



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
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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.



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 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.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

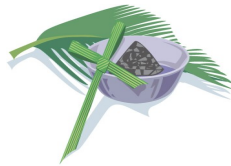
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Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, February 8	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass <i>St. Jerome Emiliana & St. Josephine Bakhita</i> 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, February 9	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass
Monday, February 10	1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry held in the Meeting Room
Tuesday, February 11	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass 1pm Finance Council Meeting 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, February 12	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass †Jerry Wock 6:30pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, February 13	No Mass 7pm Choir Practice
Friday, February 14	10am Holy Mass (Creighton Lodge) Holy Mass †Carol Cundall
Saturday, February 15	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, February 16	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass

Palms For The Shrove Tuesday Holy Mass

We are preparing for Ash Wednesday and invite you to bring your palms from last year to the Church to be burnt for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palms in the basket in the main entrance of the Church. The palms will be burnt on Shrove Tuesday at the Holy Mass at 7pm.



Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar!
Our Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, March 22 at 11:30am. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. It is your opportunity to help our Parish Family grow by bringing your valuable suggestions and recommendations. It is also your right to attend the AGM as a full member of our Parish.
See you there!!



Attention all men of our Parish who are 18 years of age and older to join our brotherhood. Participate in parish, community or Knights on Bikes. Whether you can give one hour or one hundred hours, be a role model and join our club. We meet once a month (2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm). If you would like to find out more information we will be in the parish hall after every weekend Mass for the month of February or you can call 306-634-6852.

Grand Knight
Sheldon Spilchuk



In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You.



We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

Each participant will receive the book "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" and the Participant Workbook. Both of these resources complement the videos that will be shown at each session and they allow you to go deeper into the topic of the week.

No Greater Love is a six-part Bible study program that begins on Thursday, February 27 at 7pm. Registration forms can be picked up at the entrances of the Church or at the Parish Office. The early bird registration fee is \$50 until Thursday, February 13th. After February 13th, the registration fee will be \$60. Please complete the registration form and bring it, along with the registration fee to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 or email at b.coralea@hotmail.com or the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 or email at stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net.

Please join us on this amazing journey through Lent!!

—The Bible Study Team

St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Matthew 25:36

St. John the Baptist Parish Lenten Events

Tuesdays During Lent

Adoration at 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm.

Wednesdays During Lent

Holy Mass at Hillview Manor on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am
 Holy Mass at 11am at the Hospital.

Thursdays During Lent

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

Lenten Study at 7pm in the Parish Hall

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

(Must be pre-registered.)

Fridays During Lent

Ministerial Association Lenten Service and Lunch at 12:10pm

(Locations and Themes will be in the bulletin soon.)

Station of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm

The Holy Masses at Creighton Lodge and the Nursing Home will stay at their regular times.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

You are invited to the St. John the Baptist Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated on the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, pancakes or other foods made with milk, eggs and fat are eaten that evening as a last feast before the fasting of Lent.

Everyone is welcome for supper and following the supper we will be celebrating Holy Mass at 7pm with the burning of the palms for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

See you there!!

—Pastoral Council



Homily Corner

This is a recap of Father's homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Gospel reading was Matthew 5:1-12.

Some people wonder why Jesus would go through the customs and traditions of the time. He observed the traditions like being presented at the temple, to fulfill his mission of being fully human as well as divine. We are also called to be fully human, just like Jesus, and we become divine like him through the grace received in the sacraments, especially in baptism, the foundation of all sacraments.

To become fully human, we must accept the guidance given to us by Jesus: the light, the truth and the way.

In Sunday's Gospel, we heard the beatitudes. These words are the Ten Commandments given to us in a renewed way. We can think of them as the **BE-ATTITUDES**. They should **BE** our **ATTITUDE** in life. They are the core of the Christian Life and they need to be followed in order for us to be fully human as Jesus was. As Christians, we strive to have a dual personality—one where we are fully human and fully divine.

