



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!



Parish Office Hours

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

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June 26 & 27, 2021

13th Sunday in 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

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| 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) †Emilia Lalonde |
| Wednesday, June 30 | 9am Holy Mass †Joseph Sylvestre |
| <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> | |
| Thursday, July 1 | No Mass |
| <i>Canada Day</i> | |
| Friday, July 2 | 9am Holy Mass †Angeline Dillman |
| Saturday, July 3 | 5pm Holy Mass |
| <i>St. Thomas</i> | |
| Sunday, July 4 | 9am Holy Mass |
| <i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> | 9am Holy Mass (Bienfait) †Emilia Lalonde 11am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass (Torquay) |

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

Calling all former and current Meals on Wheels drivers!

Good News! The Saskatchewan Health Authority has dropped the age restriction for Meals on Wheels volunteers and we are now able to invite all of our former 65+ drivers back into the fold. We also invite new volunteers interested in delivering meals over the lunch period. **Please call Debbie at Estevan Home Care (306) 637-3630 to register.** There have been many changes in delivery over the past year, so I will be contacting previous volunteers to update them, as well as to fill in the driver schedule for July for which St. John's Parish has historically assisted.

Thank you so much for your continued interest and involvement in the Meals on Wheels program.

Special Feast Days In June

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!!

Clayton & Kara Stenhouse



Chad & Treena Hirsch

Henry & Marguerite
Fornwald

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.



Beginning July 2, Parish Office hours for the summer will be Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm. Regular office hours will resume in September.



Jay Vanstone
Josie Hesketh
Iciss L'Heureux



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.



In the silence of daily routine, St. Joseph, together with Mary, share a single, common center of attention: Jesus. They accompany and nurture the growth of the Son of God made man for us with commitment and tenderness, reflecting on everything that happened. In the Gospels, St. Luke twice emphasizes the attitude of Mary, which is also that of St. Joseph: she "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (2:19, 51)

Baptisms and Sacrament Preparation Classes

Baptisms and Sacrament Preparation Classes are finished for the season. We will begin our schedule again in the fall. Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist classes will be held for children who are in Grade 2 and Grade 3 in the fall. If you would like to register your child for these classes or if you would like to register for Baptism, please call the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



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



FROM
THE
PASTOR



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Job 38:1-4, 8-11, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 107, the second reading was 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 and the Gospel reading was Mark 4:35-41.

As we resumed the Ordinary Time liturgical season last weekend, we were blessed with an eternal truth story and we have the same kind of story this weekend. God said that even if heaven and earth pass away, his word will still be. It is eternal. In John's Gospel, it says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

In the first reading today, we hear part of the story of Job. He was tempted by the devil, and God allowed this to happen. He lost a lot of his fortune and his health. His family, even his wife, and friends came to him and told him that God had forgotten about him. They told him God didn't love him anymore. Even though Job stood up for God and his faith in front of his family and friends, when he was alone, he doubted. God came to him and challenged him, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding." Job knew God was the creator of everything. He kept his faith. He trusted God. And God blessed him. He was healed and he was given double what he had before.

When we are faced with certain challenges in our lives, just like the Gospel, when the wind storm is upon us, our good, holy, family and neighbors will say, "Why do you go to Church? Look at you struggling, where is your God now?" But we must keep our faith. We must trust in God. Those excuses aren't anything. We must keep our intimate relationship with God.

The Apostles saw Jesus perform many miracles on the day that we read about in the Gospel. They saw the kingdom of God. As they were crossing the water, Jesus sent a storm to them to test them, just like he does to us. The Apostles woke him up and asked him, "Don't you care?" We too ask this of God when we are struggling. Jesus calmed the storm. When Job was going through his storm, God calmed it and gave him peace.

We need to trust and learn from these eternal truth stories. Everything we are and everything we have comes from the creator God. When we are struggling, we, too, need to wake Jesus up. How do we do that? By praying and trusting in our Father. Through prayer and trust in God, we will make it to the shore, blessed beyond our dreams.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: How do I show my trust in God? Do I wake him up when I am struggling? Am I building an intimate relationship based on trust and prayer with him?

God Bless!

—Father Antony