



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 27 & 28, 2021

2nd 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.

"I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: 'Pray for this problem!'"

—Pope Francis

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christine Jenish!

World Day of Prayer 2021

Imagine over **1.5 million** Christians speaking **79 different languages** in **almost 150 countries** coming together in spirit; uniting to pray for relevant issues. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. You are invited to join this event virtually by visiting www.wicc.org for a full-length service video featuring participants of all ages including music, readers, photos and dance. The date for the WDP is March 5th but is available online anytime during the month of March. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

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!!





Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the First Sunday of Lent. The first reading was Genesis 9:8-15, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 25, the second reading was 1 Peter 3:18-22 and the Gospel reading was Mark 1:12-15.

As we enter the season of Lent, we sent out the homily on Saturday through email.

The first reading from Genesis is the story of the covenant we have with God and the rainbow which is a sign of that covenant and of God's steadfast love for us. Seeing the bow in the sky makes us confident of God's love for us. A covenant cannot be broken like a contract can. It can be updated, but never broken. It is an inseparable union. God will never give up on us even though we sin and destroy the image of him that we are created in. We are always surrounded by his steadfast love.

During the season of Lent, let us reflect on the sign of the cross. Often, we don't really think about what we are doing when we make the sign of the cross. Sometimes we rush through it and we aren't really paying attention to what is happening. The sign of the cross is a complete prayer in itself. It is a prayer to the Holy Trinity. When you make the sign of the cross you are giving everything to God. When we say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," we are saying that what we are doing, thinking, saying is in his name. We touch our forehead first and say "In the name of the Father." Our forehead is our seat of wisdom. By our actions we are recalling that God is wisdom. Then we touch our heart and say, "and of the Son". Why do we touch our heart when we say the name of Jesus? Because Jesus is love. We then touch our left shoulder and our right shoulder as we say, "and of the Holy Spirit". We are touching our muscles, our strength. The Holy Spirit is our strength, our courage. So next time you say this prayer, don't rush through it. Reflect on the actions and the words and truly pray "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The Holy Trinity will bless you.

When we participate in the Holy Mass, when we hear the priest say "Let us pray", often we take for granted that the priest will pray for us. Of course he does, but as a concelebrant we have to pray for our intentions too. That is why you will notice, he will not say "Let me pray" but rather "Let us pray." This phrase, "Let us pray" means we are asked to bring our own intentions and the wishes we hold. The opening prayer is actually called the 'collect'. We are all celebrants at the Holy Mass. The priest is the lead celebrant in the sacrifice. When the priest calls us to prayer, this is the time we should enter into our hearts and recall what we wanted to pray for in the Church. The priest pauses after he says, "Let us pray." so we can do this. The priest gathers all those prayers together and summarizes them in the collect and offers them to the Triune God. If we can concelebrate the Holy Mass, participating actively and consciously, Mass will never be boring, but it will be a rich, grace filled celebration.

Each holy sacrifice of the Mass is an opportunity to bring our intentions to our Father, to pray in thanksgiving for all our blessings and to join together as one body to celebrate his steadfast love. This week as you spend time in quiet contemplation: reflect about how you prepare for the Holy Mass. What intentions do you need to bring with you to the next Holy Mass you celebrate?

See you next week as we reflect on the 2nd 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 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)
Tuesday, March 2	6:30pm Holy Mass †Sr. Francis Bonokoski 7pm C.W.L. Meeting
Wednesday, March 3	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions
Thursday, March 4	12:10pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for B. Winquest
Friday, March 5	6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass †Marcella Jesse
Saturday, March 6	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 7	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †Rachel Lavoie