The previous week we talked about our mission in Christ, which is to be a disciple of Christ, and our vision in Christ, which is eternal life. The Kingdom of God is near and to accomplish our mission and vision in Christ, we need objectives and goals. The beatitudes give us this in a beautiful way.

This week, as you contemplate in prayer and as you receive the Holy Eucharist: What are your objectives and goals in your mission and vision? What are your goals and objectives for your family? What are the moral ethics you follow in your life?

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

—Father Antony

DISCERNING, PRAYING AND MINISTERING

Do you feel as though there is something you could be doing to help your Parish Family, your Spiritual Home grow? Do areas of need or ideas for how you might be able to help come to mind when you are at Holy Mass or in prayer? God may be inviting you to grow in your service to His Church through a variety of parish Ministries. If you have been considering being more intentional about your discipleship this coming year by accepting a position on our Parish Pastoral Council, as a Liturgical Minister, Hospitality Minister or with any of our other Parish groups, here are a few things to keep in mind as an aid to your discernment. Have you thought of your Financial Giving a generous one, when was the last time you increased your contribution? Have you shared with any one about Visions and Expectations of your Parish Home, where do you see yourself in the Parish Family?

+Am I a faithful Christian who attends Holy Mass on a regular basis?

+Am I faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church in my heart and my daily living?

+Do I have a regular, personal prayer life or feel called to strengthen my prayer life?

+Am I a registered member of St. John the Baptist Parish?

+Do I make regular contributions to help in the upkeep and operations of my parish home?

+Will this ministry be a good fit with any other vocational calling God has given me? If I am a parent and spouse, for example, will I be able to remain faithful to those roles?

+Does my work schedule allow me sufficient free time to dedicate to serving Christ in this way?

+Are there any changes I might have to make to how I spend my free time and am I willing to make those changes at Christ's request?

If you do not feel ready at this time to take on a leadership role in an area of ministry, we would still love for you to consider helping out in some way. Serving your parish community can be a wonderfully rewarding opportunity to grow in faith and in the love of Jesus Christ who will continue to Bless your household generations. We welcome and encourage you, over these next few weeks, to prayerfully consider how and where Christ is inviting you to serve. Speak with someone who can help you find a ministry in God's House. God's Call is Intimate and Personal! Let us respond!

As members of our St. John the Baptist Parish Family, we are all called to serve God's Church with our time, talent, and treasure. We are pleased to help you realize your call to ministry. Please contact Dawn Hengen at 306-461-6904 or Connie Wheeler at 306-634-2190 for more information.



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Reflecting On God's Love This Valentine's Day

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.



1 John 3:1

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

1 John 3:16

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



Romans 5:5

And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



Romans 8:35,37

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



John 15:13

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend.

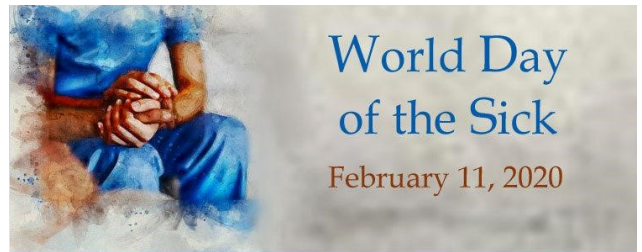
A Message from Pope Francis on World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2020

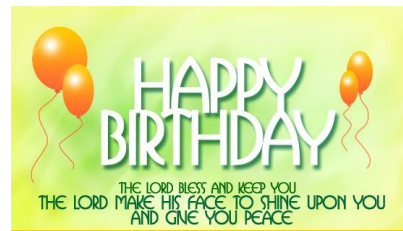
Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love.

Tender and merciful God, you watch over your creatures with unfailing care, keep us in the safe embrace of your love. With your strong right hand, make whole all who are suffering. Give them the strength of your power and the stillness of your peace. Minister to them through the compassionate service of others and heal their every affliction. Fill those who serve the sick with new hope and joy for the good they do in your name. AMEN.



"Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



Happy Birthday to Kara Stenhouse!!