



Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

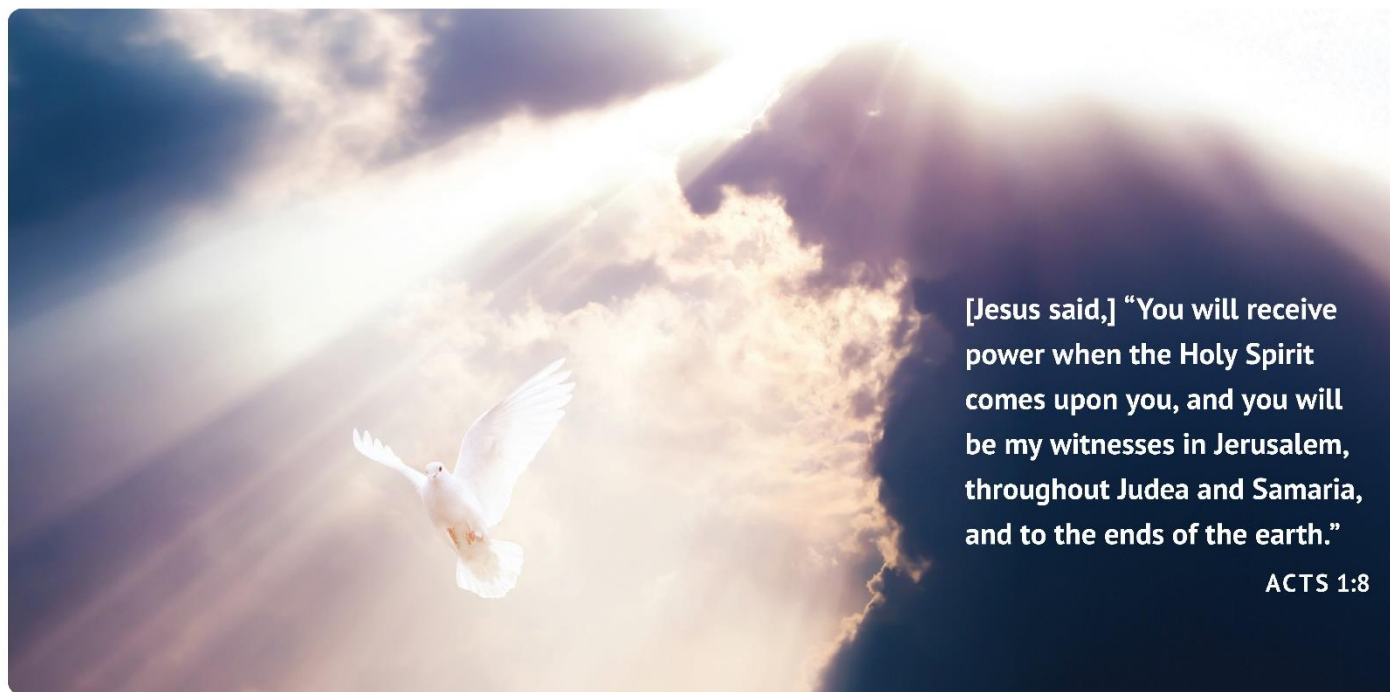
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Reflect

How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?

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St. Brioux Parish Office Hours

Fr. Tru Le – Is available all week with the exception of Monday – his day off.

Denise: Office hours: Tuesday 8:30 – 4:00

Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbriouxparish.ca and our Facebook page: **St. Brioux Catholic Church.**

St. Brioux Parish Mass Times:

Adoration/Reconciliation – 1ST Wednesday of Month At 6:00 pm and 1st Friday of Month – following mass

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Time

Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation (St. Brioux):

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

- May 19: Mass 9:00 am
Lectors' Meeting/Workshop 7:00 pm
- May 20: Mass 9:00 am
- May 21: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brioux Manor)
- May 22: Mass 9:00 am
- May 23: Mass 7:00 pm
- May 24: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brioux) **Rosary 8:30 am**
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 26 - 29: No Mass - Fr. Tru will be away!**
- May 30: Mass 7:00 pm
- May 31: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brioux) **Rosary 8:30 am**
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)
- June 7: Mass 9:00 am**
Celebration of Confirmation & Holy Communion

“Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, that is, the bridge that leads you to the height of heaven.”

- St. Catherine of Siena



To govern one's passions is to become master of one's world. – St. Dominic

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. May19	Mass 9:00 am	+Marie Gregoire by Philip & Jeannette Mansiere
Wed. May20	Mass 9:00 am	+Kevin Mudrik by Wayne & Helen Kruger
Thurs. May21	Mass 10:00 am St. Brieux Manor	+Gilles Tremblay by Andre & Ramona Assie
Fri. May22	Mass 9:00 am	+Gilles Boudreau by Richard Coquet & Marthe Rohel-Coquet
Sat. May23	Mass 7:00 pm	+Lucien Fagnou by Lionel & Betty Lou Fagnou
Sun. May24	Mass 9:00 am	All Parishioners

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, lift 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

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. May24	Mass 4:00 pm	+Paul & Helen Bencharski By Brian & Gwen Bencharski
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Regular Collections

