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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!

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24 & 25, 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

Weekend Holy Mass Duration

Saturday 1 hour 10 minutes

Sunday 1 hour 20 minutes

Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the first reading was Amos 8:4-7, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 113, the second reading was 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and the Gospel reading was Luke 16:1-13. The following is my homily:

Last weekend, our Finance Council spoke at both Holy Masses about how we are caring for and considering our Parish Home. I concluded by raising three questions for your contemplation. The good news is that some of our Parish Family have already contemplated, prayed and planned how they can help with their Spiritual Home and the St. John School Special Project. We also had some of our Parish Family asking for clarification about last week's bulletin insert. I welcome your questions. Your questions will make our councils more productive and creative. In this week's bulletin, we have some more information for you. Last spring, we did a survey and your active, positive involvement encouraged the council to go ahead with obtaining the property. This was important to the majority, especially considering that if someone else bought it, we may never reacquire it. In the future, we will have one or more Town Hall Meetings so you can bring your creative ideas about what to do with the property. Right now, our priority is to pay back the generous family who purchased the property and to call in engineers to check the structure of the building. We welcome any questions, concerns, and valuable advice as we move forward.

In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes, "You cannot serve God and wealth." All of us, in one way or another, are consumers and sellers. We share and we receive. Is Jesus asking us not to be wealthy? No, he never will. In fact, he tells us to go and multiply the grace he has given us. We are to multiply our God-given grace. When he said that we cannot serve God and wealth, he was telling us that if we are only going with wealth, it comes to be Idol Worship. We are fools if we think that we made everything. We didn't. God has given us everything. We are to enjoy all our blessings, multiply them and share them, while keeping God with us at all times. We are called to use creation in such a way as to bless us. Think about the stones of the earth. They are created in the earth, under the earth for a reason. If you keep these things, worshipping them, it is Idol Worship. But if you use these things for your happiness, healing and adoring the Creator, that is Ideal Worship.

Going back to the first reading, the prophet Amos is talking about how the people worshipped Idols. He is talking on behalf of them, asking when the full moon will be over. In some cultures today even, nothing can be bought or sold during the full moon. They wanted the full moon to be over so they could offer wheat for sale, measuring out less and charging more. It was unjust and unrighteous. That is why Jesus came. Because of the injustice and unrighteousness in the world. He came to challenge us and call us to be just and righteous.

God is shared with us and then we have the responsibility to share our God-given gifts with others, those in need. This is how we invest in our everlasting life.

Do you enjoy the gifts God has given you? Do you multiply those gifts and share them with others? Are you investing in the Kingdom of God on earth? Are you investing in your eternal home?

Blessings,
Father Antony



St. John School Revitalization Project Plans

St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to clarify and confirm the plans for the contributions for this project. The focus at this time is to re-pay the loan for \$151,000.00 from one of our very generous parishioners for the purchase price of the building and re-assess at that time.

Last year, we offered a survey as a means to provide our parishioners the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions with regards to the potential future plans for this property. The results are included below.

- 70% stated that re-acquiring the school would help promote growth within the Parish
- 62% stated that St. John School should be re-acquired
- 75% stated that they would like to see the building renovated and repurposed for additional Parish programming or services

The previous plan for the building was for it to be turned into a seniors housing project. Moving forward, once the original loan is repaid, some preliminary ideas that we have come up with for possible uses of this space are:

1. Construction of a columbarium - storage of cremation urns.
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 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.
5. Demolish the existing school or part of the school for now with the potential to develop in the future.

Now that we have full ownership of the building and property, we can ensure that it will be used to benefit not only our Parish, but the community as a whole.

We want to thank and bless those who have reached out to us with questions as well as those who have already sent in their contributions. With your continued support, we can continue to move forward with the plans the Lord our God has for us and our Parish Family.



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, September 24 <i>Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin</i>	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 25 <i>St. Cosmas & St. Damian</i>	10am Holy Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic at Rotary Park
Monday, September 26 <i>St. John de Brebeuf, St. Issac Jogues and companions</i>	7pm First Reconciliation Parents Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	9am CWL Executive Meeting 6:30pm Holy Mass †Peter Kress 7pm Liturgy Meeting
Wednesday, September 28 <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions</i>	11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) †Special Intentions of Diane Johner 7pm First Reconciliation Parents Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	9am Holy Mass †Guillermo Ruiz 9:30am Coffee in the Hall 7pm SJB Choir Practice
Saturday, October 1 <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	4:30 pm Praying the Rosary 5pm Holy Mass - Name Tag Weekend 6:10pm Coffee in the Hall
Sunday, October 2 <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9:30am Praying the Rosary 10am Holy Mass - Name Tag Weekend 11:20am Coffee in the Hall



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

We are very excited to announce our St. John's School Revitalization Project. We have several options on the future use of the building and as such need your continued generosity to make these plans a reality.

The building was purchased with the generous help of interim financing by a parishioner. The cost of the building and plans for future development totals \$250,000.00. We were very lucky to be able to acquire the property for less than half the amount of taxes owing on it. As such, this is where we are looking to you, our generous parishioners, to help us make these plans a reality!

