

# Paroisse St. Louis de France Parish

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## Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

Apr 12 2026



## Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am  
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital  
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge  
Friday: 6 pm  
Last Friday : 10:30 am Extending

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter

### Helped by a Doubting Apostle

The expression “Doubting Thomas” comes from this remarkable Easter story. The apostle Thomas, one of Jesus’s inner circle, was slow to believe in the resurrection. He demanded concrete evidence before he could believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to his fellow apostles. His story offers some comfort to those of us who are always nagged by doubts. With the memory of our Lord’s crucifixion fresh in their hearts, the nervous disciples had locked the doors of their meeting room.

They had locked themselves for fear of Jewish reprisals. They were afraid that what was done to Jesus could be done to them. The turning point came when Jesus appeared among them and breathed the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new purpose. “As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.” In the power of the Spirit they left their self-imposed prison, to go out and spread the message of Jesus. In today’s reading from Acts St Luke shows them witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

Some people who cannot believe profess to envy those who do. They would like to experience the certainty of believers and share the faith of their parents. And indeed, most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during our spiritual journey. Thomas’s recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God’s mercy and kindness.

Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The “slings and arrows of outrageous fortune” have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today’s gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.



*“My Lord  
and my  
God!”*

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. “Put your finger here,” he said, “and feel my wounds.” He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, “My Lord and my God.”

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together we help each other’s faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: ‘Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say “My Lord and my God!”

Excerpt from: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/12-april-2026->

Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!."  
John 20:29

WHAT ARE YOU  
SEARCHING  
FOR?

**April 24 - 26, 2026**

Dr. Brosseau School  
4301 38 St, Bonnyville, AB

## BONNYVILLE SEARCH

SEARCH is an energetic, interactive weekend retreat put on by youth Ages 15-19. The weekend is filled with talks, prayer experiences, and group activities which encourage participants to grow in their relationship with Christ and build a community of believers.

SEARCH WEEKEND PROVIDES  
AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE  
YOUTH SHARE:

- ✓ Christ
- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ Friendship
- ✓ FUN!



### ABOUT SEARCH

SEARCH is a ministry of St. Louis Parish in cooperation with the Diocese of St. Paul and our Catholic schools.

Registration \$60

[search@stlouisparish.ca](mailto:search@stlouisparish.ca)

call 780-812-5879 for more information or to register.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

*a day of Great Grace*



*Celebrate  
Mercy  
Sunday!*

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I have] and the soul that receives Holy Communion with trust in Divine Mercy [I am] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord, please give me this grace. Jesus, I trust in You  
Amen



## Lakeland Live-In

Come and get to KNOW Jesus

**May 1 - 3, 2026**

**Dr. Brosseau School, Bonnyville**

The Live-In is a weekend retreat rooted in the Catholic faith and supported by the Bishop of St. Paul. The Live-In welcomes everyone 18 yrs and older of any denomination to come and experience a wonderful weekend encounter with Jesus.

All registrants must have a sponsor.

**For information, to register or to find a sponsor,  
please contact:**

Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

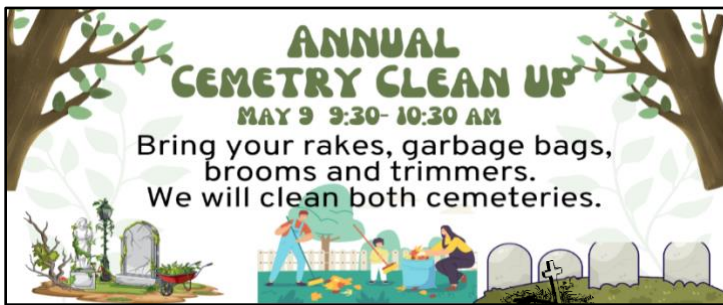
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Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi April 11	5:00 pm	Church	+Conrad Romaniuk	Romaniuk Family	St Stanislaw
Sunday dimanche April 12	10:00 am	Church	+Gary Hill	Terry & Paulette Coleman	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Monday Lundi April 13			No Mass		
Tuesday mardi April 14	9:00 am	Church	+Shirley Jane Breckley	Ian & Pat Perry	St. Martin I
Wednesday Mercredi April 15	10:30 am	Hospital	+Jacques & Marguerite Beauchemin	The Family	
Thursday jeudi April 16	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bonnylodge Church	+Leo Strzepek OCIT – NDH Mass	Mona, Roxamme Ulanda, Vaughn	
Friday Vendredi April 17	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Church	+Leo Ducharme	Bonnyville Tuneagers	St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday samedi April 18	5:00 pm	Church	Parishioners		Blessed Marie-Ann
Sunday dimanche April 19	10:00 am	Church	+Lionel & Maria Lafond	Glen & Aline Hrycauk	

