

St. John the Baptist Parish

March 16 & 17, 2019

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St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 10:00AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check a current
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Sacrament of Anointing: contact the Parish Office

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6pm - 6:45pm

Thursdays in Lent 11am - 12pm

Or by appointment

Office hours: Monday to Friday

9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 16	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 17 <i>St. Patrick</i>	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass 11am Coffee and Dainties in the Parish Hall
Monday, March 18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry held in the Meeting Room 7pm RCIA in the meeting room
Tuesday, March 19 <i>St. Joseph</i>	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass †Robert Cyr; Family 7pm No Holy Mass
Wednesday, March 20	9am Christian Ethics Retreat in Parish Hall 11am (Hospital) Holy Mass †Marcella Mack; Parish
Thursday, March 21	12:10pm Holy Mass †Susan Sands; Shiela(Melanson)Zanidean 7pm Lenten Mission in the Parish Hall 8pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, March 22	10am (Nursing Home) Holy Mass †Ron Henry; Eleanor & Laurance Mack 12:10 pm Lenten Lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church 6pm Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass 7:30pm †Bernard Jesse †Jim Mack; Warren & Cathy Jesse &Family
Saturday, March 23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i>	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 24	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass

St. John the Baptist Parish Lent and Holy Week Mass Schedule

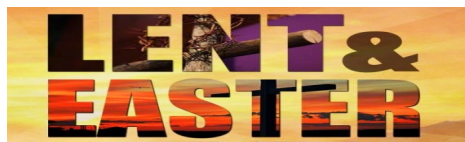
Saturday, April 13 at 7pm - Palm Sunday Holy Mass
 Sunday, April 14 at 10am - Palm Sunday Holy Mass
 Thursday, April 18 at 7:30pm - Holy Thursday Holy Mass
 Friday, April 19 at 12pm - Good Friday Liturgy
 Friday, April 19 at 3pm - Good Friday Liturgy
 Saturday, April 20 at 3pm - Easter Basket Blessing
 Saturday, April 20 at 8:30pm - Easter Vigil Celebration
 Sunday, April 21 at 10am - Easter Sunday Holy Mass

Please note that during Lent the Thursday Holy Masses will be at 12:10pm. Also, every Friday during Lent there will be Adoration at 6pm and Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass at 7pm. There will not be a Holy Mass at 9am on Fridays during Lent.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

March 31 @ 7:00pm

April 2 @ 7:30pm



Lenten Lunch Schedule - Who wants Jesus to die?

March 22nd	Trinity Lutheran Church Judas wants Jesus to Die - Luke 22:7-20
March 29th	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Barabbas wants Jesus to Die - Mark 15:6-15
April 5th	St. Paul's United Church The High Priest wants Jesus to Die - John 18:12-14
April 12th	St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church Satan wants Jesus to Die - Matthew 4:1-11



RCIA

Taking part in our RCIA program this year, we have four catechumens, Catherine Kroeker, Savanna Kuntz, Morgan Petersen and Hyunok Min, and two candidates, Kristina Muhr and Chantel Cossette.

God of Love,

Let us surround them with prayer as we accompany and lead them to encounter Christ. And may they find in our community, compelling signs of unity and generous love. Amen.

RCIA
Christian Formation Process

A Prayer for Forced Migrants around the World

Have mercy on me, God most high.

In my fear and loneliness, be my refuge. Far from my homeland, I feel lost.

My heart is stirred by thoughts of the family I left behind. O God, hear their cries and come to their help! Calm the storms of anxiety and doubt raging within me. Go before me and guide my steps among a people I do not know. May their kindness and compassion assure me that You are there to welcome me.

Prayer developed by Cardinal Luis Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis, following his experiences meeting forced migrants supported by the Caritas family. CP1819



St. Giles Anglican Church invite you to **Pause & Pray** every Wednesday during lent. You are welcome to pray, rest, or sit and just “be” in the presence of God. There will be prayer aids, candles, music and printed materials. Pause and Pray with us every Wednesday from March 13-April 17 12pm-1pm and 5pm-7:30pm. For more information please call 306-897-0402.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for our Parish will be on Sunday, March 31 at 11:30am (following the 10am Holy Mass). Everyone is invited!! Come see what your Parish is up to and please bring any suggestions or recommendations for your Parish Family.



Easter Flower Donations

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!!



Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

A Holy Mass for this special feast, will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19 at 11am at the Hospital Chapel. Please join for this Holy Mass as we honor the Patron Saint of Canada.



Readings for March

23 & 24

First Reading Exodus 3.1-8a,13-15

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10.1-6,10-12

Gospel Luke 13.1-9

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, you are invited to take some time out of your day to reflect and prepare your heart for Easter. We will begin with Adoration at 6pm, then Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Holy Mass.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Led By</u>
Friday, March 22	Parish Ministers
Friday, March 29	Holy Family Teachers & Staff
Friday, April 5	Pastoral Council
Friday, April 12	K of C



In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit. Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador.

(By Saint John Chrysostom)

March 17, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

You can donate your used prescription eye glasses and tabs from canned beverages to St. Mary’s School c/o Gwen Van de Woestyne.

These donations will be forwarded to Regina Pasqua Hospital and an Eye Practitioner for those in need.

The Parish will be doing a Food Bank Drive again this Spring. We will have the food drive on Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th before Mass. Your food donation will help the Salvation Army to make food available for those in need before the Easter Weekend. Katie & Ron Dunville will have their blue Traverse parked at the main Church Entrance to receive your packages. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and to Darla and Ron Wilhelm for their commitment to this project!

Katie Dunville Social Justice

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope
(*Sermo 6 de Quadragesima, 1-2: PL 54, 285-287*)

Purification of spirit through fasting and almsgiving

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.