussier

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Dec. 23	10:00 a.m.	For families dealing with serious illness by Paul & Pauline Boyer
Wed. Dec. 24	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Blessings by St. Brieux Parish
Thurs. Dec. 25	11:00 a.m.	+Therese & Adrien Fagnou by Marie & Dennis Fagnou
Fri. Dec. 26	10:00 a.m.	+Mathieu Assie by Andre & Ramona Assie and Family
Sat. Dec. 27	7:00 p.m.	+Marie Gregoire by Dan & Darlyn Hunt
Sun. Dec. 28	10:00 a.m.	For all Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Wed. Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.	+Victoria Borsa by Mary, Mother of God Parish
Sun. Dec. 28	4:00 p.m.	+Walt Jansen, Mary, Mother of God Parish

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

Regular Collections

St. Brieux: (Includes Sunday Collection and Automatic Deposits)

December 14th, 2025 - $1,417.00

Mary, Mother of God:

December 14th, 2025 - $180.00

Thank you!

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.

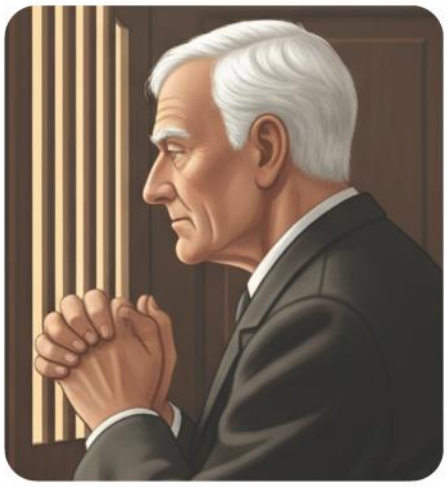
Pray It Forward Prayer Group:

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

Dear Padre,


GEMINI

I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament. "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* 1128).

The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, "How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?" The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the word of God. Then also listen to others, to know how to build bridges, to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors [and] thinking that we have all the truth and no one else can tell us anything.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 11, 2025

Monday
December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

Tuesday
December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

Wednesday
December 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67–79

Thursday
December 25
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14

Friday
December 26
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59
Mt 10:17–22

Saturday
December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4
Jn 20:1a, 2–8

Sunday
December 28
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

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Stewardship: December 21st - 4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

www.https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts

Vocation Corner: December 21st - 4th Sunday of Advent

A Vocation View: Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

Prayer: For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: PRAYER is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community: sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen."

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

Bishop's Annual Appeal:
"Planting Seeds of Hope"

October 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build up the Kingdom of God here in north central Saskatchewan in the Diocese of Prince Albert. Thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a financial gift to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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 wishes to offer

our sympathies to

Jacqueline Mudrik and Family

on the passing of her husband and their father.

Kevin Mudrik

JUBILEE 2025

CLOSING JUBILEE MASS

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert will celebrate the closing of the 2025 Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope at **Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** All are Welcome.
The celebration will be live-streamed:
https://youtube.com/live/WpZ3QV1vd-Y?feature=share
The recording will be available later on the Diocesan web and Facebook pages.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

- $9,370.00

- $1,072.00

- $625.00 & $625.00 (Donated back by Val Guillet)

At the door - $2,670.00

Anonymous - $1,000.00

Former Parishioner Donation - $5,000.00

Christmas/New Year Mass Times

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Christmas Ministry List

Wednesday, December 24th:	**8:00 pm**
Altar	Christine Bedard
Greeters & Gifts	Marc & Rochelle Mansiere
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Hassel Agnote
Lectors	Janet Creurer & Jocelyn Tuba
Communion - Bread & Cup	Dan Hunt, Philip Mansiere, Marthe Rohel-Coquet
	Celine Kleiboer
Counters	Andre Assie, David Rheaume, Richard Coquet
Altar Servers	as per Lisa

Thursday, December 25th:	**11:00 am**
Altar	Darlyn Hunt
Greeters & Gifts	Janet Creurer & Ann Gueguen
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Michelle Piatt
Lectors	Russel Agnote & Rochelle Mansiere
Communion - Bread & Cup	Terry Valmont, Marc Mansiere, David Rheaume,
	Philip Mansiere
Counters	Dolores Rheaume, Kathy Nemeth, Betty Mahussier
Altar Servers	as per Lisa

Merry Christmas

From:

Father Tru and

The St. Brieux Parish Council