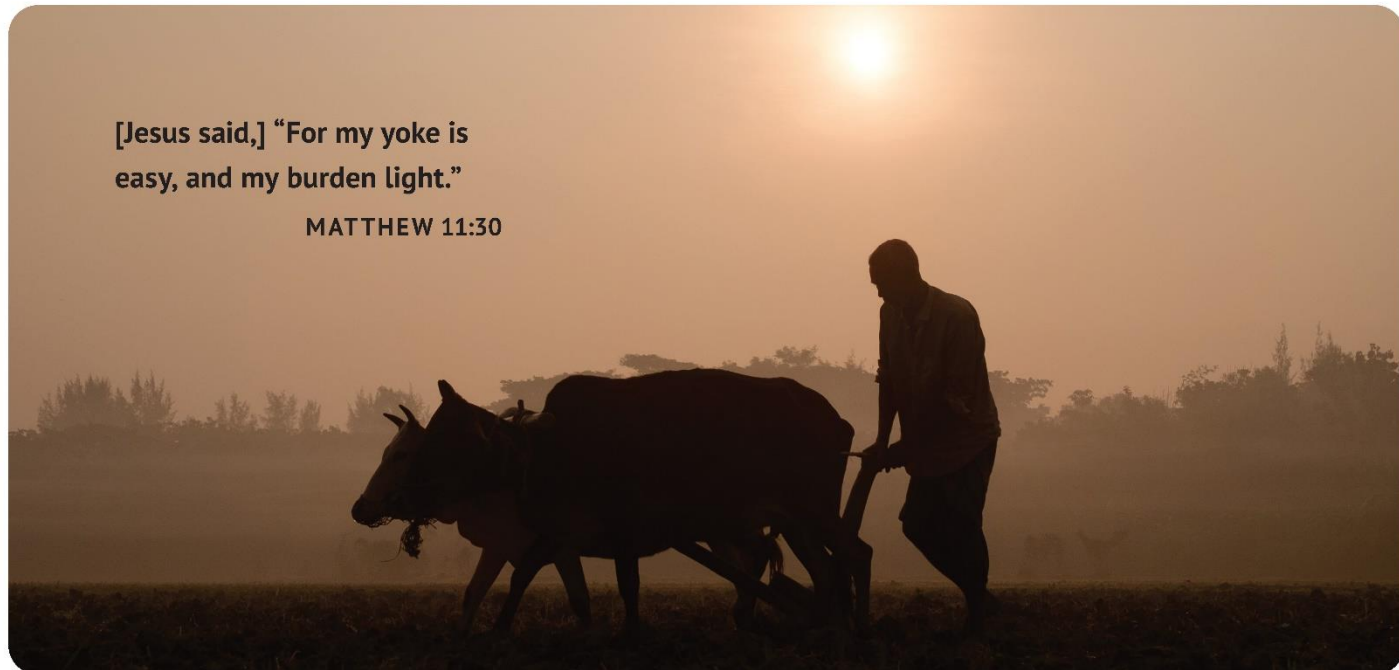




[Jesus said,] “For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

MATTHEW 11:30



Take Up the Yoke

ANN M. GARRIDO

The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26–27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? ●

Reflect

Is there a teaching of Jesus you find challenging?

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

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

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

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

St. Brieux 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. 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

July 7: Mass 9:00 am
July 8: Mass 9:00 am
July 9: Mass 10:00 am (**St. Brieux Manor**)
July 10: Mass 9:00 am
July 11: Mass 7:00 pm
July 12: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brieux)
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS – July 13 – 17 9:00 am – 12noon
(Masses during VBS will be in the evenings at 7:00pm
Except for Thurs at the manor will still be at 10am)

July 14: Mass 7:00 pm
July 15: Mass 7:00 pm
July 16: Mass 10:00 am (**St. Brieux Manor**)
July 17: Mass 7:00 pm
July 18: Mass 7:00 pm
July 19: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brieux)
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

NOTE: July 26 – Little Moose Mass @ 11:00 am
Followed by potluck!

‘Never be in a hurry: do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.’