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

May 10th 2026 - \$ 1,699.00

Mary, Mother of God:

May 10th 2026 - \$ 270.00

Sunday, May 24 - 9: 00 am		(If you are unable to do your ministry, please find a replacement)
Ministries		
Altar	Helen Pataueg	
Greeters & Gifts	Russel Agnote	
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Richard Coquet	
Lectors	Ryan Kwiatkowski & Darlyn Hunt	
Communion - Bread & Cup	David Rheame, Marthe Rohel- Coquet, Celine Kleiboer,	
	Terry Valmont	
Children's Liturgy	Rochelle Mansiere	
Counters	Andre Assie, David Rheame, Richard Coquet	
Altar Servers	Raylan, Will, Luc	
Vocation Cross	Ivone Hagel	

Dear Padre,

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.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 LEO XIV

Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?...

Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.

ADDRESS TO MEETING
ON FRATERNITY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



MARCO IACOBICCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

May 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Vocation Corner: May 17th – Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of the Lord

A Vocation View: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

Prayer: That seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will generously share His spirit of wisdom with all those now discerning their vocation and open the eyes of the hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

Action: PRAYER FOR MY VOCATION Heavenly Father, You have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I want to do my part in your plan. Help me to see the signs that You give me. Open my heart to respond to You. Grant me the courage to follow your call. Give me the strength to serve You and your people with generosity and love. Amen.

Stewardship: May 17th – Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Ascension of the Lord

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Rosary in May - 'MONTH OF MARY'

*Join us every Sunday before mass
at 8:30 am
To say the rosary together!*

Lectors' Meeting – May 19, 2026

For present lectors and new lectors....

If you would like to participate in this ministry, as a new lector, please give your name to Fr. Tru Le or Denise Bortis, as more lectors would be much appreciated.

NORTHEAST PREGNANCY OPTIONS



Baby Bottle Campaign

Support Northeast Pregnancy Options through the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign!

The Baby Bottle Campaign is a simple fundraiser held at your community organization or church.

Raise awareness about the work of Northeast Pregnancy Options and help new families get started on the right foot.

Our baby bottle campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day every year!

Funds raised will go toward providing free and confidential support services to individuals facing unexpected pregnancy in Northeast Saskatchewan.

If you would like to support us, please let us know how many baby bottles you would like to fill with your donations and we will drop them off!

Thank you!

St. Brieux Parish is participating in the 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign. The funds raised goes towards support for individuals and families facing unexpected pregnancies in our communities. There are still several baby bottles left at the back of the church if you'd like to donate towards this worthwhile cause. When you pick up a bottle, please also fill in the registration form. Thank you!

How the Catholic Church chooses a new Bishop

A new bishop is chosen through a confidential, multi-stage process that begins in the local Church and ends with the pope, who makes the final appointment. It is one of the most significant decisions in the life of a diocese, because a bishop may shepherd a local church for decades. The selection process is deliberate, confidential, and rooted in centuries of tradition. It involves extensive consultation at local, national, and Vatican levels. Bishops are successors of the apostles and serve as the chief shepherds of their dioceses, responsible for teaching, governing, and sanctifying the faithful. In the early Church, bishops were often chosen by the clergy or even elected by the people of the diocese. Over time, especially in the Middle Ages, secular rulers sometimes claimed influence over episcopal appointments.

When a diocese becomes vacant, usually due to retirement at age 75 or the death or transfer of a bishop, the process to identify a successor begins. The apostolic nuncio, the pope's representative in a country, initiates the search. He consults widely: with the archbishop of the province, other bishops, leaders of the national bishops' conference, and members of the diocesan consultors. He may also seek input from priests, religious, and laypeople. This broad consultation helps identify priests who are respected for their pastoral leadership, doctrinal soundness, and personal integrity.

After gathering information, the nuncio prepares a confidential list of three recommended candidates, known as a *turnus*. Each candidate's dossier includes biographical details, pastoral experience, theological background, and assessments of character and suitability. The *turnus* is then sent to the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome.

The Dicastery for Bishops, made up of cardinals and archbishops from around the world reviews the candidates. They may accept the list, request more information, or ask for an entirely new set of names. Their role is to ensure that the candidates meet the universal Church's standards and that the needs of the local diocese are well understood.

The final decision always rests with the pope, who may choose one of the recommended candidates, request additional names, or select someone entirely different. Once the pope makes his choice, the candidate is contacted privately and asked whether he accepts the appointment. Only after acceptance is the appointment publicly announced.

Strict confidentiality protects the integrity of the process. It prevents lobbying, protects the reputations of those considered, and ensures that the focus remains on discernment rather than politics or personal ambition. The goal is to ensure that each diocese receives a bishop who is spiritually grounded, pastorally experienced, and capable of guiding the faithful in the mission of the Church.

For the faithful, the appointment of a new bishop is a moment of hope and renewal. It marks the beginning of a new chapter in the diocese's life, guided by a shepherd chosen through prayerful consultation and the wisdom of the universal Church.

Prayer for a New Bishop for the Diocese of Prince Albert



O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Roman Missal, Various Needs and Occasions #4)