COLLECTIONS	QUÊTES
<i>Apr 5 Offering</i>	\$4484.00
<i>Building Fund</i>	315.00
<i>St Paul Diocesan Caritas</i>	10.00
<i>Priests Retirement Fund</i>	110.00
<i>Needs of Church in Holy Land</i>	335.00
<i>Camp St Louis</i>	10.00
<i>*Does not include e-transfers</i>	
Thank you for your generosity! Merci!	



Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

**April 2026**  
Pope's Prayer Intention/  
Intention de prière  
du Saint-Père

**For priests in crisis:**  
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Pour les prêtres en crise**  
Prions pour les prêtres qui traversent des moments de crise dans leur vocation, afin qu'ils trouvent l'accompagnement dont ils ont besoin et que les communautés les soutiennent par la compréhension et la prière.

**Next Week's Readings**  
**April 19**

**1st Reading**  
Acts 2:14, 22b-28  
*It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death.*


**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Ps 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
*R: Lord you will show me the path of life.*

**2nd Reading:**  
1Peter 1:17-21  
*You were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without defect or blemish*

**Gospel - John 20:1-18**  
*According to the Scripture; Jesus must rise from the dead.*

EXPERIENCE  
**PENTECOST**  
3-DAY RETREAT

NEW  
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT




— Catholic Diocese of St. Paul Initiative —

**MAY 22-24, 2026** *Early Bird registration by April 26th: \$50/person (including lunch Saturday); \$70/person after April 26th.*  
**SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTRE** *RSVP TO LANA@NOVUM.LOVE BEFORE MAY 10TH*  
 4809 - 47 st, St. Paul, AB

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# Thank You

The Knights of Columbus  
would like to thank the parishioners  
who were able to join us at the March 29th pancake breakfast.  
We were able to donate \$600 to the  
Diocese Priests Retirement Trust Fund.

**AWESOME!** Thank you for your generous support!





Join us for a night of French Gypsy Jazz music!  
featuring Christine Tassan et Les Imposteures  
All tickets are available at [www.bonnyvilletheatre.com](http://www.bonnyvilletheatre.com) and  
Pre-Sale tickets will go on sale Friday!  
**BONNYVILLE THEATRE APRIL 16!**

**Music Ministry Schedule 10 am**

Apr 19 – French	May 17 – French
Apr 26 – English	May 24 – English
May 3 – French	May 31 – French
May 10 – Youth	June 7 – English
	June 14 – French

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, *Pastor*  
 Dave Scott, *Maintenance* – part-time  
 Jojo Policarpio, *Secretary*  
 Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010  
 OR email [officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca](mailto:officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca)  
 Monday to Friday  
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*  
 Members -----  
 Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus  
 Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau  
 Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary  
 Vince MacDonald      Wayne Marks  
 Leona Bonneau      Marie Southcombe  
 Audrey Campbell      Gerarda Germain  
 Jason Morgan      Nathan Gumangan  
 Maria Shea      Lise Medford  
 Sheldon Germain

### Family Committee

Regimbald Family \* Taylor Family

### Finance Committee

Russ Yamuch \* Luc Vincent \* Loriann Lafrenière \*  
 Stacey Taylor \* Carrie Goldsmith \* Isabelle Hetu

### Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell \* Germaine Prybysh.

### Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh \* Annette Schultz  
 Robert Albert \* Paul Husereau \* Yvonne Primeau

**Adoration** - Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085

**Adult Servers** - Dan Dugas

**Baptism Preparation** - JoJo Policarpio

**Bldg & Maintenance Concerns** –

Roger Lafreniere

**Camp St. Louis:** 780-645-3277

**Collections** - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

**Communion in the Homes** - Call the Parish Office.

**Sacramental Preparation** – Mel Poulin

**Knights of Columbus** -

Vince Spila

**Liturgical Scheduling**

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

**Marriage Preparation** – Call Fr. Rene  
 6 months in advance.

**Music Ministry**

Saturday:      Patrice MacDonald

Sunday:      Margaret Borders

Dimanche:      Anna Laplante

**Pastoral Care** – Call Parish Office

**RCIA** – Call Parish Office

**Sacristan** - Janet Anctil

**Sunday School** – Natasha Miller  
 Suzanne Antoniuk