~ St Francis de Sales

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. July 7	Mass 9:00 am	+Don Assié By Dennis & Marie Fagnou
Wed. July 8	Mass 9:00 am	+Marie Gregoire By Diane Merkosky
Thurs. July 9	Mass 10:00 am St. Brieux Manor	+Kevin Mudrik By Ernie & MaryLouise Rouault
Fri. July 10	Mass 9:00 am	+Wayne Ruiz By Cyril & Aileen Ruiz
Sat. July 11	Mass 7:00 pm	+Lymwell Tuba & Pelagia Baguio By Tuba Family
Sun. July 12	Mass 9:00 am	All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. July 12	Mass 4:00 pm	+Alfred & Rita Soulier By Soulier Family
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Regular Collections

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

June 28, 2026 - \$ 1,655.15

Mary, Mother of God:

June 28, 2026 - \$ 320.00

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

Sunday, July 12 - 9:00 am	(If you are unable to do your ministry, please find a replacement)
Ministries	
Altar	Darlyn Hunt
Greeters & Gifts	Russel Agnote
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Dan Hunt
Lectors	Jackie Mark, Rose Fenrich
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	Kian, Antoni, Amy
Vocation Cross	Terry Valmont

Dear Padre,

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom, and mediocrity?... We need to lift our eyes...to the “things that are above” (Colossians 3:2).

HOMILY, TOR VERGATA, AUGUST 3, 2025

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

July 6
Weekday
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

July 7
Weekday
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

July 8
Weekday
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

July 9
Weekday
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

July 10
Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 6:1-8
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

July 12
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Vocation Corner: July 5th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

Prayer: That more men and women will learn from Jesus and discover that the yoke of their vocation is perfectly suited to them and respond with humble, gentle service as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Action: “GOSPEL” means God has broken His silence, God has spoken, God exists. This fact as such is salvation, God knows us, God loves us, He has entered into history. Jesus is His Word, God with us, God shows us that He loves us, Who suffers with us until His death and He resurrects. This is the Gospel itself. God has spoken, is no longer the great unknown, but He showed Himself and this is salvation. *Pope Benedict XVI*

Stewardship: July 5th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

(Lectio Divina)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Next meeting – July 8th!

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

(Lectio Divina)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Next meeting – July 9th!

Bishop's ordination - Saturday, August 22nd

Bishop-Elect Reverend Father Ken Thorson!

Unfortunately, this event will be by invitation only, but the celebration will be live-streamed. I will post further details when available.



We would welcome any cut flower bouquets or potted flowers that you would like to donate to the church for summer and fall décor! Thank you!

The Décor Committee



St. Laurent Shrine - Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage – July 15th & 16th

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Located 12 km East of Duck Lake on grid #783 or via Highway #11 turn East at the Our Lady Statue.
GPS 52.85242576575959, -106.09293788005374

July 15, 2026

Theme:
***Walking With Mary On Sacred Ground:
A Journey of Memory, Mission, and Reconciliation***

3:00 pm to 11:00pm - Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, designed and Collected by St. Carlo Acutis (Log Church)

3:30 pm - Information Session (Log Church)
*Discussion on the future of Log Church, shrine grounds, cemetery and buildings etc.

4:00 pm - Holy Hour-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy, and Rosary (Grotto)


5:00pm to 7:00 pm – Supper

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Examination of Conscience followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grotto)

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm -Marian Time of Music, Singing and Prayer (Grotto)

8:30 pm - Celebration of the Eucharist with Msgr. Maurice Fiolleau, Priests, and Deacons. (Grotto)

9:45 pm - Torch Light procession to the Arch for the Blessing then to the Log Church for Adoration until 11:00 pm



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

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July 16, 2026

Theme:
***Walking With Mary On Sacred Ground:
A Journey of Memory, Mission, and Reconciliation***

9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, designed and Collected by St. Carlo Acutis (Log Church)

9:00 am - Cree Mass - Celebrant Archbishop Susai Jesu O.M.I. at the (Imihew Aski-Prayer Meadow, the old Pieta Site.)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (in English) - Celebrant Most Rev Bishop Michael Smolinski (Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon) (Grotto)


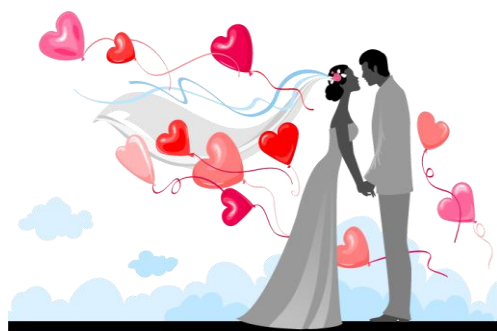
11:00 am - Eucharistic Celebration with Msgr. Maurice Fiolleau, Priests, and Deacons. (Grotto)

12:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Anointing of the Sick (Grotto)

3:15 pm - Way of the Cross (Grotto)

4:00 pm - Information Session (Grotto)
*Discussion on the future of Log Church, shrine grounds, cemetery and buildings etc.

*Congratulations
Blaise & Christina Assié
On your marriage!*

Joined together in the Sacrament of Marriage – July 4th, 2026

