



Jesus, Servant Leader

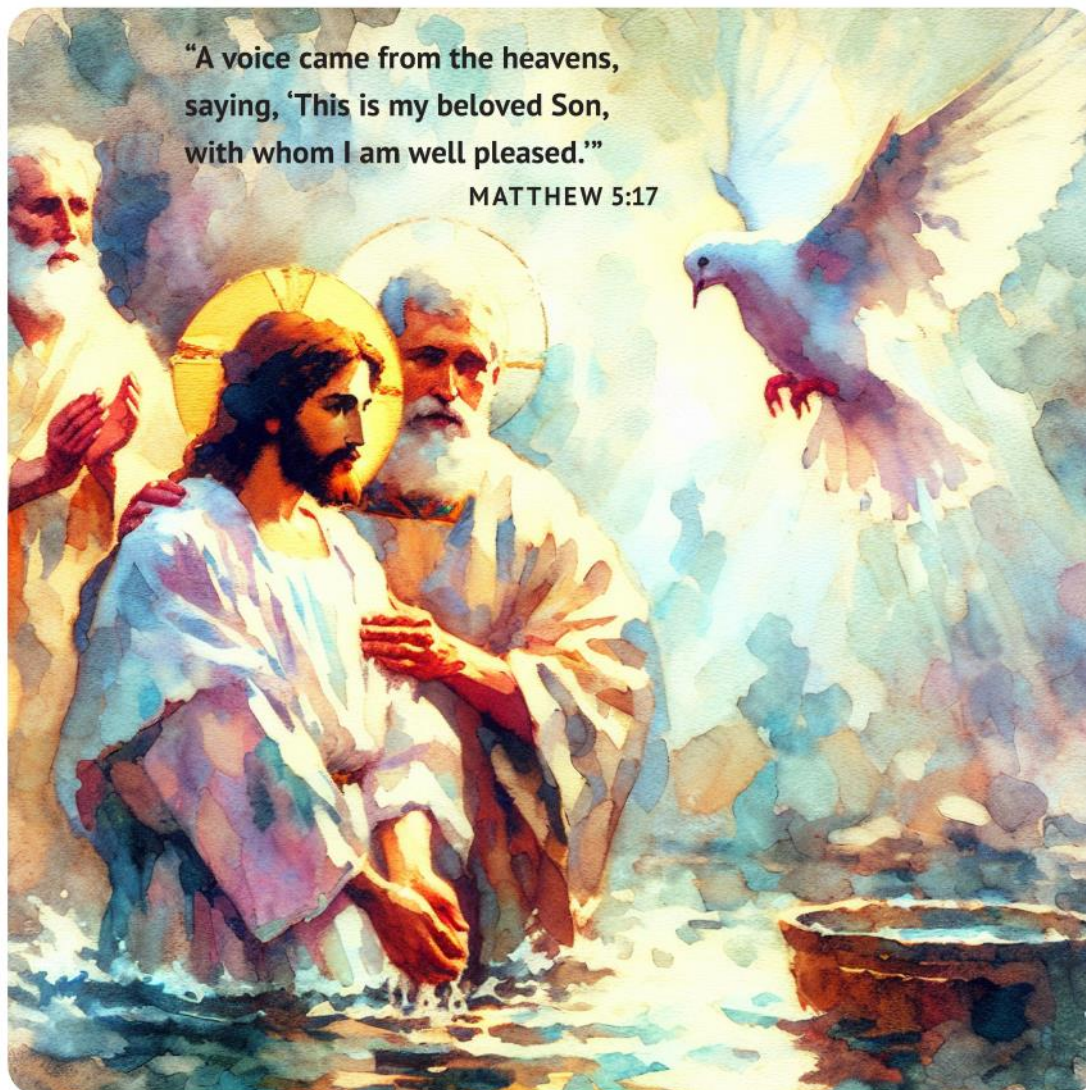
MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



“A voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 5:17

Reflect

This week, I’ll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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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

Jan 13, 14, 16: Mass 10:00 am

Jan 13: Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

Jan 14: Men's Support Group at 7:00 pm

Jan 15: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)

Jan 15: Alpha at 7:00 pm

Jan 17: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

Jan 18: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

Jan 18: Confirmation/Reconciliation class following mass

Jan 18: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 20, 21, 23: Mass 10:00 am

Jan 20: Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Jan 21: Men's Support Group at 7:00 pm

Jan 22: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)

Jan 22: Alpha at 7:00 pm

Jan 24: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

Jan 25: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

Jan 25: Confirmation/Reconciliation class following mass

Jan 25: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

Feb 03 to 25: Father will be going to Vietnam (Masses & Lay Services to be announced at a later date)

“ The heart preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist should be like a crystal vase.”

