



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.

Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today!

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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February 20 & 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesdays 9am, Thursdays 12:10pm

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

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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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.



Remember you must call, text or email Connie to attend one of these events. Her email address is conniesjb@gmail.com and her phone number is 306-421-8447.

Parish Pastoral Council Update - Annual General Meeting Parish Pastoral Council is preparing for the Parish Annual General Meeting for the weekend of March 21st. We will be using a different format this year. We are planning to share our celebrations and financial update for the past year on the weekend Masses of March 7, 14, and 21st. We are grateful for the grace and gifts that God has showered on us during this exceptional year.

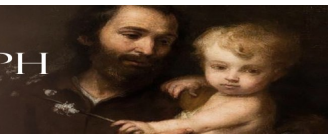
Easter Flowers

We have begun planning our Easter celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be in the Church throughout the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available in the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved one's name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during this season. Thank you so much!!



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



"Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the Church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St. Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ's upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ's Mystical Body, that is, the Church, of which the Virgin Mary is the exemplar and model."

—St. John Paul II

FROM THE PASTOR



Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 32, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 and the Gospel reading was Mark 1:40-45.

This is the last weekend before the holiest season of Lent. Last week we discussed and reflected on what we could do throughout Lent to be different. How we can be activated disciples in the season of Lent.

Often time, we give something up and fast for Lent, usually something material like drinks, desserts, candy, etc. But more than that, how are we going to refashion ourselves during this holiest season of the liturgical year? As an example, maybe we listen to gossip. By listening to and spreading false information, we are gravely sinning. By entertaining the gossip of someone, we are helping them to gossip even more. If you read the opening prayer again, you will see that it talks about being refashioned. And we have been talking about being recreated in the image of God, an image that we have destroyed through our sin.

When we look in the mirror, most of us criticize ourselves. We do not like the way we look. We are spending money and energy buying food and eating too much. We then spend more money and energy on weight loss products. Many of these products we see advertised proclaim that you will lose weight in forty days and you can eat and drink what you want. Buying into this makes us double losers. We lose when we eat in a disordered way and then try to lose the extra weight with the least effort.

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said come to me without money and I will fashion you into greatness. I will give you everything you need.

The season of Lent is our opportunity to come to God, to fast and to lose the weight we are holding not only in our body, but also in our hearts. Every time someone hurts us, every time we are humiliated, our heart builds up rock, which can be as large as a mountain. When we fast from our bad habits, we roll down those rocks and take weight off our hearts. Then when we look in the mirror, we see the image of God that we are fashioned in.

Last weekend, we saw Jesus hand over all his power and authority to the disciples. In Mark, chapter 9, we read the story of a boy who is possessed by a powerful demon. His father takes him to the disciples for them to cast out the demon and they can't do it. The boy is then taken to Jesus and he casts out the demon and heals the boy. Later the evening, the disciples ask Jesus why they couldn't heal the boy. He tells them that they can do many things through prayer, but they must pray and fast to be able to use the power and authority given to them by him. Fasting is good to fulfill our body and our heart, to receive the grace of God for what we are praying for.

In the first reading, people with skin diseases were kept isolated from their families and communities. They were made to wear special clothes. This is very similar to what we see in the world today. We are isolated and we are required to wear masks. While we are isolated from God, our families and our image of God, the season of Lent is our opportunity to come together. To fast and be healed into the image of God.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus perform a miracle. He heals the man with leprosy. This miracle is very different from the others we see in the Bible. This miracle doesn't have other human interaction. The leper says, "If you choose, you can make me clean." And Jesus reached out his hand, he touches the leper and he is healed.

Each year we are given the opportunity to be refashioned in the image of God. This week as you spend time in quiet contemplation: how can you spend the forty days of Lent in such a way to fast, body, soul and heart so you can win the fullness of life?

See you next week as we reflect on the 1st Sunday of Lent.

—Father Antony

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!!

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

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)	
Tuesday, February 23	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Douglas	
Wednesday, February 24	9am Holy Mass †Fr. Msgr. Miller	 <p>Anita Fleck Madison Daoust Renante Son Elizabeth Olson</p>
Thursday, February 25	12:10pm Holy Mass †Katie Wock	
Friday, February 26	6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving for Fr. Lucy	
Saturday, February 27	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, February 28	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Dolores Kuemper 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)	