



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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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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January 29 and 30, 2022

4th Sunday in OT

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

Pastoral Care Training update Our pastoral care team is growing! We are actively seeking anyone who would like to begin in this ministry or is just looking for more information. Our next training/commissioning workshop will be held on Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. You will learn the background of this special ministry as well as some practical tips. Following the session you will be commissioned by Father Antony. Please contact Gwen at the Parish Office if you are interested.



The 2021 Tax Receipts are available for pick up at the main entrance of the Church.

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

Lucille Bonokoski

Lucas Dzeryk



Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Class

Our next Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Classes are on:

Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30pm (SHSC)

Thursday, February 17 at 6:30pm (St. Mary's)

Both classes will be held in the Church.



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 June session:

Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm - Prep Class

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

Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm - Prep Class



St John the Baptist Parish would like to extend an invitation to your business to participate in a unique sponsorship opportunity that will reach over 400 parishioners every week.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR



Homily Corner

Last weekend we celebrated the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 19, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 and the Gospel reading was Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

Three years ago, Pope Francis declared this day the Sunday of the Word of God. We are created by God, in his image and wisdom. God, the Word, goes on and on. It is living. We celebrate the Word this Sunday as we kick off our year of the Gospel of Luke. At the beginning of Advent, I reminded you of which Gospel we would be concentrating on this year. All the Gospels are great and they all focus on different needs of the people. Luke explains that he went through all the records to write his Gospel and so the Church says that his Gospel is for everyone.

We are blessed by the Holy Church today with amazing readings. They all have scientific, historical and traditional aspect staying in them. In the first reading, we see that the Word of God existed from the beginning. And even though this service of the assembly of the people of God happened in 968BC, centuries and centuries before Jesus, there is not much difference from then to today. They kept the Word of God in scrolls. The service was not just one hour. There were many readings and interpretations. Many scribes, the highly elite and educated people, were appointed as lectors. They would do a reading and then a homily after. When the interpretation was given, the people who listened and understood would sometimes weep with joy or sorrow. When they wept with sorrow, it was a sorrow of conversion. They were also reminded to be joyful, because it is the Lord's day. We saw the scribe proclaiming God's word from an ambo, which still happens today. Historically these were made out of wood. The history of proclaiming the Word has remained the same. When we are confused by the homily, it is because we don't take that Word of God to heart. We don't cry with joy or sorrow. And then sometimes just one small Word of God gets to us. We need to focus on the Word of God.

One of the great homilists of the Church, Saint Francis de Sales, was speaking to priests when he told them that after listening to a homily, the people shouldn't be leaving the Church saying what a good homily it was. Instead, the people should be asking what kind of transformation can they do. What kind of change can they make. A homily should touch your life and demand conversion.

In the Second Reading St. Paul is affirming that God the Holy Spirit made each of us in such a way that all of us makes up one body. He explains it very well. We are given different gifts, but all of those gifts are given to us by the same Spirit and all those gifts come together for the fullness of creation. That is the power of the Word of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the Word of God. And when he is finished, he says, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Just like Jesus had a personal experience today, when we open the Bible when we are sad, distressed or joyful, we will be given an answer.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, reflect on the power of the Word of God in your life. Take time each day to read the Bible.

See you next week as we reflect on the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, January 29	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 30	10am Holy Mass
<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5pm Holy Mass (Torquay)
Monday, January 31	1pm Musical Jam Session held in the Parish Hall
<i>St. John Bosco</i>	7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 1	6:30pm Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members 7pm C.W.L. Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 2	7pm Holy Mass †Gerry Glasser
<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	
Thursday, February 3	9am Holy Mass †John Mickle
<i>St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</i>	6:30pm Pastoral Care Training/Commissioning Workshop held in the Parish Hall 7pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, February 4	8:30am Podcast Friday 9am Holy Mass Intentions for Mannie & Doreen Mack
Saturday, February 5	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)
<i>St. Agatha</i>	
Sunday, February 6	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday) 11am Baptism Celebration
<i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>	5pm Holy Mass (Bienfait) Lay Presided with Communion



CHRISTIAN ETHICS CLASS @ ECS

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SEMESTER 2 IN PERIOD 1

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Raise A Hallelujah



Community Worship Service

January 30th

7:00pm

Living Hope Community Church

Everyone Welcome!!



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday, February 2



Please join us on Wednesday, February 2 at 7pm as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth. This important Feast in our liturgical year is an opportunity to come together as a Parish Family to celebrate this moment in Jesus' life. See you there!!

Lenten Bible Study

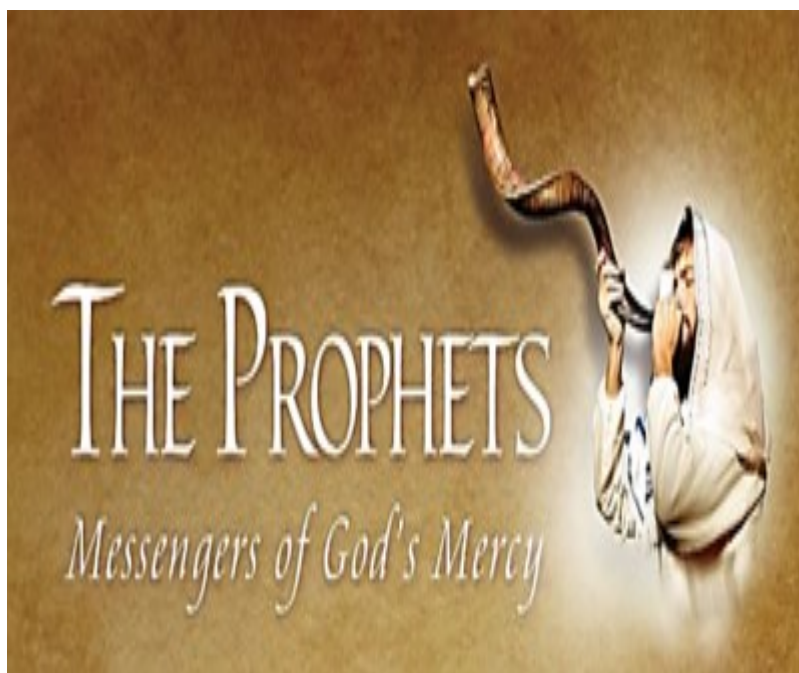
The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

If God's people had stayed close to him, there might have been no need for the prophets. God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes.

It is nearly impossible to understand the work and the message of Jesus without the prophetic books. In *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, presenter Thomas Smith examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. Discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

Participants of *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy* will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a question and answer group discussion. Our *Prophets Bible Study* will begin on Thursday, February 24. There will be one session, each Thursday at 7:00pm. The sessions will end on April 7.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, from Connie at the Holy Mass, and on our website. Completed registration forms along with the \$50.00 early bird (\$60 after February 17) registration fee can be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office or you may call the Parish Office to make arrangements to register.



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