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Sunday, January 18th:	
Altar	Janet Creurer
Greeters & Gifts	Helen Pataueg & Mely Igo
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Michelle Piatt
Lectors	Dan Hunt & Ramona Assie
Communion - Bread & Cup	Andre Assie, Ramona Assie, Marthe Rohel-Coquet
	Celine Kleiboer
Children's Liturgy	Rochelle Mansiere
Counters	Dolores Rheaume, Kathy Nemeth, Betty Mahussier
Altar Servers	As Per Lisa
Vocation Cross	Dan & Darlyn Hunt

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	+Marie Gregoire by Leona Tetz & Family
Wed. Jan. 14	10:00 a.m.	+Lymwell Tuba by a Parishioner
Thurs. Jan. 15	10:00 a.m. (at the Manor)	+Lucien Fagnou by Glen & Jackie Mark
Fri. Jan. 16	10:00 a.m.	+Mathieu Assie by Claude & Ann Gueguen
Sat. Jan. 17	7:00 p.m.	+Kevin Mudrik by Gilbert & Donna Creurer
Sun. Jan. 18	10:00 a.m.	For all Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 18	4:00 p.m.	+Hajner Taylor by Brad & Diane Merkosky
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Regular Collections

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

December 31st, 2025 - \$ 390.00

January 1st, 2026 - \$ 179.35

January 4th 2026 - \$1,805.00

Mary, Mother of God:

January 1st, 2026 - \$ 140.00

January 4th 2026 - \$ 305.00

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

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●



RODRIGO DE MIGUEL / CATHOPIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025

Stewardship: January 11th - Baptism of the Lord

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?"" MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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

Vocation Corner: January 11th - Baptism of the Lord

A Vocation View: Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our Vocation.

Prayer: That every parishioner will increase their dedication to fostering vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and words of invitation and encouragement, we pray to the Lord.

Action: HAVE YOU HEARD of Serra Clubs? That is Serra Clubs, not Sierra Clubs! The mission of Serra is to pray for, foster and affirm vocations. It seeks to help the faithful understand that each person has a vocation and especially to help vocations to priesthood and religious life. Serra is named after Blessed Junipero Serra, who started a series of missions in California to bring Catholicism to them. Their website is serraus.org.

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

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Next Meeting is Wednesday - January 14th - 7:00 pm

ALPHA PROGRAM

Next Meeting is Thursday - January 15th - 7:00 pm

Pilgrimage to the Sacred Shrines of France

September 29 - October 9, 2026

Join Monsignor Maurice Fiolleau on a spiritually enriching faith pilgrimage through some of the most beloved and historically significant Catholic sites in France. This unforgettable journey includes visits to: **Paris** (sites of devotion & history), **Lisieux** (shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus), **Chartres** (famed for its magnificent Gothic Cathedral), **Nevers** (where St. Bernadette's incorrupt body rests), **Paray-le-Mondial** (Sacred Heart devotion site of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque), **Lyon** (historic cradle of Catholicism in France), **Ars** (Shrine of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests), **La Salette** (pilgrimage site of Marian apparitions), **Avignon & Carcassonne** (steeped in Church history and rich in medieval Catholic legacy), **Lourdes** (renowned for its healing waters and Marian shrine). Return flight from **Toulouse**.

Please join us for a **Travel Presentation: Wednesday January 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

St. Michael parish in Prince Albert

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

Are you ready to grow your faith and serve others?

We're excited to announce that the Diocese of Prince Albert is partnering with the Catholic Information Center (CIC), a Ministry of the Paulist Fathers, and offering an opportunity for our parishioners to deepen their relationship with God, embrace transformation, and prepare for greater involvement in the life of our parish.

Supported by the grant from the Lilly Endowment, the Leadership Formation Institute (LFI) will run from February through June 2025. We will meet twice monthly online, joining with parishioners from across several dioceses. Together, we will explore the treasures of our faith and discover new ways to share the Good News with others.

Participants will engage in a variety of enriching activities, including:

- Developing prayer practices
- Understanding and living the sacraments
- Reading Scripture as the Word of God
- Seeing others as part of our community

Then in the fall of 2026, with the support and consultation of the pastor, LFI participants will have the opportunity to implement a pastoral project that addresses the greatest need in our community. Imagine the impact of vibrant, faith-filled leaders like you, sent as missionaries to transform our parish and beyond!

We are looking for candidates who have FAITH

F-Faith-filled,

A-Available,

I-Intimacy with God,

T-Teachable

H-Hopeful.

If you're interested in learning more about the program, plan to join us at the Vibrant Parish Summit on January 14th at 6:00 CT (7:00 PM EST). For more information and to register, please contact Christine Taylor @ 306-922-4747 ext 227.

Salvation Army Prince Albert - Fire

As many of you know, the Salvation Army building burnt to the ground on Christmas Day. They have recently been doing extensive renovations at the Centre, bringing in new kitchen equipment etc. The Salvation Army building was used as a soup kitchen for lunch six days a week and recently opened the warming Centre. Many homeless people and others were served at this Centre. We as a Catholic community were invited to provide lunch on every 5th or 6th Saturday. With the Bishop's support, Prince Albert parishes and the parish in Albertville have been involved for the past 12-13 years. The whole community was very saddened to see what happened to the Centre as we made many good memories there and helped many needy persons through the years."

The best way to help the Salvation Army is by financially supporting the lunch program. Funds that are donated can be used to purchase food items as the volunteers build the weekly menus. We can all continue to support this very important ministry by donations and volunteering when possible. The folks at the Salvation Army are setting up at the Union Centre in Prince Albert for now. They are starting out with nothing as kitchen appliances, utensils, dinnerware were all lost in the fire.

Please help if you are able. You can send donations to : <https://tinyurl.com/3k8w38fw> or phone 1 800 725-2769