



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 13 & 14, 2021

4th 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 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. 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

**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.



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.

- †Parents & †Siblings*
- †Carol*
- †Relatives & †Friends*
- †Hagel & †McLean Families*
- †Nancy Dorhart*
- †Clara & †Alf Mehler*
- †Casper & †Isabelle Jenish*
- †Robert & †Dorothy Price*
- †Lorne & †Doris Sicinski*
- †Antonina O. Dimatera*
- †Alfonso Dimatera*
- †Adoracion Maquiraya*
- †Albert & †Myles Schopf*
- †Jacob & †Louise Schell*
- †Paul Sylvestre*
- †Anton & †Nymphia Mack*
- †Leo & †Marian Stepp*
- †Our departed loved ones we lost this past year*



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 Third Sunday of Lent. The first reading was Exodus 20:1-17, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 19, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25 and the Gospel reading was John 2:13-35.

As we have been doing during Lent, my homily was sent out to you by email to read and reflect on. I hope you are enjoying the time for reflection as we journey through this holiest of seasons. We continue with our theme of refashioning and remoulding our image into the likeness of God.

Today, I want to take a quick moment to explain something in the scripture readings. We often look at the people around us and wonder why someone who does not go to Church, does not believe in God doesn't face the challenges and struggles we face. They seem to be happier and more joyful than us.

We are very familiar with the first reading today. The story of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments. But we often overlook a line in the middle of this reading. "You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, **punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.**"

Maybe one of the reasons we struggle and face challenges is because we are being held by our ancestors sins. That hold can be delivered by prayer and our works of mercy. That is what the season of Lent is for. Every sin, even personal ones, are really social. Our sins affect the generations to come and we are affected by the sins of our ancestors before us. This season is our opportunity to be delivered from that hold. Lent is a remedy for our hold to be delivered, a time for liberation and deliverance. God tells us that when we pray to him, when we worship him, he will bless the generations to come for 1000 generations.

We tend to recognize the blessings only. When we were baptized, we were cleansed from original sin. The sin of Adam and Eve. We are all born with that sin. But then we pray to "The God of Abraham" and "The God of Jacob". Our forefathers, Abraham and Jacob brought God's blessings into our lives. We have received both the responsibility of our ancestors sins and the blessings originating from our ancestors. How do we untie the bondage we are in so God can deliver us? We can look at the collect. "O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen." God is mercy, but in order for us to receive that mercy we need to do certain things: fasting, prayer, works of mercy and charity. It isn't a volunteer thing for him. Doing these things will give us a remedy for sin and make us a remedy for others.

As you spend time in quiet prayer and reflection this week, ask yourself how you can liberate your family from that hold? How, through prayer, fasting and works of charity and mercy, can I be a remedy?

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

—Father Antony

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

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)
Monday, March 15	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
Tuesday, March 16	6:30pm Holy Mass †Betty Daniels
Wednesday, March 17	9am Holy Mass †Bert Dreker 7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, March 18	10am Parish Staff Meeting 12:10pm Holy Mass Intentions for Frances Dreker 7pm Word & Worship
Friday, March 19	6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass †Gail Biette
Saturday, March 20	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 21	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



“He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St. John the Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.”

St. John Henry Newman

**Incense will be used
on Holy Thursday,
Easter Vigil and Easter
Sunday at 11am.**

**REMEMBER YOU
MUST CALL OR TEXT
CONNIE AT
306-421-8447 TO
SIGN UP TO ATTEND
A WEEKDAY OR
WEEKEND HOLY
MASS.**

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!!

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 (Incense will be used)

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 (Incense will be used)

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

(Incense will be used at the 11am 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 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