Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 29, 2026

*First Sunday of Advent (B)*

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 / Mark 13:33–37

# Beginning with the End

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, but you would not guess it by today's gospel passage, which speaks of the end of time. Time's "end" is an important theme throughout Scripture. Unlike other ancient peoples, the Hebrews intuited that time was not locked in an eternal cycle. Time was "going somewhere." God had a purpose for history; a dream yet to be realized. Commonly in Scripture, this "end" is described as "the Lord's Coming" or, in New Testament Greek, "the *Parousia*." History exists that God might enter and fill time with the divine presence, making Earth God's home.

In the verses immediately preceding today's gospel reading, the disciples have been asking Jesus what this Coming will look like and when it will occur. Are there clues they should look for so they might be ready when it happens? Today, we hear Jesus emphasize that there is no way to know. Rather, they should *always* be prepared for God to come home. They should live each day with the "end" in mind.

Advent is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas—recalling how God came to make a home with us in the person of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. But even more so, it is a time of preparation for the *Parousia*, when what took place in the person of Jesus will take place within all of creation. When, as Paul says, God will be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

As the liturgical year begins anew, may we, too, enter this season with the "end" in mind. God is still at work in history, seeking a home within us and within our time. ●

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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 Friday of Month – following 10:00 am 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
-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 1: Mass 10:00
Dec 2: Mass 10:00 am
Dec 3: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)
Dec 4: Mass 10:00 am
**Adoration following mass**
**Dec 5: Sat Mass Kinistino 5:00 pm**
**NO Sat Mass in St. Brieux**
Dec 6: Sun Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux)
**PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2:30 pm**
(lunch to follow)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 8: Mass 10:00
Dec 9: Mass 10:00 am
Dec 10: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)
Dec 11: Mass 10:00 am
Dec 12: Sat Mass St. Brieux 7:00 pm
Dec 13: Sun Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux)
Sun Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

**Advent Reconciliation**
**Dec 13: Kinistino - 5:00 pm (after Sunday Mass)**
**Dec 15: St. Brieux - Tuesday 7:00 pm**

***"Love aright and you will never be sad. Embrace God's will and you will be filled with joy and peace."***

***~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne***

**St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions**

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|---|---|---|
| Tues.<br>Dec 1 | Mass 10:00 am | +Kevin Mudrik<br>By Bruce & Denise Bortis |
| Wed.<br>Dec 2 | Mass 10:00 am | +Alfred Fau By<br>Louis Fau, Aurilda Schindel, Flo Lavallie |
| Thurs.<br>Dec 3 | Mass 10:00 am<br>St. Brieux Manor | +Marie Gregoire<br>By André & Ramona Assié |
| Fri.<br>Dec 4 | Mass 10:00 am | +Agnes Thomas<br>By Leon & Florette Rheaume |
| Sat.<br>Dec 5 | No Mass | |
| Sun.<br>Dec 6 | Mass 10:00 am | +Ludivico Sumalinog<br>By Lloyd & Roxy Sumalinog & Family |

**Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions**

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|---|---|---|
| Sat<br>Dec 5 | Mass 5:00 pm | Blessings for the Haven Family<br>By The Luznars |

**Regular Collections**

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

Nov 22, 2026 - $ 1,970.00

**Mary, Mother of God:**

Nov 22, 2026 - $ 285.00

**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.

| **Sunday, Dec 6 - 10:00 am Ministries** | (If you are unable to do your ministry, please find a replacement) |
|---|---|
| Altar | Darlyn Hunt |
| Greeters & Gifts | Russel Agnote |
| Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful | Hassel Agnote |
| Lectors | Christople Ferré & Mavrick Kwiatkowski |
| Communion - Bread & Cup | Philip Mansière, Bryan Yamono, Marthe Rohel-Coquet |
| | Celine Kleiboer |
| Children's Liturgy | Analiza Llorca |
| Counters | André Assié, David Rheaume, Richard Coquet |
| Altar Servers | Eve, Maria, Vince |
| Vocation Cross | Ivone Hagel |

# Dear Padre,

***To justify or rationalize cutting off family members with whom there is discord, someone recently referenced Jesus telling his disciples that he did not come to bring peace, but to bring division. Are we called to pursue division in family or other relationships when we think someone has done something wrong and has not received the justice we think this person deserves?***

The actual quote is, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword." Jesus continues, "For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household" (Matthew 10: 34–36).

