

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.

Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today!

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

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# YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT LORD, AND THEY ARE LIFE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

January 22 and 23, 2022

# **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 10am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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This is a great opportunity for our parishioners to highlight their company or business to our Parish Family and showcase their services.

If you are interested in adding your business to our sponsorship page, please contact Cindy at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 for further information.

# **Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Classes**

Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30pm - St. Mary's



#### Readings for Sunday, January 30, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4.21-30

#### **Make Music with Friends**



Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people?

Do you like to get together and play along with others?

Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a **Jam Session**!

Monday, January 31, 2022

**Sweetheart Special** 

1:00 - 4:00pm

#### St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

Fun, free, and entertaining. Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear! Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by SJB Fellowship Committee









# Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and it is the foundation of all the other sacraments. Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist follow and build upon your baptism. We look forward to journeying with your family as you prepare to baptize your child. Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

### The following is the schedule for the January session:

Monday, January 24 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, January 30 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Monday, January 31 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, February 6 at 10am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

# The following is the schedule for the June session:

 $Wednesday, June\ 1\ at\ 7pm$  -  $Prep\ Class$ 

 $Sunday, \ June\ 5\ at\ 10 am\ - Presentation\ of\ the\ Parents\ during\ Holy\ Mass$ 

 $Wednesday, June\ 8\ at\ 7pm$  -  $Prep\ Class$ 

Sunday, June 12 at 10am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration



#### **Homily Corner**



Last weekend we celebrated the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 62:1-5, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 96, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and the Gospel reading was John 2:1-12.

Last weekend we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, concluding the Christmas season. We reflected on the power of Baptism that went into Jesus, how it was necessary for Jesus to be baptized, and how the gates of heaven were unlocked because of his Baptism. That was the purpose of his Baptism. And now we enter the season of Ordinary Time with some very powerful readings that tell us how we can enjoy the grace of God in our lives; the grace we received at Baptism.

The first reading tells us that Jesus is the bridegroom and all of creation is the bride. "For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."

In the second reading, we are reminded of our baptism and confirmation. St. Paul is assuring us. He takes away the concern that humans have about which gifts they have and the gifts someone else may have. He tells us that all these gifts, even though they are different, are all from the same Spirit. Each of us utilizing different gifts, makes the fullness of God. If we all utilize the gifts we have been given, we become one family. If we don't utilize our gifts, if we hold on to them and do not share them, that is not a good spirit.

The Gospel reading recalls and assures us of how we can enjoy the Christmas joys and happiness in our daily lives, provided we utilize the Spirit of God in our lives. Do you think it is God who brings us challenges and suffering? NO. Jesus is the bringer of joy in our lives. We must utilize the Spirit and invite Jesus in, just like Jesus was invited to the wedding in today's reading. At the wedding, Mary takes that motherly care for the family when she sees that the wine is gone. She tells Jesus about it, knowing what he will do. Jesus asks her what concern is it of hers and his. But Mary takes that family into her heart and she will not let them live in shame. She does not beg Jesus or even reply to him. She turns to the servants and says, "Do whatever he tells you." She was certain that Jesus would help that family. Of course, we know this story well. Jesus turns the water into wine, but not just wine, the best wine. The steward says, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." What is the best wine? The grace of God. Jesus always gives us the best. If we keep the Spirit and Mary in our lives, we will have rejoicing lives in ever situation.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, ask yourself, "What can I do to keep Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of me, in my family? My life? How do I invite her into my family? Am I utilizing the gifts the Spirit gave me?

See you next week as we reflect on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

#### **Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish**

Saturday, January 22 5pm Holy Mass

St. Vincent

Sunday, January 23 10am Holy Mass

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)

Monday, January 24 7pm Baptism Prep Class held in the Parish Hall

St. Francis de Sales

Tuesday, January 25 6:30pm Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members

Conversion of St. Paul

Wednesday, January 26 9am Holy Mass Intentions for Bill Baryluk

St. Timothy & St. Titus 6:30pm Confirmation Class St. Mary's

Thursday, January 27 9am Holy Mass Health for Family Members

St. Angela Merici 7pm PPC Meeting

Friday, January 28 8:30am Podcast Friday

St. Thomas Aquinas 9am Holy Mass **†**Lloyd Day

Saturday, January 29 5pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 30 10am Holy Mass

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm Holy Mass (Torquay)



