



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.



Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.- 4p.m.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday : 7 p.m.

Sunday : 10 a.m.

Weekday : Please check a current bulletin

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6p.m.- 6:45p.m.

Thursdays & 3rd Fridays 8a.m. - 8:45a.m.

or by appointment

Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the pastor 8 months in advance

Address: 109 12th Avenue, Estevan SK S4A 1C9 Phone: (306) 634-2190 Fax: (306) 634-6845

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, January 11	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 12	10am Holy Mass <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday, January 14	7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, January 15	7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, January 16	9am Lay Presided Service 9:30am Fellowship and Coffee held in the Parish Hall 7pm Choir Practice
Saturday, January 18	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 19	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass



Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.

Knights of Columbus annual membership fees are now due. Regular members fees are \$40 and honorary members fees are \$20. you may put your payment (include a note with your name, email address, and annual dues #3165) in an envelope marked K of C and it may be placed in the church collection basket, dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to Larry Johnstone 2358 Irvine Crescent Estevan Sk, S4A 2S6.



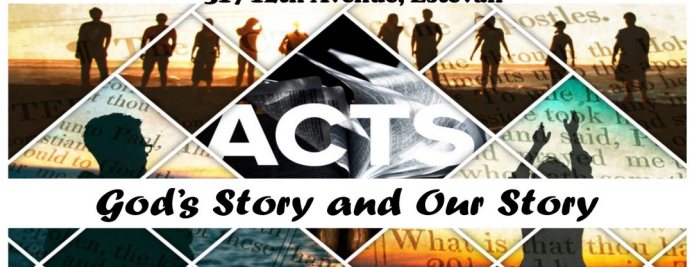
Join us for a discussion about the Book of Acts with

The Rev. Dr. Dean Pinter

Saturday, January 18, 10 AM—2 PM

St. Giles Anglican Church

317 12th Avenue, Estevan



This is a free workshop and everyone is invited!

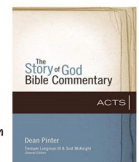
(lunch will be provided)

For details call 306-634-4113

Or call or text 306-897-0402



The Rev. Dr. Dean Pinter is passionate for God and thus prayer and Scripture are at the heart of his life. Fr. Dean received his B.A. in English from the University of Regina; a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Regent College; and a PhD in New Testament from Durham University (St. John's College). Fr. Dean is the current Rector at St. Aiden Anglican Church in Moose Jaw. He is the author of *The Story of God Bible Commentary on the Book of Acts*.



Sunday Missals are still available for purchase. You may pick one up at the Parish Office or in the main entrance of the Church.



"Remain in Me, as I remain in you."

We grow spiritually with each moment we spend with Jesus! Through our Adoration, Jesus calls us to a personal relationship (to become His friends and disciples), to "remain in Him" (Divine Intimacy), to "remain in His love" (Keep His commandments). He promises that all those who remain tightly bonded to Him, will bear much fruit and "their joy will be complete". For without Him, we can do nothing. Through this "friendship", we are inspired and strengthened to take on life's challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, to become a "new creation" (more and more like Jesus).

The Chapel has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday to Friday, 10 am - 5 pm; Thursday until 11 pm.

COLLECTION REPORT

2019 Projected Expenses \$400,000.00
 Monthly Collection Required \$48,058.44

Month of December 2019

2019 Actual Collection Year to Date \$387,505.98
 Dec Sunday Collection \$54,445.55

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 ABIGAIL MCINTYRE



Confirmation/First Eucharist Class

Our next Confirmation/First Eucharist class is on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring your Family Workbook with you. We will be working on Lesson Three.



Pot Luck Dinner and Game Night



POTLUCK DINNER

Everyone is invited to a Potluck Dinner and Game Night on Thursday, January 30 at 6:00pm.

Bring your favorite dish and a game to play. Some games will also be provided and drinks as well. See you there!!



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS

*Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 8 January 2017 (Year A)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, the Gospel (Mt 3:13-17) describes the scene which occurred at the River Jordan: Jesus, too, is in the midst of the penitent crowd which approaches John the Baptist to receive baptism. He stood in line. John would like to prevent him from [being baptized], saying: "I need to be baptized by you" (3:14). The Baptist, indeed, is aware of the great distance there is between him and Jesus. But Jesus has come precisely to bridge the gap between man and God: if He is completely on God's side, He is also completely on mankind's side, and reunites what had been separated. For this reason he asks John to baptize him, so that all righteousness may be fulfilled (cf. v. 15), namely, that the plan of God may be fulfilled, the plan which passes by way of obedience and solidarity with fragile and sinful mankind, the way of humility and of God's full closeness to his children. Because God is very close to us, very close!

At the moment in which Jesus, baptized by John, comes out of the waters of the River Jordan, the voice of God the Father is heard from on high: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (v. 17). At the same time the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, alights upon Jesus, who publicly begins his mission of salvation; a mission characterized by a manner: the way of a humble and gentle servant, armed only with the power of truth, as Isaiah had prophesied: "He will not cry or lift up his voice, ... a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice" (42:2-3). A humble and gentle servant.

This is Jesus' way, as well as the manner of Christ's disciples' missionary work: To proclaim the Gospel with gentleness, but also firmness, without shouting, without reprimanding anyone, but gently and firmly, without arrogance or imposition. The true mission is never proselytism, but drawing people to Christ. But how? How is this attraction to Christ achieved? With one's own witness, starting from the unwavering union with him in prayer, in adoration and in concrete works of charity, which is service to Jesus present in the least of his brothers and sisters. In imitation of Jesus, the good and merciful Shepherd, and moved by his grace, we are called to make our life a joyous testimony that illuminates the way, that brings hope and love.

This feast makes us rediscover the gift and the beauty of being a community of baptized, that is, of sinners — we all are sinners — saved by the grace of Christ, truly integrated, by the work of the Holy Spirit, in the filial relationship of Jesus with the Father, welcomed into the bosom of Mother Church, making possible a brotherhood that knows no barriers or borders.

May the Virgin Mary help all of us Christians to maintain an ever keen and grateful awareness of our own Baptism and to faithfully follow the path opened by this Sacrament of our rebirth. Ever with humility, gentleness and firmness.