



**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.

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Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.- 4p.m.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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 11:30a.m. - 12p.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 29	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 1	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 3	6:30pm Holy Hour Adoration 7:30pm Holy Mass †Marcella Mack 8pm CWL Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 4 <i>St. Casimir</i>	10am (Hillview Manor) Holy Mass For the Health of Valerie 11am (Hospital) †Art Weisgerber 7pm SJB Choir Practice
Thursday, March 5	12:10pm Holy Mass †Erlinda Tangonan 7pm Lenten Bible Study
Friday, March 6	6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass †Dennis Bradley
Saturday, March 7 <i>St. Perpetua &amp; St. Felicity</i>	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 8 <i>St. John of God</i>	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass

### 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 with in 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**

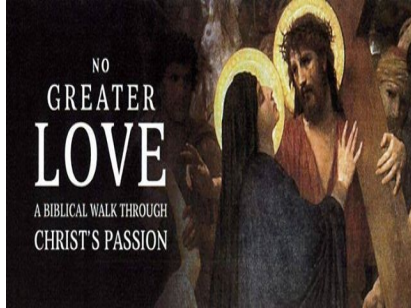
**Fast from Lethargy and Feast on Enthusiasm**

**Fast from Emphasizing the Differences and Feast on The Unity**

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

## Lenten Study

Its not too late to join our Lenten Study, No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. The sessions are on Thursday nights throughout Lent. For more information, please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 or the Parish Office at 306-634-2190. Everyone is welcome!!



## Sacrament of Anointing

Following the Holy Masses during the weekends of Lent, you will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. As we journey toward Holy Week, this sacrament brings us healing of our minds and bodies. Please pray for healing before and after you receive this sacrament.

that you might  
  
BE HEALED

## 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

Adoration will be held in the  
Church from 9:00am until  
6:30pm.

Ministerial Association  
Lenten Service and Lunch at  
12:10pm

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

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

### Lenten Reconciliation

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm in the Church.

Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm in the Church.

## *Purification of Spirit Through Fasting and Almsgiving*

*By Saint Leo the Great, Pope*

Dear friends, at every moment *the earth is full of the mercy of God*, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

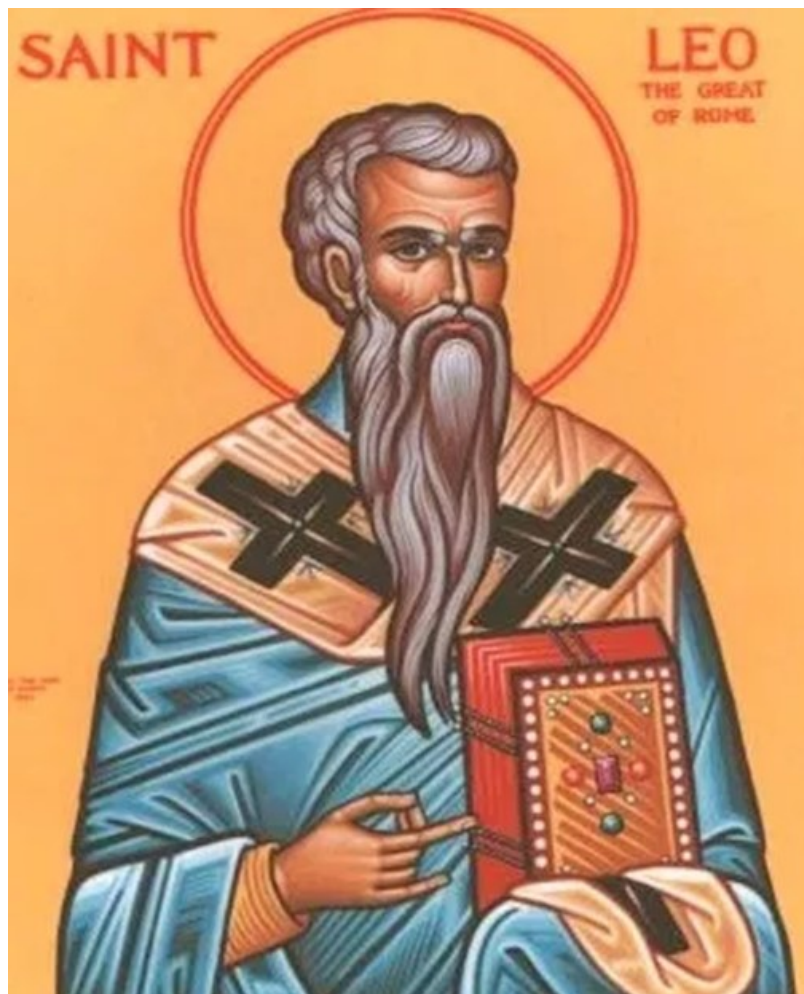
Dear friends, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The

love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. *The angels sang: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.



## Homily Corner

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



This is a recap of Father's homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading was Matthew 5:38-48.

Last weekend, I shared my homily time with two people. Dawn Hengen gave a testimony on her involvement with ministry. You can read part of her testimony in the Activated Disciple info in the bulletin. We also heard from Jeff Cavins in a video about becoming an Activated Disciple.

The season of Lent is a time for transformation and renewal. Ask yourself, "How am I different in Lent?" "How is my personality or character different in Lent?"

As Christians, word and deed must go together. In the book of James, we hear, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." We must be activated disciples.

This week, as you contemplate in prayer and as you receive the Holy Eucharist: What are my gifts and are they activated? Ask the Holy Spirit to descend on you to enlighten you to be a follower, not a fan.

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

—Father Antony

### Estevan Ministerial Association Lenten Service and Lunches

This year the theme is

**"Fruits of the Spirit in the Passion of Christ"**

- Friday, March 6 at St. Paul's United Church - Patience
- Friday, March 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church - Faithfulness
- Friday, March 20 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Goodness
- Friday, March 27 at St. Joseph's Hospital Chapel - Self Control
- Friday, April 3 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish - Peace

*Each service begins at 12:10pm and is followed by lunch. A free will offering will be accepted for the lunch and all proceeds will go the Estevan Ministerial Association for the community groups that they support.*



**THANK YOU TO COLINDA DOERR AND EILEEN LINGELBACH FOR CREATING OUR POWERPOINTS FOR THE HOLY MASSES FOR THE LAST YEAR!! FOR YOUR MINISTRY TO YOUR PARISH FAMILY, MAY GOD SHOWER YOU WITH HIS BLESSINGS.**

### 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!!

## MINISTRY COORDINATOR CONTACT INFO

If you are discerning joining a ministry and becoming an Activated Disciple, please contact the following coordinators with any questions you have about the ministry you are discerning:

Sacristan Coordinator - Darla Wilhelm	darla.wilhelm@accesscomm.ca
Hospitality and Welcoming Coordinator - Colleen Harkins	c.harkins@sasktel.net
Lector Coordinator - Debbie Augey	daugey@sasktel.net
Holy Communion Coordinator - Amanda Hagel	ahagelrn@gmail.com
Music Ministry Coordinator - Sandra Bazin	sembazin@gmail.com
Sound Ministry Coordinator - Patrick Fisher	Patrick@pwkfisher.com
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Adoration Coordinator - Bridget Bittman	bandmbittman@sasktel.net
Decorating Coordinator - Elaine Walton	erwalton@sasktel.net
Children's Liturgy - Cindy Billesberger	billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com



St. John the Baptist CWL provides ministry to our youth. We offer two Scholarships for Grade 12 ECS students with ongoing identification of volunteer life in various parish and community activities.

An application form and further scholarship criteria is available through the school website and at the church entrances. The deadline to submit an application is April 21, 2020.

***Representatives of the CWL will be available in the church basement after the Saturday and Sunday Masses during the Month of March to provide information and answer questions for all parishioners on their organization.***

### Pro-Life Annual Banquet

Thursday, March 5 at the Estevan Alliance Church. Doors open at 5pm and supper starts at 6pm. Tickets are \$30 (Adults) \$15 (5-18) under 5 are free. You may get your tickets at Henders Drugs, a Pro-Life Board Member or call Bridget at 306-461-4611, Volunteers are always appreciated!!

It is that time of year. The Bienfait CWL will be making Apple and Turkey Pot Pies on March 28 & 29.

Prices are as follows:

Individual Size Turkey & Apple Pies - \$5 each  
Family Size Apple Pie - \$12 each  
Family Size Turkey Pot Pie - \$15 each

To order, please phone or text 306-421-8861 or email [crystalmann@sasktel.net](mailto:crystalmann@sasktel.net) with your order.



**St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? 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*

# The Activated Disciple 40 Day Challenge

## Are you a fan or a follower?

An activated disciple is someone who strives every moment of every day to imitate Jesus. It's someone who desires such a close relationship with God that every area of their life is fully transformed. It's someone who actively proclaims the Gospel in their daily life.

The St. John the Baptist Parish 40 Day Challenge for Lent will help you to make that transformation, building on the relationship you have with God right now.

You are challenged to set aside time to reflect on "the shape of your day" as you cultivate the eight characteristics that mark the life of a disciple:

Love  
Forgiveness

Humility

Patience

Selflessness

Kindness

Attentiveness

Contrition

On February 22 and 23, Dawn Hengen, our Stewardship Committee Chairperson, shared her testimony regarding ministry:

"When our three kids were young, I felt strapped for time and didn't think I could commit to doing anything at the church. But I signed up to help with Children's Liturgy and found it so rewarding. It was refreshing to look at our faith in such a simple and honest way.

Several years later, I was approached and asked if I would serve as a lector and communion minister for the summer. I was very hesitant but agreed to do it. To be honest, I was so scared the first time I was lector. But another lector mentored me and reassured me along the way. Each time I served, I grew more comfortable. So, after my term as lector for the summer ended, I extended it and continue to serve those ministries. It was and is humbling to serve communion to parishioners, especially those who have been a part of our church for many, many years.

I liked when the display screens were added to our church. So, after a few years, I added my name as a spare to that ministry. The Powerpoint slides are already prepared and there is a paper copy you can follow. It is organized so well. Again, I was mentored until I felt comfortable to do it myself.

Three years ago, I decided to join the stewardship committee. It's amazing the way the team of ministers and committees at St. John the Baptist Parish comes together, and I wanted to help it thrive. God has given us time, our own unique talents, and treasure. And he gives us all the freedom to choose how we use those gifts. So, serving in a ministry or being a part of a committee isn't a project or job. It is one of the ways we can say thanks to God, for the gifts of time, talent and treasure that he has given to each of us.

My hope is as you pray and discern, that you will feel inspired to share your own special and unique light with our parish."

**Each day, during your time of reflection, pray this prayer for our Parish:**

***O God, our loving Creator, You are the Giver of all our good gifts. Bless our Parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to elevate Your kingdom, here in our own Parish Family and throughout the world. Be with me as I choose each day to show your Presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. We pray especially for those who serve you in ministry. Open the minds and hearts of many others—men, women, and young people that they may accept your vocation to build the Kingdom in our parish, responding to Your Call to be True Disciples and Apostles. I ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

We invite you to take the challenge. Each week in the bulletin, we will have suggestions for prayer and reflection on the eight characteristics. The Stewardship Prayer above will be available in the Adoration Chapel as well. As you reorient your life toward Jesus, you'll notice the profound transformation as close relationship with him brings each day.

**"O that today you would listen to His voice! Do not harden your hearts." (Psalm 95:7-8)  
Exodus Chapters 7-10**

