

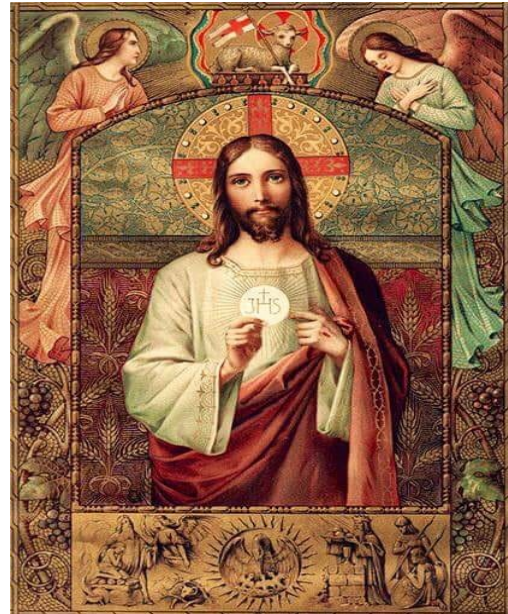


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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!



August 1 & 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

Office Summer Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 12pm

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St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

*"I was sick and you took care of me."
Matthew 25:36*

Pastoral
CARE

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.

that you might

BE HEALED

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.

Keeping Updated

If you would like to receive updates and faith resources from St. John the Baptist Parish during this time, please contact the Parish Office to give us your email address by emailing stjohthebaptist@sasktel.net or by phoning at 306-634-2190.

Also, if you need assistance or have any questions for us, please call the Parish Office at the number above. Messages will be checked regularly.

Parish Office Hours for July and August are Monday to Friday 9am—12pm.



The **Summer Holy Mass schedule** is:

Wednesday to Friday at 9am

Saturday at 7pm

Sunday at 9am and 11am

Please contact Connie at the Parish Office to register for the Holy Masses you would like to attend.

Adoration will remain from Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am until 7pm.

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, August 1	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) † Deceased family members	
<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, August 2	9am Holy Mass	
<i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli</i>	11am Holy Mass	
<i>St. Peter Julian Eymard</i>	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †Loretta Bonokoski	
Wednesday, August 5	9am Holy Mass † Art Weisgerber	REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.
<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>		
Thursday, August 6	9am Holy Mass †Monique Benard ne DeMargerie	
<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>		
Friday, August 7	9am Holy Mass † Josephine Cossette	
<i>St. SixtusII & Companions, St. Cajetan</i>		
Saturday, August 8	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) † Doreen Blyth	
<i>St. Dominic</i>	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, August 9	9am Holy Mass	
<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	11am Holy Mass	
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †William Sinclair	

Holy Mass Updates

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. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have travelled to or through the West Central or Southwest parts of Saskatchewan in the past 14 days, we ask that you do not come to the Church.
- Social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

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

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was 1 Kings 3:5-12, the second reading was Romans 8:28-30 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 13:44-52.

This is the last week of the theme of the Kingdom of Heaven in the readings for the weekend. For the next few weeks, the readings will be all about the miracles of Jesus and we will reflect on how we can be a miracle people.

The merchant in the Gospel reading is searching for a high value pearl and when he find one, he sells everything to purchase the pearl.

We see in the Gospel again this week that we are highly prized and important to God. We are created in his image and likeness and called us to be saints even though we struggle with failures, sins, distractions, etc. This weekend, he calls us his treasure, his pearl. As we read this, we need to realize that when we talk or think about ourselves in a degrading way, we are actually hurting God by not recognizing our prefect creation. If we know we are treasures and treat ourselves as treasures, when we are tempted by the devil, we won't go with him. God loves us so much and values us so much that when he found us hidden in our sin, he sold everything he had. For thirty pieces of silver, he sold his only begotten Son as a slave and saved us. That's how we become members of the Kingdom of God.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, ask for God's immeasurable blessings in wisdom, understanding and discernment. Talk to yourself, respect yourself as God respects you and treasures you.

See you next week as we reflect on the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony