



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.

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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February 13 & 14, 2021

6th 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!!

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!

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CWLNational

Twitter: www.twitter.com/CWLNational



"Faith, Service, and Social Justice"

Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, February 13	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, February 14	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Cyril</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
<i>St. Methodius</i>	11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) Special Intentions
Tuesday, February 16	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Brian Trombley
Wednesday, February 17	9am Ash Wednesday Holy Mass
<i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	7pm Ash Wednesday Holy Mass
Thursday, February 18	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions
Friday, February 19	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
Saturday, February 20	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, February 21	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Peter Damian</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) Health for Darlene Geisel 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)



So now, faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

6th Sunday February 14

February 14th is the Feast of St. Valentine's Day. There is little known about St. Valentine himself, yet his feast day has become a worldwide celebration of love for others. Our actions though they may seem small can make a big difference. Did you know we have a group of parishioners who provide prayer shawls for our Parish Family? If you knit or crochet and would like more information about how you can participate in this beautiful ministry please contact Jackie Phillips at (306) 634-3812 and she can help you get started.



“Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper or magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. They understood that no one is saved alone. Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde”

Homily Corner



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Job 7:1-4, 6-7, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 147, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 and the Gospel reading was Mark 1:29-39.

We have one more weekend after this one before the most holy season of the liturgical year: the holy season of Lent, a season filled with grace that flows from God to us. This season gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Each year, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops sends out a directive reminding all parish priests to talk to their Parish Families about Lent and what opportunities the parish is offering for their parishioners to journey through Lent. We invite you to Adoration which is held Tuesday to Friday. We have many parishioners who commit to an hour on one of the days, but even if you can't commit to an hour, Lent is an opportunity to come spend some time with Jesus for even 10 or 15 minutes. Visit with him, talk to him and listen to him.

On Thursdays during Lent, the Holy Mass will be at 12:10pm. For those who are at work, this is a great Lenten opportunity to come to a weekday Holy Mass. And if you are planning to fast this year, Thursday might be a good day to do that. You can come to Mass during your lunch hour and be fed and nourished by Jesus. On Thursday evenings we will be holding Word and Worship (Bible Study) at 7pm. We will be completing our Psalm and No Greater Love studies.

On Fridays at 6:30pm, we have Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass. The Stations of the Cross is the most traditional prayer during Lent. If you are unable to join us on Fridays, please come to the Church anytime during the week to pray the Stations of the Cross personally or with your family.

We should be asking ourselves what makes us different during Lent. How am I using the opportunities given to me to cleanse my heart and grow in faith as I prepare for Easter.

Going into today's scriptures, we see in the Gospel that the people were searching for Jesus. At the end of the Gospel last week, we heard that Jesus' fame was spreading. This week, him and his disciples are in the house of Simon and Andrew where he heals Simon's mother in law. He later goes to a deserted place to pray and the disciples come looking for him, telling him that everyone is searching for him. He answered them, saying, "Let us go to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came to do."

We want to enjoy the ultimate life, ultimate joy, ultimate peace. We search for this all the time. But when we speak about searching, that searching goes two ways. We search for the truth and God is so generous that he searches for us. If we search for God and can't find him, or God searches for us and can't find us, no miracles happen. But when we search for God and he searches for us, we come together in a meeting place. That is where miracles happen. That meeting place is amazing and that is where we marvel at God and he marvels at us, just like we talked about last week. That is what the holy season of Lent is about: searching and coming to the meeting place.

I will conclude with today's opening prayer:

Keep your family safe, O God, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, reflect on the generosity of God who is searching for us. How can you use the opportunity of Lent to search for God?

See you next week as we reflect on the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

DREAM OF ST. JOHN BOSCO FOR CHURCH

St. John Bosco or Don Bosco as he was called in his day in Italy. He lived in the north of Italy, in Turin, during the nineteenth century. This was a time of great turmoil. A large and important part of Italy, including Rome, was governed by the Church and known as the Papal States. By 1870, the Vatican ceded all control of its territories to the united Italy, keeping only the one square mile now called the Vatican State. Added to this turmoil, a heretical group called the Waldensians were attacking Catholics in Northern Italy. This was the state of the Church that St. John Bosco served. God often communicated to Don Bosco through dreams. Don Bosco had a dream about the chaos of his times. This was his most important dream and also his best-known dream. The dream contained a message that Don Bosco was told to relay to the Holy Father, Pope Pius IX. In the dream Don Bosco saw a ship on the sea battling heavy waves and a fierce wind. It was a hurricane. Several times, the ship almost capsized, but its captain kept it afloat. As Don Bosco looked at the ship, he realized that the captain was Pope Pius IX and the ship was the Church. Suddenly Don Bosco found himself on the ship. It was terrifying. Waves kept crashing over the ship. It could not hold out much longer. Soon it would break apart, or capsize, or simply sink. But off in the distance, Don Bosco could see a safe harbor and calm water. At the entrance to the harbor there were two huge pillars. To get to the harbor, the Pope had to negotiate the ship between these pillars. As the ship drew closer to the pillars, the Pope could make out something on top of each pillar. **On one pillar there was the Blessed Sacrament. On the second pillar, there was the Mary, the Mother of God.** St. John Bosco explained to the Pope that he can get the Church through the chaos and turmoil by emphasizing devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Devotion to the Blessed Mother. The Lord is aware of our difficulties. He sees our turmoil. He will help us pilot our ship through the chaos to the safe harbor. However, as in Don Bosco's dream, **the Lord shows us that the way to the safe harbor is through our Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Virgin Mary. We need the Lord's presence in the Eucharist.**

We need to feed on His flesh and drink His blood, as He tells us to do in the sixth chapter of John. We need the spiritual strength of the Eucharist to help us meet the challenges of life. We need to receive communion at least once a week. If we can, we should receive communion more often, daily if possible. And we need to have a deep devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin. She is, as Pope Francis calls her, the one who untangles knots. She cares for us with a mother's love and continually intercedes with her son for us. She will not stop asking for help for her children. We say the rosary, and should say it daily, because we trust her to bring our needs to her Son.

Let us strive our best to hold onto these two Pillars.

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 and Worship at 7pm
(Bible Study with Prayer).

Fridays During Lent

Adoration from 9am until
6pm

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



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A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self-Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



James Trobert

Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing is for healing of our minds and bodies. This Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.

that you might

BE HEALED



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.



1 John 4:7-8