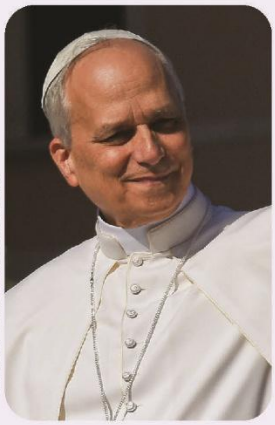


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In this passage, Jesus is talking about the sacrifice involved in becoming his follower. Many Jews who wished to become followers of Jesus in the early days of the Church had to choose between family and their own conscience. Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 37-38).

To apply this idea to arguments among family members is probably stretching Jesus' intention further than what he had in mind. ●

***Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org***



CRISTIAN GUTIÉRREZ, LC / CATHOPIC

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***We journey as if on a bridge that connects Earth to heaven, a bridge that the Lord has built for us. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on both shores, so that we may love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts in order to journey together and find ourselves one day united in the house of the Father.***

**HOMILY, ISTANBUL, NOVEMBER 29, 2025**

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**Monday**
November 30
*St. Andrew, Apostle*
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

**Tuesday**
December 1
*Advent Weekday*
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

**Wednesday**
December 2
*Advent Weekday*
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

**Thursday**
December 3
*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

**Friday**
December 4
*Advent Weekday*
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday**
December 5
*Advent Weekday*
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

**Sunday**
December 6
*Second Sunday of Advent*
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

## 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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## Vocation Corner: Nov 29th – First Sunday of Advent - B

**A Vocation View:** It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

**Prayer:** That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, but will continue to be enriched in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** DID YOU KNOW… we all have a "vocation"? The way we live our life is our vocation - Marriage, Priesthood, Religious life or the Single life! It is how YOU are meant to live and contribute to the Body of Christ! The important thing is to pray for discernment.

## Stewardship: Nov 29th – First Sunday of Advent

*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

### The Wild Goose program

*"Discovering a new relationship with the Holy Spirit"*

Thursday evenings in the Parish Meeting Room – 7:00 pm Next session – Dec 3rd
Open to everyone – feel free to attend any session as your schedule allows.

### MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

***Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish meeting room.***

***Next Meeting – Dec 2nd***

### Community Events:

***St. Brieux Social Club Christmas Supper***
Friday, Dec. 11 @ 6:00 pm
Get tickets before Dec. 4
Contact Harold (275-4839) or Marian (921-6543)

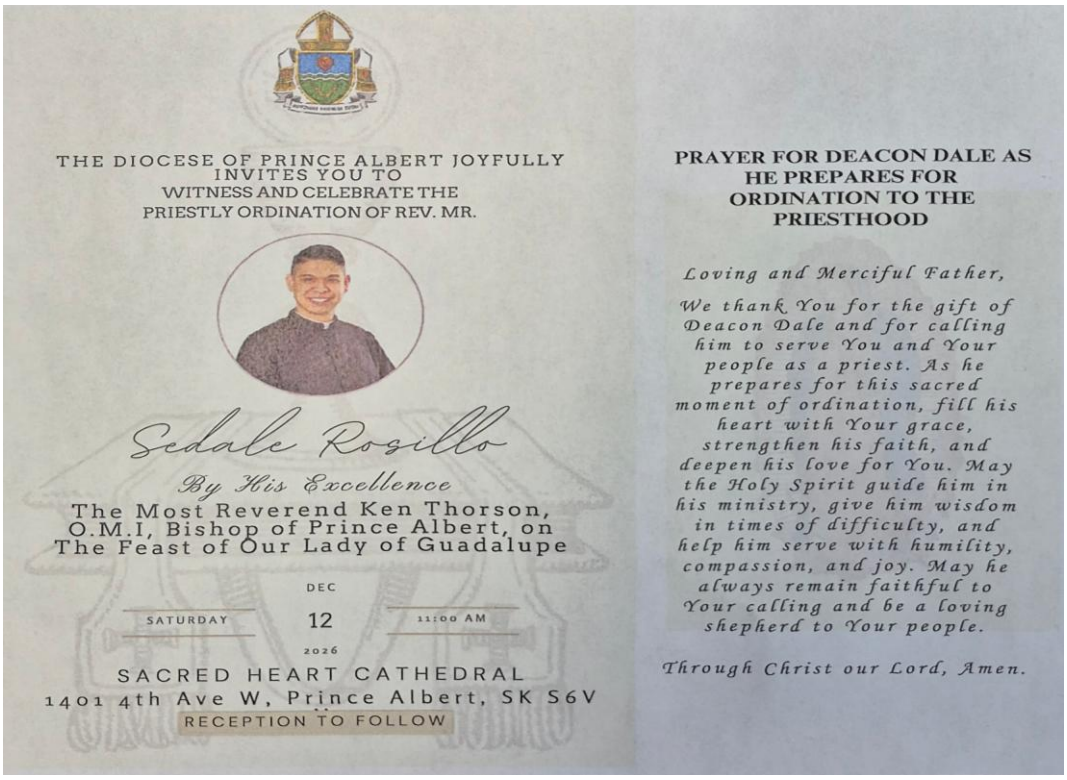
***Auxiliary Cookie Can Sale***
At the St. Brieux Social Club - Friday Dec 4
$20.00 /can (Pre-order as quantities are limited)
Pickup from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Contact Marian (921-6543) or Jeannine (921-9550)

## 2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL!

**Nov. 29 - Stewardship and Gratitude**

Everything we have is a gift from God – our time, our talents, our resources, and even the faith that brings us together as a diocesan family. The Bishop's Annual Appeal invites us to reflect on how we use these gifts. Stewardship is not simply about giving; it is about recognizing God's generosity and responding with gratitude. When we support the appeal, we acknowledge that we are part of something larger than ourselves. We help build a Church that serves, teaches, heals, and accompanies. Thank you for your continued generosity and for the many ways you share your blessings with others.

***The goal for our parish is $16,105.00***



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SATURDAY 12 11:00 AM

2026

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

**PRAYER FOR DEACON DALE AS HE PREPARES FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

*Loving and Merciful Father,*

*We thank You for the gift of Deacon Dale and for calling him to serve You and Your people as a priest. As he prepares for this sacred moment of ordination, fill his heart with Your grace, strengthen his faith, and deepen his love for You. May the Holy Spirit guide him in his ministry, give him wisdom in times of difficulty, and help him serve with humility, compassion, and joy. May he always remain faithful to Your calling and be a loving shepherd to Your people.*

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*




# *Advent 2026*

For me, one of Advent's greatest gifts is the invitation to quiet my heart and simply be. In the evenings, we dim the lights at home and enjoy the glow of the Advent wreath. Each week, we light another candle, adding a little more light as we draw closer to Christmas.

From November 29 to December 24, this year's readings point in two directions. In the first weeks, we look ahead to the day Christ will come again. Jesus' advice is simple: "Keep alert… keep awake" (Mark 13:33, 37). In other words, pay attention, and don't sleepwalk through your life. In the final days before Christmas, the focus shifts, and we begin preparing to celebrate Christ's birth.

To help you make the most of the season, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has updated the Advent pages on the diocesan website. They bring together favourite resources from past years along with new ones for 2026. You'll find something for families, young adults, adults and catechists, including retreats, daily emails, articles, ideas for entering more fully into the season, and fun family activities and crafts.

Wishing you a hopeful, unhurried Advent.

Leaving nothing undared for the kingdom,

Christine G. Taylor

# Advent & Christmas Masses

## Reconciliation:

**Kinistino - Dec. 13th at 5:00 pm (after Sunday mass)**

**St. Brieux - Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 7:00 pm (2 priests in attendance)**

## Christmas:

**Kinistino – Christmas Eve Mass**

**Thursday, Dec. 24th at 6:00 pm**

**St. Brieux – Christmas Eve Mass**

**Thursday, Dec. 24th at 8:00 pm**

**- Christmas Day Mass**

**Thursday, Dec. 25th at 11:00 am**

## New Year's Day:

**St. Brieux – New Year's Day**

**Friday, Jan. 1st at 11:00 am**

**Kinistino – New Year's Day**

**Friday, Jan 1st at 4:00 pm**

# Attention: Ticket Book Sellers

## for the Christmas Concert fundraiser

Please hand in all ticket books whether sold or unsold as soon as possible!

Hand in to Jocelyne Tuba (at the co-op), Dolores Rheaume, or Father Tru

**Note: We have already deposited $6,480 in ticket sales! Way to go everyone!**

Saint Brieux Parish

# Christmas Concert



*Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas...*

*The birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**Sunday, December 6, 2026**
**at 2:30 p.m.**

***All are Welcome!***

Silver Collection at the Door

*Refreshments Following Concert*

*50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction*