



**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 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

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**September 25 & 26, 2021**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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## Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 54, the second reading was James 3:16-4:3 and the Gospel reading was Mark 9:30-37.

The last three weekends we have been blessed to listen to the eternal truth prophesized by Jesus. And last week, we specifically heard about idol worship and identity worship. This weekend we have the last of the eternal truth theme.

We see three things in the Gospel reading today. 1) Jesus makes a prediction. He told the apostles, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” 2) There was a misunderstanding. Scripture tells us, “But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.” 3) Jesus corrected the apostles. They had been arguing on the way about who was the greatest. Jesus told them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Prediction. Misunderstanding. Correction.

When we know Jesus’ true identity, we know there will be struggles and hardships. Jesus showed us how we can be stripped, humiliated, tortured and even crucified.

We are told in the first reading that we will be tested but we need to keep our faith. It is easy to hear a pleasing lie, but hard to hear the eternal truth. This is the life we experience in our family and community. Most people are focused on pleasure. This is because there is a lack of true identity worship. Even when we are good, holy people, we, too, must face the consequences of idol worship. Jesus suffered for everyone, whether Christian or heathen. If someone believes God is only pleasure and blessings, how is their faith?

God is the source of life. In him is where our trust should be. God never said, “Follow me and you will have no troubles, only happiness.” Instead he spoke the eternal truth. God foretold hardship upon hardship in this world until the end of time. Jesus showed us the worldly way with his suffering. When we pray we should see the true identity of Christ. His true identity was him almost naked on the cross. Knowing that true identity strengthens us.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: Do I see the true identity of Christ when I pray? Do I have some misunderstandings in my life that need to be washed away?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

**Remember - Holy Mass on Sunday, October 3 is at 10am at Rotary Park.  
There will not be Holy Mass in the Church that morning.**

## PODCAST FRIDAYS

Join us early for the weekday Holy Masses on Fridays. We will be playing a podcast or video each Friday at 8:30am. Each week there will be a different topic from some dynamic Catholic leaders such as Bishop Robert Baron, Jeff Cavins, Father Mike Schmitz, Father James Mallon and others.

Take some time in your day to reflect and learn more about your Catholic faith.



*Happy Anniversary*

Patrick & Jessica Fisher  
Paul & Josie Radomski

*Happy Birthday*

Rail Hilstrom  
Marvel Gall



# St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic In The Park

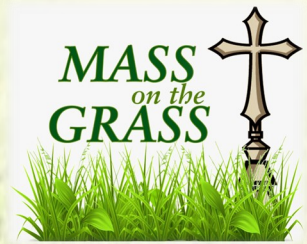
**BRING YOUR  
LAWN CHAIR!!**

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Rotary Park, Estevan

Holy Mass 10am

**(Please note that this will be the only Holy Mass this Sunday.  
Holy Mass will be in the Church on  
Saturday, October 2 at 5pm.)**



BBQ Lunch 11:30am

Knights of Columbus at the Grill

CWL Serving Pumpkin Pie

Dairy Queen Ice Cream Treats



Live Music by the Can't Hardly Playboys



**Kid Zone: Crafts, Popcorn, Door Prizes and More!!  
This is a cost free event organized by the  
St. John the Baptist Parish Fellowship Committee.**

CRAFT TIME

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 25	5pm Holy Mass 6pm Parish Hall Unveiling and Coffee After Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, September 26 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass 10am Parish Hall Unveiling and Coffee After Mass 11am Holy Mass 12pm Parish Hall Unveiling and Coffee After Mass 12pm Baptism Celebration
Monday, September 27	7pm Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, September 28 <i>St. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass †Ray Stepp
Wednesday, September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	9am Holy Mass †MJ Ovueni
Thursday, September 30 <i>St. Jerome</i>	No Mass
Friday, October 1 <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	8:30am Podcast Friday 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders Meeting in the Meeting Room 9am Holy Mass Health for Darlene Geisel
Saturday, October 2 <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, October 3	10am Mass on the Grass-Parish Picnic at Rotary Park

### Sacrament of Anointing Update

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the healing of body and mind. The sacrament is conferred by Father through anointing with sacred oil and giving a blessing. It is available to every parishioner in our parish family at any time. We ask that **if your loved one is in the hospital or a resident in any of the senior facilities** in our community that you make the nursing staff aware of your request for this holy sacrament. They can contact Father or Connie directly. This will help us work quickly within the current protocols.

**If you are not in the hospital or a senior facility**, this Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office or when you come to Holy Mass, let Connie know that you want to receive an anointing. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.



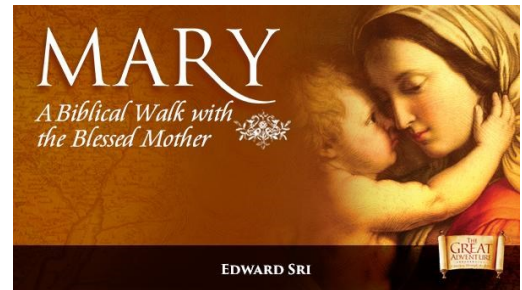
## BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING IN OCTOBER!!

### The Better We Know Mary, The Better We Will Know Her Son

*Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys . . . and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* on Thursdays in the Parish Hall beginning on Thursday, October 7 and ending on Thursday, November 25. We will be hosting two sessions each Thursday, one at 1:30pm and one at 7pm. You must pre-register by calling or stopping by the Parish Office. The early bird registration fee is \$50 for those who register by Thursday, September 30 at 3pm. The registration fee for those registering after September 30 is \$60.

If you would like more information or if you would like to be sponsored for the study, please contact Connie at [conniesjb@gmail.com](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) or 306-634-2190.



As we embrace the beginning of this Fall season, let us open our hearts and welcome the start of the 22nd Archbishop's Appeal. The theme this year is about love, God's Unbinding Love. More information and gift cards will be sent to your mailboxes soon. While we journey into the Advent Season, we encourage you to reflect on all the things you are grateful for and give thanks to God for His unbinding love, and prayerfully consider a donation that would show your love to His Church.

### OUR PARISH HALL RENOVATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!!

Please join us this weekend for Holy Mass for the unveiling of the newly refreshed space. Coffee and snacks will be served after each Holy Mass. Come, take a look at the new space and enjoy some coffee and fellowship!



### Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Announcements

If you would like your birthday or anniversary announced in the bulletin and offered in the Prayers of the Faithful during the weekend Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office to supply your date. You are also invited to have your marriage blessed at a weekend Mass. Again, please let the Parish Office know before the weekend Holy Mass.



## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and it is the foundation of all the other sacraments. Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist follow and build upon your baptism. We look forward to journeying with your family as you prepare to baptize your child. Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

**The following is the schedule for the January session:**

*Monday, January 24 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, January 30 at 9am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass*

*Monday, January 31 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Monday, February 7 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration*

**The following is the schedule for the June session:**

*Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, June 5 at 11am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass*

*Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, June 12 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration*



## THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS



**We are looking for pumpkins, squash, gourds, etc. to use for decorating for Thanksgiving weekend. If you have any you can donate to us, please bring them to the Parish Office. With your help, our parish family will have a beautiful setting for the Thanksgiving Holy Masses.**



## Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

We are taking registrations for two sets of Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist classes that will begin in October. If your child is in Grade 2 or 3 or older and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information. Our Parents' Information Meetings is on Monday, September 27 at 7pm

*Information has also been sent through the Catholic Schools.*

