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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!*

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

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March 26 & 27, 2022
4th Sunday of Lent

Lenten Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 10am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 12:10pm

Friday - 6:30pm (beginning with Stations of the Cross)

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 9 at 5pm and Sunday, April 10 at 10am

Weekdays of Holy Week

Monday, April 11 at 7pm, Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm and Wednesday, April 13 at 7pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 14 at 7:30pm - Incense will be used

Good Friday Liturgies - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 15 at 12pm and 3pm

Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday, April 16 at 8:30pm - Incense will be used

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17 at 10am

If you are sensitive to incense and will be attending the Holy Thursday or Easter Vigil Masses, we will have seating available in the Nursery. The door will remain closed and there is a



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 26	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 27	10am Holy Mass
Monday, March 28	1pm Make Music with Friends held in the Parish Hall 6:30pm Altar Server Workshop held in the Church 7pm Synod Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 29	5pm Reconciliation 6:30pm Holy Mass †Robert Burghart
Wednesday, March 30	9am Holy Mass †Brian Weatherill 7pm Guided Holy Hour Adoration
Thursday, March 31	12:10pm Holy Mass †M.J. Oueni 7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, April 1	6:30pm Holy Mass (beginning with Stations of the Cross) †Doug & †Alice Third
Saturday, April 2	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)
<i>St. Francis of Paola</i>	
Sunday, April 3	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)

Make Music with Friends

Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people?

Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a **Jam Session!**

Monday, March 28, 2022

1:00 – 4:00pm

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

Fun, free, and entertaining. Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear! Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by SJB Fellowship Committee



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 which are 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!!

In Memory: † Bill & † Evelyn Johner
† Peter & † Katie Wock

† Ian Fernandez † Carol Cundall † Nancy Dorwart † Bert Hahn † Lonnie † Leanne & † Steve Wolos

In Thanksgiving: For God's abundant blessings

Lenten Lunches are a brief service of worship with scripture, message and prayers followed by soup and bread starting at 12pm on Fridays through Lent ending with Walk of the Cross on Good Friday at 9am beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church.

April 1 *Salvation Army*

April 8 *St John the Baptist*

April 15 *Walk of the Cross*



SYNOD 2022 - Listen- Encounter Discern

The word 'Synod' means walking together. The worldwide Synod process is perfectly aligned with our parish vision. We are excited to begin!

Listening is the first step in our Synod journey. Your voice is important to us. Join us at a group consultation session and share your thoughts:

Monday, March 28 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Saturday, April 30 10:00 am in the Parish Hall

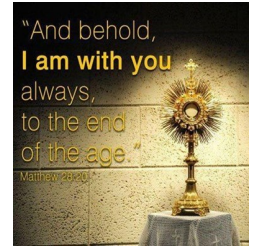
Online survey form at this link <https://forms.gle/kAJEjE6ok8uD1AoH8>

You may also submit your thoughts by completing a written response form. Response forms are available at the back of the church and at the parish office. They can be returned in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office during business hours.

**"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
Romans 12:5**

Adoration

This quiet hour of prayer He invites us to and wants us to spend with Him. It is spent any way you like. You may want to bring your own prayer books, pray the rosary, read scripture or speak to Jesus Heart to Heart. You may want to listen to Him speak to you as He does through inspiration. Or, you may just want to sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in His company, for He said: *"Come aside to an out-of-the way place and rest while."* (Mk. 6:31) *"Be still and know that I am God."* (Ps. 46:11) or *"My peace is My gift to you."* (Jn. 14:27)



ASK FATHER

Do you have a question about Lent? Or Holy Week? Maybe you have always wondered something about our Catholic Faith. Now is the time to receive an answer! Write your question on one of the supplied papers and place it in the box in the main entrance of the Church. Each week one or two questions will be answered in the Parish Bulletin (your name will not be published).

During the season of Lent, we will be doing this instead of Homily Corner.



PRAYER REQUESTS

During the holy season of Lent, you are invited to offer your prayer requests in the container in the main entrance of the Church. Your intentions will be offered everyday in prayer by Father and Connie. And please be assured that your intentions will be confidential.

"Prayer, humility and charity toward all are essential in the Christian life: they are the way to holiness."

—Pope Francis

Adoration Invitation



Be Still and know that I Am God

Prayer - Fasting & Almsgiving

St. John the Baptist Parish invites you to spend time in prayer in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:30am - 6pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 6pm

7pm - 8pm Guided Holy Hour

Thursday 1pm - 6pm

Friday 9:30am - 6:30pm

Call Bridget to sign up for a Holy Hour or for more information 306-461-4611

Triduum

As Christians, we are obliged to be present during the Triduum. This season in the Church opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. These services flow into one another and are full of beautiful rites and traditions.

Following the Mass on Holy Thursday, we are all asked to leave the Church in silence. Adoration will be taking place in the Church until 11pm that night.

