



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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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May 8 & 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc.

Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Lindy Trobert

Elaine Walton

New Adoration Schedule

You are invited to come spend some time with Jesus and pray for yourself, your Parish Family, our community and the whole world. The Church is open on the following days for Adoration and Personal Prayer:

Tuesdays - 9:30am until 6pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Thursdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Fridays - 9:30am until 5pm



Everyone likes celebrations and our parish family has much to celebrate. Would you like to add your name or someone in your family to our celebrations ministry? Our pastoral care team is gathering names and dates so we can actively pray for you on your special day during Holy Mass. Please give the parish office a call with the name and date of the celebration with your information. We are so grateful for everyone in our parish family.



CWL Members and Supporters:

CWL 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now available for sale. Tickets are \$10 each with a maximum jackpot of \$5000. Draw date is October 5, 2021. E-transfers are accepted. To purchase a ticket contactless and for more information, email:

stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com or call Sherry at 306-421-6371, Brenda at 306-421-1898 or Anita at 306-421-7538.



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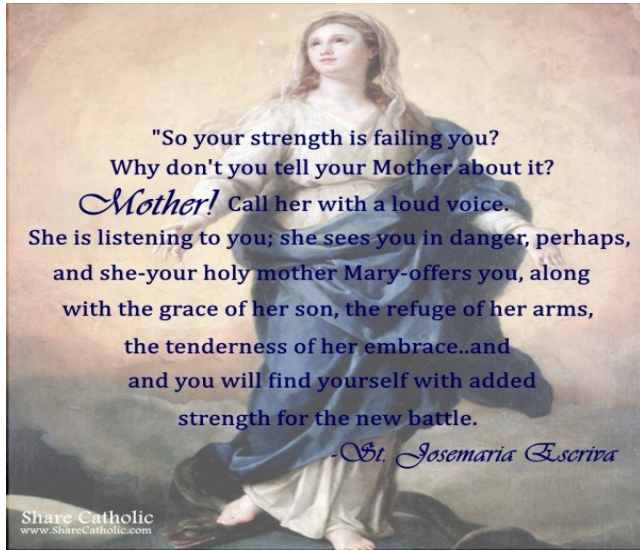
Save the Date CWL Sisters

There will be a Zoom retreat held on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 from 9:30 to 12:30.

To sign up please email your name, phone number and email address to Beckey Franke at b.coralea@hotmail.com by Monday, May 10th.

There will be a 'Zoom practice' the Thursday and possibly the Friday before we get started on the 15th. This should help anyone new to Zoom and hopefully help us get rid of any bugs prior to the retreat.

Watch your email for updates and more details.



May Is The Month Of Mary

The St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the Holy Rosary thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass.

As we honor the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Mother, please join us to pray for our community and the whole world.

Potential Opportunity for Growth in Our Parish

You may be aware that the opportunity now exists for the purchase of the old St. John School, adjacent to the church at 1118 2nd Street. In 2017, St. John School was “traded” for the development of the new office/board room addition to the church and the future plan for the school was for it to be turned into a seniors’ housing development. This project was never completed and the school is now up for sale.

Our intention is to provide our parishioners the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions with regards to the potential acquisition and the future plan for this property.

Some preliminary ideas that we have come up with for possible uses of this space are:

1. Construction of a columbarium - storage of cremations urn
2. Development of a Bible study program and extend an invitation to surrounding parishes to participate.
3. Construction of a facility with a commercial kitchen and event space available for our parish and community to rent, possibly for wedding receptions, reunions, conferences, etc.
4. Create a space for CWL, The Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministries, Seniors groups, etc. to hold meetings, functions and social events.

Or demolish the existing school or part of the school for now with the potential to develop in the future.

A very short survey will be shared through email or paper copies are available at the church office.

We appreciate all your ideas, thoughts and especially your prayers during this information gathering and planning stage.

If you have questions please contact:

Kim Skjonsby: skjonsbys@sasktel.net

Sheldon Spilchuk: spilchukmeats@sasktel.net



The CWL is planning another Prayer Drive around the city on Sunday May 30th at 2pm. Please contact Beckey Franke at b.coralea@hotmail.com or [306-461-9559](tel:306-461-9559) for more info or to sign up.

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, May 8	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 9	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, May 11	No Mass
Wednesday, May 12	9am Holy Mass †Caroline Hamm
<i>St. Nereus, St. Achilleus & St. Pancras</i>	
Thursday, May 13	9am Holy Mass †Neil Himmelspack
<i>Our Lady Fatima</i>	10am Parish Staff Meeting
Friday, May 14	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for my Family
<i>St. Matthias</i>	
Saturday, May 15	5pm Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 16	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass

Directives for Attending Holy Mass and Adoration

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. If you have any symptoms, even if they are mild, such as a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, please do not come to the Church. 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.
- Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be adhered to. Once you have been seated, please remain in your seat except to go to the washroom or to get a drink of water from the water cooler in the main entrance of the Church. **Also, please do not walk through the pews.**
- Please don't bring anything with you to Church. This includes a purse, bottles of waters, go cups of coffee, etc. One prayer book is allowed.
- If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, please do not come to Church for 14 days after the exposure.
- After the final blessing and dismissal at Holy Mass, please remain in your pew until our hospitality ministers can guide you to leave the Church while maintaining social distance.
- If you would like a copy of all the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!



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 Easter. The first reading was Acts 9:26-31, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 22, the second reading was 1 John 3:18-24 and the Gospel reading was John 15:1-8.

Today we have yet another beautiful passage for us to contemplate, pray and live in. Last weekend we saw the image of God when he said, "I am the good shepherd." Today we see a similar statement with a different image. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." When we look at these two examples of the image of God, we must pay particular attention to the grammar. Often when we celebrate the sacraments and pray with scripture, we don't notice the adjectives, the adverbs, the nouns, the grammar. But when we truly see each word we are reading, we receive much greater understanding of the Scriptures. In these two cases, you will notice that Jesus did not say, "I am the shepherd" or "I am the vine." He says that he is the **good** shepherd and the **true** vine.

In the Gospel of John, we see great intimacy and lots of examples of an inseparable connection with God. John was the disciple that Jesus loved and we see that in his Gospel. Through that love, John shares very intimate words with us and these words show us how much God loves us and how he is always there for us.

We also see the word "abide" repeated in today's Gospel reading eight times. Part of what Jesus says is "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." He is explaining that we must have an inseparable connection to him and the Father to bear **much** fruit. Just like the farmer that is excited for the harvest, our Father is always excited for us to bear much fruit. We are created for this abundant life, not for a simple life. He also says that if we abide in him, we can ask for whatever we wish and it will be granted. The problem in our lives is that we are not always connected to the vine. Sometimes we need some pruning done to remove our obstacles to that inseparable connection and only then will we bear much fruit.

As I prayed and reflected on this reading in preparation for this weekend, I was struck by how maybe this could be a time of pruning in our world. And as we pray and reflect on this reading and our world situation, we should focus on how the intensity of the connection of the vine and branches is integral. May we pray for our world and for our own connection to God, our Father this week.

See you next week as we reflect on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

—Father Antony



St. Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of the ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all others.

—St. Joseph Marelllo

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mother's everywhere.

Bless the moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe.

Bless the mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups and endless laundry. Give them strength.

Bless the mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity and mold young hearts.

Bless the mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless the mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they and their husbands are a beautiful example of love.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both a mother and grandmother.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We pray for peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and protect us with their love.

We ask you, Mary our Mother, on this day when we honor and praise our mothers for their unconditional love and care, that Jesus might bestow upon them His abundant blessings and His deepest love. Amen.