We would like you all to prayerfully consider the financial needs of your church. Our parish exists to provide a spiritual home for all of our parishioners and with this new property, we will soon be able to provide even more facilities and services to benefit you, our parishioners.

You can make directed contributions with the envelopes you will find in your pews and at the back of the church. As well, you can always contact Cindy at the Parish office to make any additional donations at 306-634-2190 or via email at financesjb@sasktel.net.

Thank you again for your continued support of St John the Baptist Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. We offer our Baptism Prep sessions three times per year. This year's sessions are on the following dates:

Session One

Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7pm - Class

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7pm - Class

Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7pm - Class

Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10am - Baptism Celebration

Sessions will also be held in January and May

Please call the Parish Office to register for one of the Baptism Preparation Sessions. And remember you must attend all classes and Holy Masses during the session you choose.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our First Reconciliation Preparation is offered to our children who are in grade 3 or older. The sessions will begin in September with a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7pm and Wednesday, September 28 at 7pm. You may choose which meeting you will attend. The Preparation for the year consists of four classes which will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in October, a retreat held during school hours and an evening celebration.

You are required to attend all the Prep Sessions. If you would like to register your child to receive this sacrament, please call the Parish Office.



Happy Anniversary

Patrick and Jessica Fisher



Happy Birthday

Marvel Gall and Kail Hilstrom



New Opportunity To Serve!



St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking creative, fun-loving people for its

FUNdraising Committee to organize

events that promote fellowship, fun and fundraising. Please contact Dana Skjonsby 306-461-9601 if you are interested or would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity to be engaged in our Parish and our community.

Regina Event at Holy Rosary Cathedral Sept. 30th from 3 to 5:30pm



Communal Prayer Service in honor of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; followed by a Cultural experience and teaching through traditional Indigenous children dancing; steps towards healing and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided outside in the church parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair and warmer clothes as we hope to have the dancing outside in the parking lot area.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, September 30th as we honour the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever been unable to explain the “why” of Catholic beliefs? Have you ever wondered why the Old Testament sounds so different from the New Testament? In the Old Testament, God began building a plan and laying a foundation for the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Faith. That plan was fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism* is an apologetic approach to sharing the Catholic Faith using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a blueprint for God’s plan. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. *Fulfilled* will reignite your love of Scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic Faith with the Word of God.

This is an eight week study, with sessions being held on Thursdays, beginning on October 6 and ending on November 24. We are offering two session times each Thursday: 1:30pm and 7pm. Please choose the session time you will attend. And of course, you may switch session times according to your schedule.

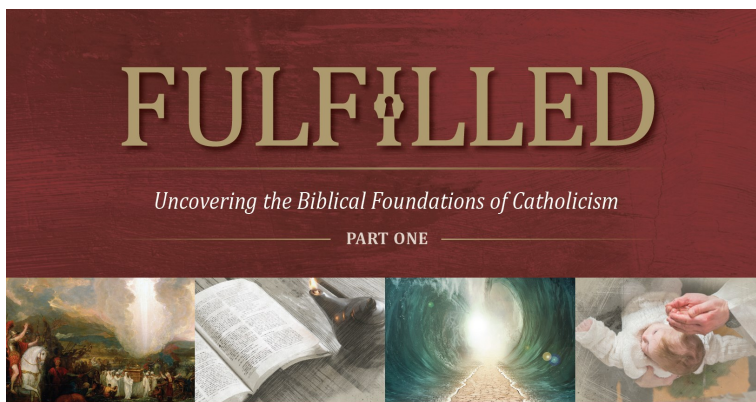
Each session will begin with an introduction to the theme of the day, a video, small group discussion and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website (stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca). The registration fee is \$60 and you will receive the workbook as well as the Fulfilled Book. Sponsorship is available by contacting Connie at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Check out the trailer here:

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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON
KIPLING - EVERY 2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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Mass on the Grass and Parish Picnic

We are excited to be celebrating Mass on the Grass and our Annual Parish Picnic this Sunday.

There will only be the Mass on the Grass at Rotary Park on Sunday, September 25. There will not be Holy Mass in the Church that day. Please bring your lawn chair and join us at the park at 10am.

The picnic will follow after the Holy Mass.

No Park Pass Required!

The main gate and the Mets Stadium gate on the north side of the river will be open to access parking.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

New Parish Pictorial Directory Coming Soon!!

Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, IPC Canada Photo Services will be taking pictures October 11-13 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm and October 27 and 28 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm and October 29 from 9:30am - 4pm. All photo shoots will be held in the Meeting Room. You may book appointments online by clicking the link provided <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/dyjs9ze6/> or on the website. There will be a table set up at the entrance of the Church on the weekends to make an appointment as well.



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PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all the faithful of the world, during the entire Marian month of October, to pray the rosary and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God.

Our St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the rosary together thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in October.

Decorating for Thanksgiving

We are looking for pumpkins, squash, etc. for our Thanksgiving decorations. If you have some to spare, please drop them off at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed as we celebrate gratitude.