



**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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**March 6 & 7, 2021**

**3rd 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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**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.



Jocelyn Hall  
Kathy Thompson



**A Message from your Parish Pastoral Council:**

We are currently sharing our Annual Report for 2020-21. If you are attending Holy Mass, it will be available in your pew, we have also sent it out through email. It can also be accessed on the website. To allow questions or concerns you would like addressed we have included a question slip with the reports at the church that you can fill out and place in the collection basket at the back of the church. Please include your name so we can make sure we are able to respond to everyone personally. You may also email your requests and comments to [pastoralcouncilsjb@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcouncilsjb@gmail.com). We will address the questions/concerns we receive during the Holy Masses on the weekend of March 21st so you have a couple weeks to look through the information. Provided. We have been truly blessed in this past year despite these unusual and uncertain times. Our Parish Pastoral Council as well as our Financial Council look forward to celebrating these blessings with you.

Thank you

**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!!



*Easter Flowers*

*Thank you to the families who have donated for Easter flowers in thanksgiving for someone in their lives or in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Easter and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.*

- † Robin Salkeld
  - † Duane Foster Sr.
  - † Peter Kuntz
  - † Michael Bonokoski
  - † Berna Hagel
  - † Betty & † Russell Daniels
  - † Buster Keating
- In thanksgiving for Roselle Melanson- Heleta*



## 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 Second Sunday of Lent. The first reading was Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 116, the second reading was Romans 8:31b-35, 37 and the Gospel reading was Mark 9:2-10.

As we journey through the season of Lent, we once again sent out the homily on Saturday through email. Last week we talked about how we can actively, consciously participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Sometimes when we celebrate Holy Mass all the time, we take it for granted. By learning about the parts of the Holy Mass, we can celebrate this most important liturgy, participating and receiving the blessings showered upon us. We talked about praying the sign of the cross prayerfully and we also talked about bringing our intentions to the Church with us to pray when the priest says, "Let us pray."

Today I want to talk to you about the rite that happens before the collect (before the Gloria in Ordinary Time). We have a kind of reconciliation or confession. The priest will say something like, "Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." When he pauses after that, we have time to recall what we need to confess. Bring from our heart how we did this week. Did we hurt someone? Did we judge someone? Were we unkind to our family? Did we unintentionally insult someone? These are all the little sins we commit every week but when we hurt someone by word or deed, God takes it seriously. Because we are all his children. At this time during the Holy Mass, we unload our sins onto the one who carried all our sins in the cross. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." How do we acknowledge to God that we are at fault and are sinners? During this particular time in the Mass, the Penitential Rite. This rite has three formats which we use at different times through the year. In the Penitential Rite, we confess our sins, express sorrow about them, seek God's mercy and Jesus comes in to our lives in a grace filling way. We also ask for help from Mary and the saints. To actively and consciously participate in the Holy Mass, we need to prepare at home and then come early to the Church to have time to pray and to recall our sins, the small daily things, so we are ready for the Penitential Rite. The priest then concludes with an absolution prayer. We are filled with God's grace and are worthy to offer our intentions during the collect. Preparing yourself ahead of time will ensure the Holy Mass is the most grace filling of blessings.

The Transfiguration is given to us on the Second Sunday of Lent to remind us that we need to transfigure ourselves because of our sins. We see many examples of transfiguration in the Bible. I am reminded of the Prodigal Son parable. We all know the story. The son is living in lavishness and sinfulness. He had nothing left and was so hungry. He got a job feeding the pigs and he looked at their food wishing he could eat that. His employer told him he could not help himself to the pig's food. He then thought about his father's servants and the good life they were living. Much better than his. By moving away from God, he had become like an animal. He looked at his situation and at himself and he transfigured. He went home to seek his father's forgiveness.

This season of Lent, in preparation for the paschal mystery, enter into yourself and ponder how you may have lost your way and how you can transfigure. Also, take some time this week to recall your sins and think about the intentions you will bring with you to the Holy Mass next time.

See you next week as we reflect on the 3rd 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, 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
Tuesday, March 9	6:30pm Holy Mass †Ione Martin 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, March 10	9am Holy Mass †Alphonse & †Clara Mehler
Thursday, March 11	10am Parish Staff Meeting 12:10pm Holy Mass †Jake Fichter 7pm Word & Worship
Friday, March 12	6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass †Sr. Frances Bonokoski
Saturday, March 13	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 14	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)



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## Theodore court case update

“Parents know what is best for their children and they should be able to choose Catholic, faith-based education if that is what they want - no matter their reasons, faith backgrounds or traditions.” – Tom Fortosky, Saskatchewan Catholic School Board Association

On February 25, 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed Good Spirit (Public) School Division’s application for leave to appeal the Theodore case to the Supreme Court of Canada. This means that the unanimous decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal that overturned the April 2017 trial decision stands. Good Spirit has exhausted their legal options, and the decision of the Appeal Court remains the law in Saskatchewan—which can be considered a victory for both religious and parental rights and freedoms.

Background information on the Theodore case can be found at [www.opencatholiceducation.ca](http://www.opencatholiceducation.ca).

## Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 27 at 4:30pm & 7pm - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Sunday, March 28 at 8:30am and 11am - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Monday, March 29 at 9am - Holy Mass

Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30pm - Holy Mass

Wednesday, March 31 at 9am - Holy Mass

Thursday, April 1 at 7:30pm - Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, April 2 at 12pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, April 2 at 3pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 3 at 8:30pm - Easter Vigil Celebration

Sunday, April 4 at 9am and 11am - Easter Sunday Holy Mass

\* Please note the Holy Mass change for Palm Sunday weekend, March 27 & 28.



**Please contact Connie at 306-421-8447 or [conniesjb@gmail.com](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) to register for any of these Holy Masses.**

## 9 Day Novena to St. Joseph

In keeping with the proclamation of the Year of St. Joseph, we will be praying a Novena of St. Joseph before each Holy Mass beginning on Thursday, March 11 and ending on Friday, March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. A novena is prayed for 9 days without interruption. We have added a Holy Mass on Monday, March 15. May our Parish Family be blessed by showing our dedication to our gentle, patient St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the universal Church and Patron Saint of Canada. The Holy Mass times during the 9 days are:

Thursday, March 11 at 12:10pm

Friday, March 12 at 6:30pm (beginning with Stations of the Cross)

Saturday, March 13 at 5pm and 7pm

Sunday, March 14 at 9am and 11am

Monday, March 15 at 9am

Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 17 at 9am

Thursday, March 18 at 12:10pm

Friday, March 19 at 6:30pm (beginning with Stations of the Cross)

If you would like to attend one of these Holy Masses, please call Connie to register.

\*\*We will also have two more opportunities for you to spend time with Jesus in Adoration: Saturday, March 13 from 9:30am until 4pm and Monday, March 15 from 9:30am until 7pm.

We will be emailing out the Novena so you can join us from home if you are unable to come to Church. If you would like a copy and aren't on our email list, please contact Connie.

*If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him make this glorious saint (Joseph) as his master, and he will not go astray.*

*St. Bernadette Soubirous*



## Baptism Preparation

We are so excited to start our next Baptism Prep sessions. If your family would like to have your child receive this first sacrament, you must complete one of the following preparation classes:

Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm

Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm

Wednesday, April 28 at 7pm

After the class is complete, we can choose a day for the celebration. Please contact Connie to register. Seating is limited at each session.



*There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.*

*-Ephesians 4:5-6*