



Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

**What does “repent” mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**



“Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:2

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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 27, 28, 30: Mass 10:00 am

Jan 28: Men's Support Group at 7:00 pm

Jan 29: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)

Jan 29: Alpha at 7:00 pm

Jan 31: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

Feb 01: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux (**Coffee Sunday - Group 2**)

Feb 01: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 03 to 25: Father will be going to Vietnam (There will be no weekday masses while he is away)

Feb 08: Lay Service 10:00 am (Kathy Bedard - St. Brieux)

Feb 08: Lay Service 4:00 pm (Dianne Merkosky) - Kinistino

Feb 15: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux (**Fr. Lawrence**)

Feb 15: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino (**Fr. Lawrence**)

Feb 18: Mass 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday (**Fr. Lawrence**)

Feb 22: Lay Service 10:00 am (Kathy Bedard - St. Brieux)

Feb 22: Lay Service 4:00 pm (Dianne Merkosky - Kinistino)

Feb 27: Mass 10:00 am

Feb 28: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

Mar 01: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux

Mar 01: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

Mar 03, 04, 06: Mass 10:00 am

Mar 05: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)

Mar 07: Mass 7:00 pm - St. Brieux

Mar 08: Mass 10:00 am - St. Brieux (**Coffee Sunday - Group 3**)

Mar 08: Mass 4:00 pm - Kinistino

| Sunday, February 1st: | |
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| Altar | Helen Pataueg |
| Greeters & Gifts | Marc & Rochelle Mansiere |
| Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful | Janet Creurer |
| Lectors | Ryan Kwiatkowski & Antoni Llorca |
| Communion - Bread & Cup | Philip Mansiere, Andre Assie, Ramona Assie, Marthe Rohel-Coquet |
| Children's Liturgy | Thomas Family |
| Counters | Marc Mansiere, Philip Mansiere, Marthe Rohel-Coquet |
| Altar Servers | Mavrick, Kaylie, Riley |
| Vocation Cross | Terry Valmont |

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Jan. 27 | 10:00 a.m. | +George Laczko by a Parishioner |
| Wed. Jan. 28 | 10:00 a.m. | +Lucien Fagnou by Edwin & Christine Bedard |
| Thurs. Jan. 29 | 10:00 a.m. (at the Manor) | +Kevin Mudrik by Gilles & Monique Tremblay |
| Fri. Jan. 30 | 10:00 a.m. | +Mathieu Assie by Andre & Ramona Assie and Family |
| Sat. Jan. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | +Marie Gregoire by Gilbert & Donna Creurer |
| Sun. Feb. 01 | 10:00 a.m. | All Parishioners |

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

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| Sun. Feb. 01 | 4:00 p.m. | +Alfred & Rita Soulier by the Soulier Family |
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Regular Collections

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

January 18th 2026 - \$1,986.00

Mary, Mother of God:

January 18th, 2026 - \$ 335.00

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 can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| January 26 | January 27 | January 28 | January 29 | January 30 | January 31 | February 1 |
| <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> | <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 | 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 | 2 Sm 7:4-17 | 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 | 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 | 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 |
| Mk 3:22-30 | Mk 3:31-35 | Mk 4:1-20 | Mk 4:21-25 | Mk 4:26-34 | Mk 4:35-41 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 |
| | | | | | | Mt 5:1-12a |

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 LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



Stewardship: January 25th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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

Vocation Corner: January 25th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come!

Prayer: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven among us, we pray to the Lord.

Action: THE FIRST WORD OF JESUS in the Gospel was “come”; the last word of Jesus was “go.” *Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

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 28th - 7:00 pm

ALPHA PROGRAM

Next Meeting is Thursday - January 29th - 7:00 pm

“Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish his life within us.”

- St. John Eudes

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.

VIBRANT PARISH SUMMIT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for registering for the **Vibrant Parish Summit**, hosted by the Catholic Information Center. With input from last year's participants, this is the final information session before our next group begins on Feb. 4th. We're excited to have you join us online for this live event! Below are the details to ensure you have a smooth and engaging experience:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82730995291?pwd=bjE08S1bKrdddzBJlqPS6Ej90u6fAh.1>

Meeting ID: 827 3099 5291

Passcode: 381514

All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST):

- **5:45 p.m.** – Sign on using the Zoom link provided
- **6:00 p.m.** – Opening prayer and introductions
- **6:15 p.m.** – Remarks from the 2025 Cohort
- **6:30 p.m.** – Panel discussion with LFI participants
- **6:45 p.m.** – Facilitated online discussion
- **7:00 p.m.** – Presentation from LFI 2025
- **7:30 p.m.** – Final blessing and dismissal

For the online discussion, a dedicated host will facilitate conversation and address questions specific to your parish or diocesan involvement with the upcoming LFI 2026 cohort.