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*We are so glad you joined us  
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**April 3 & 4, 2022**  
**5th 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

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# 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 (Maundy 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 Basket Blessings


Saturday, April 16 at 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 fan in that room.

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, April 2	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)
<i>St. Francis of Paola</i>	
Sunday, April 3	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Sunday)
Tuesday, April 5	7pm Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration Evening
<i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	
Wednesday, April 6	1pm Holy Mass †Shannon Honan
	7pm Guided Holy Hour Adoration
Thursday, April 7	12:10pm Holy Mass †Ian Fernandez
<i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i>	
Friday, April 8	7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
	12pm Ministerial Lenten Service and Lunch
	6:30pm Holy Mass (beginning with Stations of the Cross) †Richard Hagel
Saturday, April 9	5pm Holy Mass (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)
Sunday, April 10	10am Holy Mass (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

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

*Lenten Lunches are a brief service of worship with scripture, a 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 8 St John the Baptist Parish

April 15 Walk of the Cross



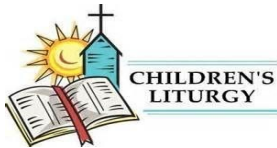
### Easter Flowers



We are 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: † Casper & † Isabell Jenish  
† Robert & † Dorothy Price  
† Correlgen Sotto † Richard Walter



St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to announce that Children's Liturgy will be beginning on Sunday, April 24 at the 10am 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](mailto:billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com) or Cindy Dalziel at the Parish Office at [financesjb@sasktel.net](mailto: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!!!!!!

Margaret Mack

Gabrielle Deitz

Sophia Deitz



### Sacred Triduum

As Christians, we are obliged to be present during the Sacred 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 Holy 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 Sacred Triduum.



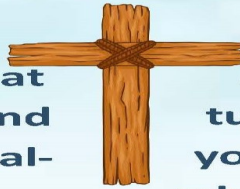


# GOOD FRIDAY WALK WITH THE CROSS

Join us on Good Friday, April 15, as we carry a cross throughout Estevan, stopping at churches for scripture reading, prayer and song.

A question will be given to meditate on as we walk.

The walk begins at 9 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church and will include stops at the Salvation Army, City of Estevan (City Hall), St. Giles Anglican Church, St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, and St. Paul's United Church.



All are welcome to take turns carrying the cross. If you are not able to walk the whole distance, you are welcome to drive or ride to the next point.



*Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*

**Philippians.2.8-9**

## 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 occasion to participate in the reception of the oils as we journey toward the Sacred Triduum and Easter.



Please note there will be no C.W.L. Meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

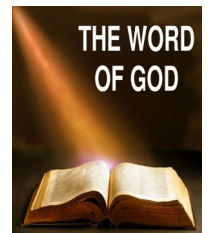
## Readings for Sunday, April 10, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

Second Reading: Phillipians 2.8-9

Gospel Reading: Luke 22.14-23.56



## Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Bells

Bring your bells from home to ring during the singing of the Glory to God on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) and at the Easter Vigil. Ringing the bells creates a "joyful noise to the Lord" as a way to give thanks for the miracle that is taking place atop the altar. So, let us make a joyful noise!!



## St. John the Baptist Parish 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 covered 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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### 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:

Saturday, May 7 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**



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**Adoration Update**

Adoration will be suspended beginning on Thursday, April 14. Please note that following the Holy Thursday of the Passion of the Lord Holy Mass that evening, there will be Adoration until 11pm. Adoration will resume on Tuesday, April 26 at 9:30am.



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On this day, the Holy Church celebrates the glorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery (his suffering, death and resurrection). We also commemorate the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel reading on this day. Let us join this celebration, beginning our Holy Week devoutly and faithfully as we follow the Paschal journey of Jesus so we can be glorified with him.

*Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: "Hosanna in the highest!"*

*John 12:1, 12-13*



## Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration Evening

Tuesday, April 5 from 7pm-9pm

You are invited to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday as we approach Holy Week. We will have six priests available to hear your confession and you are also encouraged to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tell us that the Effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are:

**1468** "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship."<sup>73</sup> Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation."<sup>74</sup> Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.<sup>75</sup>

**1469** This sacrament *reconciles us with the Church*. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members.<sup>76</sup> Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland.<sup>77</sup>



*It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.<sup>78</sup>*

May our own families, our Parish Family and our whole world be blessed by this opportunity to repent and receive the grace of God, transforming us in His image.





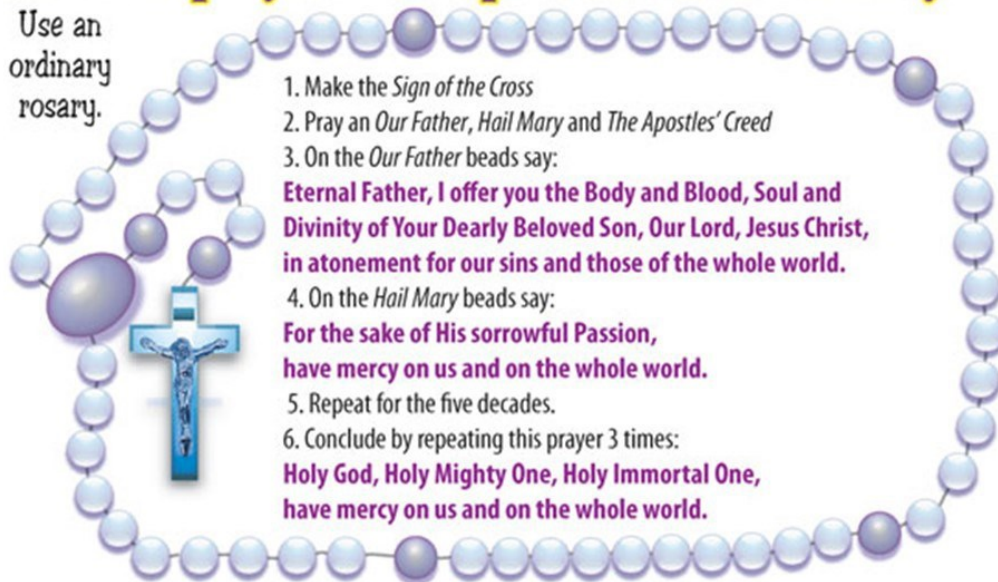
## Divine Mercy Sunday

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.