On Good Friday, the Church of God fasts (as well as Holy Saturday) to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. When we come to the Church for the Good Friday Liturgy, we are asked to come in silence and to leave in silence that day. We also begin the Easter Vigil in quiet and in darkness. These periods of silence are very meaningful in our journey through the Triduum.



Chrism Mass

The Archdiocese invites you to attend the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 4 @ 2pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina. It will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina>. At this Holy Mass, the Archbishop blesses the oils and each parish of the Archdiocese will receive their oils that will be used for sacraments throughout the year. These oils will be presented to our parish family at the Holy Thursday Mass. All attending the Chrism Mass will renew their baptismal promises and the clergy will reaffirm their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination. The Chrism Mass is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the reception of the oils as we journey toward the Triduum and Easter



St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to announce that Children's Liturgy will be beginning on Sunday, April 24 at the 10:30am Holy Mass.



Right now we are busy getting everything ready and can't wait to have the children gather again.

If you would like more information about how you can share your gifts with our youngest parishioners by serving in this ministry, please contact Cindy Billesberger at billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com or Cindy Dalziel at the Parish Office at financesjb@sasktel.net or 306-634-2190.

And watch this space in the bulletin for updates! May God bless our Parish Family as we continue to grow!



Happy Birthday

Rowena Son





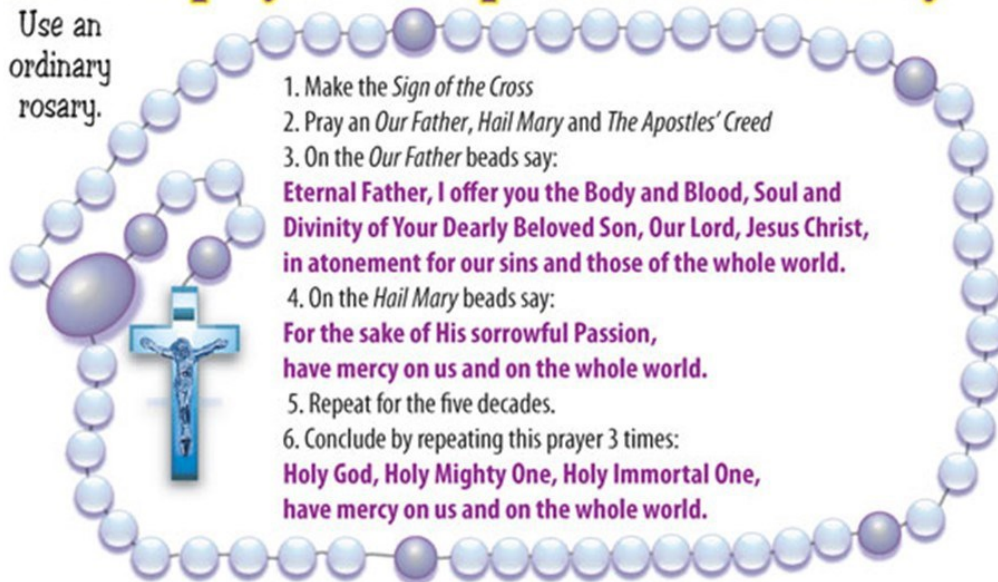
Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Began by a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, in the late 1930s, we are encouraged to place our trust in God's mercy and receive His grace into our lives. Seeing the importance of this message, Sr. Faustina was canonized on April 30th, 2000 by Pope John Paul II who declared that, from that time forward, the second Sunday of Easter

would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us join together praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Sunday of Easter this year, to receive forgiveness and mercy from the Risen Lord.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Go to <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena/> to learn more about the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday.

St. John the Baptist Easter Basket Blessing Saturday April 16, 3pm

The blessing of the Easter Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family would share this blessed food and exchange good wishes. The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the foods used for the Holiday feast. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated



with ribbons and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and the Resurrection. Traditionally, the baskets would include: decorated hardboiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection), lamb-shaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), bread (symbolic of Jesus as the "Bread of Life"), ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), sausage (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), smoked bacon (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), some prefer lamb (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us "You are the salt of the earth"), cheese (symbolizes the moderation Christians should have at all times), horseradish & pepper (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover). A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World." Lastly, the basket is cover with linen symbolizing the covering of Christ's shroud. Children are excited to participate in this heart-warming tradition by helping to prepare and decorate the family basket and later, proudly carry it into church on Holy Saturday for the blessing. Some families with small children have their "little-ones" carry their very own decorated basket filled with fruits, a chocolate bunny or some other treat to be blessed. The foods included within any basket can be easily personalized.

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2022 Lenten Season Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 29 5pm until 7pm

Tuesday, April 5 7pm until 9pm

***Please note that there will not be Holy Mass this evening.**

As we journey through Lent, Reconciliation is available on these Fridays evenings. You can receive this sacrament anytime between 5pm and 7pm, including during the Stations of the Cross. One priest will be hearing confessions on these days.

Tuesday, April 5 is our Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration evening. We will have more than one priest available for Reconciliation.



The Sacrament of Holy Anointing is available after the Holy Masses on the weekends during the season of Lent

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