



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 to Friday 9:00am –2:00pm (open during lunch)

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June 19 & 20, 2021

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5p.m. & 7 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 9 a.m.

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, June 19	5pm Holy Mass
<i>St. Romuald</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, June 20	9am Holy Mass
	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
	11am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay)
Wednesday, June 23	9am Holy Mass †Neil Himmelspack
Thursday, June 24	7pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Jill Mack
	<i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>
Friday, June 25	9am Holy Mass †Marc Crozon
Saturday, June 26	5pm Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, June 27	9am Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Nykyta Budka</i>	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
<i>Blessed Vasyl Velychkowsky</i>	11am Holy Mass
<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i>	11am Holy Mass (Torquay)

John Aaron Elorde

Rose Cossette



St. John the Baptist Parish – Meals on Wheels – July 2021

Calling all former and current Meals on Wheels drivers!

Good News! The Saskatchewan Health Authority has dropped the age restriction for our Meals on Wheels volunteers and we are now able to invite all of our former 65+ drivers back into the fold. We invite you come back if you are able and would like to return to delivering during the summer. We also invite new volunteers who would like to get involved in delivering lunch-time meals to our Home Care clients in the community. Please call our office to register. There have been many changes in our delivery, so I will be contacting our previous volunteers to update them with these changes. If you have not yet received a call from me and would like to be involved in July, please call me at **Home Care (306) 647-3630**.

St. John's Parish has historically delivered through the month of July and I am currently working on the schedule for this month. Thank you so much, for your continued interest and involvement in this program.

[Deborah Augey](#)

[Home Care South - Estevan](#)

[Saskatchewan Health Authority | 306-637-3630 | Fax: 306 637-9424](#)

Special Feast Days In June

Thursday, June 24: Solemnity Of The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist *Holy Mass 7pm*

Tuesday, June 29: Solemnity Of Saints Peter And Paul, Apostles



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 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 limit what you bring with you to Church. One small bag or purse and one prayer book is fine. **(Please do not bring bottles of water, cups of coffee, or any other food or drink with you.)**
- 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!!

WEEKEND SUMMER HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning on Saturday, July 3, the Weekend Summer Holy Mass Schedule will be:

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 9am and 11am



Parish Hall Update

Our Parish Hall is undergoing a transformation! We are updating the Children's Liturgy space and the Hall with paint and accents. Many hands make light work so if you are able to donate a few hours to paint, sand or build we would welcome you to the team. Please contact Randy Franke at 306-421-2244 or Maureen Daoust at 306-421-7949.



that you might
BE HEALED

Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing is for healing of our minds and bodies. This Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office.

Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.

May you receive a lifetime of blessings because God is a giver.

May you have the faith for new adventures because God is an encourager.

May you grow strong in character because God is your helper.

May you bring joy to others because God is your song.

May you know constant fulfillment because God is your life.

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2021
CONGRATS!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,
You entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly Father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

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.



Homily Corner

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Last weekend, we celebrated the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We resume the holy season of Ordinary Time after celebrating many feasts which ended with the culmination of them all, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Ordinary Time season continues from today until the Sunday before Christ the King which is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Ezekiel 17:22-24, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 92, the second reading was 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 and the Gospel reading was Mark 4:26-34.

Taking the holy scriptures and bringing them into our daily lives. Often times our challenge is that we don't know the plan of God. He is marvellous and at the same time, God is mysterious. We often think that if God would just show us his plan, we would know what to do. Our lives would be so much easier. But that is not the way of God.

In the first reading, God says that he will take a sprig from a twig and plant it on the top of a mountain. It will produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. "Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of ever kind."

The same theme is continued with two stories in the Gospel. The first story says the kingdom of God is like seed being scattered on the ground. I think we can all relate. Many of us have a garden that we tend at home. We plant the seed, we water, we weed and we harvest. But what happens for that seed to grow, how it grows, is only from God. The process is mysterious to us. It is not our process, but the seed grows with the grace of God, his creation.

The second story in the Gospel is the story of the mustard seed. It is a tiny seed but when it is planted and grows, it becomes the greatest of all shrubs. The Gospel says the shrub "puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

In all three stories, we see the grace of God, the power of God, bringing these trees to their fullness. They become strong and spread out their branches only because of God. We are the same as the trees. With God's grace, we grow in our faith and relationship with our brothers and sisters. We become a shelter, a refuge, for those around us.

This reminds me of another story in the Bible. The story of Joseph, son of Jacob, lets us know that sometimes God's plan comes with trials and tribulations. Joseph was sold by his brothers to some businessmen who were on their way to Egypt. He lived the life of a slave and was imprisoned for a sin not of him. He had iron chains on his ankles and an iron collar around his neck. God's plan was slowly revealed as Joseph was called to the palace. He became the right and left hand of the emperor. Now at the time, Joseph's family back home were going through a drought. Joseph the sprig was sold, faced many terrible challenges but he followed and trusted in God and God's plan was amazing for him. He brought his family to Egypt. He was a shelter for them. And the family expanded throughout Egypt, being refuges for others as well.

I have many opportunities in my ministry to listen to the stories of my parishioners, especially the elderly. Many families have a similar story. Their great-grandparents came to Canada to live a better life and went through many challenges. But as they established themselves, they brought other family members to Canada as well. They became a shelter to their families and their families expanded to spread out throughout Canada and North America.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: How am I a shelter to my family, my community, my Parish Family? How am I spreading my branches?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Solemnity Of The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist

You are invited to come celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass will be on Thursday, June 24 at 7pm. We have been truly blessed and are excited to honor St. John the Baptist as we celebrate the re-installation of his statue. All are welcome to join us!

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid Zechariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear your a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."



Luke 1:13-17

We are excited to share with you that the prayer drives for our community will be continuing through the summer months. The days of the prayer drive will be **Monday, June 28 at 10am, Sunday, July 25 at 2pm and Monday, August 30 at 10am**. The plan is to drive around the city and pray together as we follow each other in cars and pray for our community.

The CWL Sisters invite you to join us in the Prayer Drive. If you would like to join the prayer drive, please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 or email at b.coralea@hotmail.com. The deadline to register for each prayer drive is the **Wednesday before the day, June 23rd, July 21st and August 25, 2021**.

If you are not able to join us in the prayer drive, we ask that you please spend some time in prayer with us at that time from the comfort of your home.

What will we pray? Whatever comes gently by memory to each of our hearts. It could be a Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a continued prayer of the Our Father or Hail Mary or Glory Be. It could be your hearts phrase or a prayer that beats naturally to you. Pretty much any prayer will do. God's space and time is not the same as ours and He is quite aware of our intention, so we leave the prayer to you and to God.

We look forward to praying with you for the protection of our city from Covid 19, and for strength and compassion for all those who are affected by Covid in our city, province, country and around the world. God Bless you all.



"I know not how anyone can ponder on the sufferings, trials and tribulations the Queen of Angels endured whilst caring for Jesus in his childhood, without at the same time thanking St. Joseph for the services he rendered the Divine Child and his Blessed Mother."

St. Teresa of Avila