



**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.

*We are so glad you joined us today!*

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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**October 3 & 4, 2020**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

**Sacraments**

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Form H  
[Subsection 66 of the Act]

## Notice of Call for Nominations

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

**Board Member:**

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140**  
Number of elected: one (1) member for each Subdivision Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Will be received by the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Weyburn School Division Board Office, and during regular business hours on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Weyburn School Division Board Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

The Board Website: [www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca](http://www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca)

The Board Office at: Dominic Place #103-433 4<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Weyburn

Please note that Calls for Nomination for school board members to represent the subdivisions within the City of Estevan and the City of Weyburn are done in conjunction with those municipalities. If you require further information, please contact the City of Weyburn or the City of Estevan.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020.

LISA WONSIAK  
RETURNING OFFICER

## 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](mailto: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 are required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, you are required to wear a mask to 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!!

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*



### 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.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated wheat, pumpkins, gourds and squash to our Thanksgiving decorating.

And another huge thank you to everyone who helped decorate. You are all amazing and we are so grateful for your dedication to your Parish Family.

God is showering his blessing upon us in so many ways and we praise him and thank him.

—St. John the Baptist Parish Decorating Committee

### 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.



### BIBLE STUDY

It not too late to join the Bible Study!! We are studying The Psalms: The School of Prayer. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



*Wishing a Happy Birthday to*

*Hanna Vanstone*

*John Bonokoski*



### THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

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

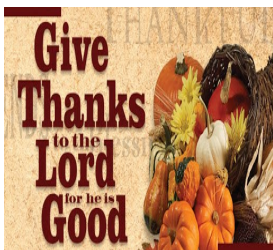


Our St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the rosary together thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in October.

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 3	6:30pm Holy Rosary
Saturday, October 3	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 4	8:30am Holy Rosary
Sunday, October 4	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	10:30am Holy Rosary
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) † Clara Mehler
Tuesday, October 6	6:30pm Holy Mass † Loretta Bonokoski
<i>St. Bruno</i>	7pm C.W.L. Meeting
Wednesday, October 7	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for Kim & Julie Johner
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
Thursday, October 8	9am Holy Mass † Doreen Blyth
	1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
	7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 9	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
<i>St. John Leonardi</i>	
<i>St. Denis &amp; Companions</i>	
Saturday, October 10	6:30pm Holy Rosary
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 11	8:30am Holy Rosary
<i>St. John XXIII</i>	9am Holy Mass
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	10:30am Holy Rosary
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

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TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A  
WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY  
MASS.**



### Thanksgiving Holy Masses

**Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11**

We are celebrating Thanksgiving at the weekend Holy Masses on October 10 and 11. You are invited to join us as we thank God for all the blessings in our lives.

*“Let us ask our Lady to help us recognize that everything is God’s gift, and to be able to say ‘Thank You’. Then I assure you our joy will be complete. Only those who know how to say ‘Thank You’, will experience the fullness of joy.*

*—Pope Francis*

## Homily Corner

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Ezekiel 18:25-28, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 25 the second reading was Philippians 2:1-11 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 21:28-32.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons. The first is asked by his father to go work in the vineyard and the son replies that he will not. He later changed his mind and did what his father asked him. The second son told his father that he would go to work in the vineyard when he was asked. But he did not go. Jesus then asks which son did the will of his father.

Last weekend we were reminded that God does not remember our sins or hold them against us when we repent. His way is not like our way. God's way is the way of repentance and conversion. It was the first son in the parable who did his father's will. He had a contrite heart and followed his father. As we confess and repent, we are transformed into the fullness of God's grace. And as we read today, our deeds take precedence over our words. Jesus is the example of this. He lived and did what he talked. If we talk but don't follow through with the will of our Father, we will not receive grace and we will not be grace sharing.

Remember: We are not saved by belonging, but by becoming. Unless we become that change of heart that we see in the Gospel today, we will not be in God's grace. God does not remember our sins. When we confess, repent and have a change of heart, we are showered in God's love, grace and blessings. God is so patient with us and we are called to be patient with others as well.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, ask yourself, "Which son am I?" Pray for the courage and the humbleness to follow God's will. Reflect on how you can be more patient with others.

See you next week as we reflect on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

*Isaiah 5:1-7 | Phil. 4:6-9 | Matt. 21:33-43*

In our first reading from Isaiah, the Lord gives us a beautiful vineyard - our talents, earth's abundance, companionship of others - yet we take these things for granted and we often do not use what we receive as well as we should. The earth has been given to all, yet we often abuse it, hurting society's most vulnerable. We can see this in the tragic rise in migrants fleeing poverty caused by environmental degradation and economic exploitation, as Pope Francis points out in *Laudato Si*. God expects to see justice, but instead there is bloodshed, suffering, and injustice.

We are being invited to live as generously as Jesus did. But it is not always easy for us to live that way. It often requires difficult choices. As vines in the vineyard require significant pruning to bear abundant, sweet fruit, we too are called to take stock of where our own lives might be in need of pruning so that we might grow in generosity and selfless love. Your financial support of the Archbishop's Appeal will enable our Church as a whole to reach out to our friends and neighbors in need and share the good fruit of the Kingdom just as Christ has done for us. *[Source: Adapted from Living with Christ Oct 8, 2017 and from Appeal 2017 Parish Manual]*

### 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 [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@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.*



### Birthday and 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 dates. For your wedding anniversary, 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.



### Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net) or call the office at 306-634-2190.

