

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.



We are so glad you joined us today!

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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February 6 & 7, 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Schedule** 

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

**Sacraments** 

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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### **Holy Mass Updates**

We are truly blessed that our Church is open and we are grateful for all of our Parish Family who are looking out for each other and abiding by the directives that are in place. Please remember:

- You must sign up to attend a weekday or weekend Holy Mass. Please call, text or email Connie at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com.
- You must do the self-assessment before you arrive at the Church and have no symptoms of cough, cold, flu, or allergies. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- It is mandatory that you self-isolate for 14 days when you return from travelling internationally.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- If you have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!

5th Sunday, February 7

February 6th is the Feast Day of the Japanese martyrs. These Jesuit priests and followers were crucified for their beliefs and canonized in 1852. They were willing to stand together for their Christian faith. Our parish has been so fortunate to have the opportunity to worship and pray throughout these past months. If you are unable to join us at this time in person for Holy Mass or Adoration here are ways for you to participate virtually from home.

!Vision TV - Daily Mass

Archdiocese of Regin a livestream archregina.ca



"Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model."

—St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, February 6 5pm Holy Mass St. Paul Miki & Companions 7pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 7 9am Holy Mass

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9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Doug Wood

11am Holy Mass

11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

Tuesday, February 9 6:30pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 10 9am Holy Mass †Alphonse & †Clara Mehler

St. Scholastica

Thursday, February 11 9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for Health

World Day of the Sick

Friday, February 12 9am Holy Mass **†**Don Johner

Saturday, February 13 5pm Holy Mass

7pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 14 9am Holy Mass

St. Cyril 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)

St. Methodius 11am Holy Mass

11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Baptist Parish thanks all members for their prompt payment of 2021 membership fees. A warm welcome is also extended to all new members!

WOMEN TO COLOR

Inspired to become a member?

CWL members are women of action. They are champions of change and social justice. They are also part of a sisterhood that is over 70,000 members strong.



If you are inspired to live your faith and make a difference in your community and country, join us. Applications for new membership are still being accepted by calling **Brenda at 306.471.6217** or **Anita at 306.421.7538.** 

Although most local council activities and events are suspended during the current Provincial Health restrictions, much is happening with CWL. For inspirational messaging, videos, and pertinent information and awareness of the League, follow us on social media at:

Instagram: www.instagram.com/CWLNational

I Facebook: www.facebook.com/CWLNational

Twitter: www.twitter.com/CWLNational

"Faith, Service, and Social Justice"



### **Homily Corner**

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Deuteronomy 18:15-20, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 95, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 and the Gospel reading was Mark

1:21-28.

Last weekend we saw Jesus proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand. This week we learn that that kingdom comes with truth and life by the power and authority of God. The kingdom of God is not a simple, fragile experience. It is built with the power and authority of God.

There is a huge difference between the Pharisees and scribes and Jesus. Jesus practiced what he preached. The Pharisees and the Scribes did not. Jesus was not appointed by a government or a person. The scribes and Pharisees were given their power by exactly those people. Jesus never asked them who appointed them, like they did to him, because Jesus knew who appointed them.

Read the Gospel one more time when you are at home today. The people were saying, "Oh, what a teaching!!" and two words were used to describe their feelings: astounded and amazed. They were astounded and amazed by the power of God, the teaching of Jesus. We never see this situation with the Pharisees and scribes. We never see the people crying out at the Scribes and Pharisees.

In Genesis, God created everything and then he marveled at his creation. Why does he marvel at us, his creation? We are not simply created in his image as a hollow image. He invested his power and authority in us. That is the power of God.

In our own lives, it is important to be amazed and astounded by the creation of God through his power and authority. We also need to pray for the strength to practice what we preach. For example, sometimes we tell our family they should do one thing, but then we turn around and do the opposite. God has bestowed his power and authority onto us to successfully live with unending joy. In order to do that, we need to practice what we preach.

We have been bestowed the power and authority of God. We are told to go and heal those who need healing, go and give hope to those who are hopeless, etc. We have the power and authority to build up the Kingdom of God through our daily lives.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, reflect on the power and authority of God. Do you trust in that power and authority? Do you believe it is in us too?

See you next week as we reflect on the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

### **Fast And Feast During Lent**

When we hear about Fasting, often and always it reminds us of abstinence from food. But there are certain areas, which will help us to be more holy if we can fast; at the same time we can feast on certain levels of our lives.

Fast from Suspicion and Feast on Truth

Fast from Complaining and Feast on Appreciation

Fast from Judging and Feast on Christ Within Others

Fast from Idle Gossip and Feast on Purposeful Silence

Fast from Anger and Feast on Forgiveness

Fast from Discouragement and Feast on Hope

Fast from Worry and Feast on Trusting God

Fast from Unrelenting Pressures and Feast on Unceasing Prayer

Fast from Lethargy and Feast on Enthusiasm

Fast from Emphasizing the Differences and Feast on Unity

Fast from Thoughts of Illness and Feast on the Healing Power of God







#### Message of His Holiness Pope Francis:

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

Our Parish Family will be celebrating the World Day of the Sick with a Holy Mass on Thursday, February 11 at 9am for everyone, as well as at 6:30pm for our Word & Worship participants. Please contact Connie to register for the Holy Mass.

## St. John the Baptist Parish Lenten Events

# Tuesdays During Lent

Adoration from 9:30am until 6pm

Holy Mass 6:30pm

# Wednesdays During Lent

Holy Mass at 9am

Adoration from 9:30am until 7pm



### **Thursdays During Lent**

Adoration from 9:30am until 11:45am

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

Adoration from 1pm until 6pm

Word & Worship at 6:30pm (Bible Study Mass followed by Bible Study). We will be completing the Psalms: The School of Prayer Bible Study on February 11, 18 and 25. Then we will complete the No Greater Love Bible Study on March 4. 11, and 18. If you were registered for one of these Studies, you must call, text or email Connie to register to attend Word & Worship.

### **Fridays During Lent**

Adoration from 9am until 6pm

Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by the Holy Mass.



Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

Holy Mass will be at 9am and 7pm.

Adoration from 9:30am until 6:30pm.

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