

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 Summer Hours Monday to Friday 9am -12pm & 1pm - 4pm Email: stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net Website: stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca Facebook: facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistestevan **Pastor:** Father Sathi Antony 306-634-5790 or ansathisjb@gmail.com **Assisting Pastor:** Father Amado Canaveral 306-634-5790 Pastoral Assistant: Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com **Office Assistant**: Karla Waloshin 306-634-2190 Finance Administrator: Cindy Dalziel **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Gwen Van De Woestyne Music Ministry Director: Jocelyn Hall Facilities Manager: Randy Franke Janitorial Services: Joseph Be **Caretaker**: Sigfredo Gonzalez



September 3 & 4, 2022

Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 6:30pm Thursday: 9am 1st & 3rd Friday: 9am Saturday Liturgy: 5pm Sunday Liturgy: 10am Reconciliation: half hour before weekday Holy Mass Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor 8 months in advance



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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule	
Saturday, September 3	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
St. Gregory the Great	
Sunday, September 4	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
Blessed Dina Belanger	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) +Genevieve Janssen
Tuesday, September 6	6:30pm Holy Mass + Ian Fernandez
	7pm C.W.L. Meeting
Wednesday, September 7	7pm Children's Liturgy Leader Meeting
Thursday, September 8	7pm Holy Mass † Clara & † Alphonse Mehler
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Saturday, September 10	9am Team Building Workshop
	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 11	10am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) +Clem Marcotte



Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and the first reading was Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 68, the second reading was Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a, and the Gospel reading was Luke 14.1, 7-14.

The Holy Scriptures today are very interesting to listen to, but we may think they are not practical. It is challenging to us. Jesus challenges us. He tells us in Matthew 5:48, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." We are good, but our challenge is always how can we be better. And then from better to best.

Today's Gospel is very plain and clear. It speaks of the virtue of humility. In the time of Jesus, the culture was different. People were concerned about being the greatest. They were hypocrites. They were just wanting power. Even the disciples, in Luke 22:24-22, argued about who was the greatest among them. And Jesus told them, "Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. " At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the disciples feet, a true act of humility. We need to humble ourselves. How can we be better? We do good with charity. We help those who need help, we support those that need a kind word or a smile and that is great, but how do we practice the virtue of humility? What is the definition of humility? Being humble is looking after someone more than yourself. The other self takes precedence over the self. This is challenging. It is our nature to make sure that we are taken care of first, all our needs and wants, then we think about others but God says that if we want to invest in the Kingdom of Heaven, we must have humble hearts.

A great example of the virtue of humility is Mary. When Gabriel told her she would be the Mother of Mighty God, the Redeemer and her reply was "Thy will be done." Gabriel had more good news for Mary. He told her that her cousin Elizabeth was also pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Now, Mary could have went to rest and be waited on. She was carrying the Son of God. But instead, she rushed to her cousins house and stayed to look after Elizabeth for three months. That is the virtue of humility.

The first reading also challenges us. It tells us that we should humble ourselves and God will reveal his mysteries to us. God will show us what to do and who we are. God will reveal the secrets of your life and his favor will be upon you when you have a humble heart.

Practice humility. Live in humility. Your life will be amazing in the sight of God.

As you spend time in reflective prayer this week, contemplate the virtue of humility. How can you live humility better?

Blessings,

Father Antony



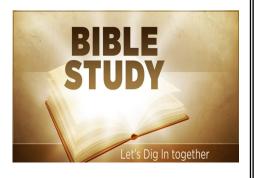
The Heart of the Immaculate Virgin is an abyss of wonders. Enter this most pure sanctuary with respect, and contemplate an incomparable masterpiece of purity, love and of every virtue. Mary is a mother; her great desire is to clothe her children with her own virtues for the glory of Jesus. —Bl. Dina Belanger



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY!!!!

We are excited to start our Fall Bible Study! We have chosen an awesome study and can't

wait to announce it soon. The sessions will run for eight weeks beginning on Thursday, October 6 and ending on Thursday, November 24. Each Thursday, the one and a half hour sessions will be held at 1:30pm and 7pm. Each session will include a video, small group discussion, opportunity for Q & A, and prayer. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Add these dates to your calendar and watch the bulletin for more info!!!!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK !!!!!!!!

Our youngest parishioners are invited to take part in Children's Liturgy at each Holy Mass on Sundays at 10am, beginning on Sunday, September 11. They will learn about our God and the readings for the day through games, Crafts, Video, prayer and fun. All Children

between the ages of 4 and 7 years old are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Billesberger at billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com or Cindy Dalziel at financesjb@sasktel.net



"Child Care Available!"

We are happy to announce that we have trained some of our youth to provide child care during our conferences and events. Our Committee Members are asked to contact Yolita Stead at 306-421-9043 when they are hosting an event that child care would be needed at. She will contact our team and arrange for our certified

babysitters to be there. We are grateful to God and to Yolita for making this ministry a new part of our Parish Family.



WE ARE UPDATING OUR PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!

Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, we will



have IPC Canada Photo Services Inc booked to prepare a new Parish Pictorial Directory for us. The photo sessions will begin in October. Watch the bulletin for more information!

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We are celebrating this Feast Day on Thursday, September 8 at 7pm. Please join us as we reflect on Mary's Vocation as the Mother of Jesus.



