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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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8 & 9, 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

HAPPY *Thanksgiving*

“Be generous as your heavenly Father is generous”

On behalf of St John the Baptist Parish, thank you all for blessing your Parish Family with your continued contributions and support so far this year. Your generosity is a great blessing to your Parish Home. Be assured that you are in our daily prayers. May God’s blessing be showered upon you and your family today and always.



“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with Thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7

*Yours in Christ,
Father Antony*

St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, October 8	4:30 pm Praying the Rosary 5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 9 <i>St. Denis & companions</i> <i>St. John Leonardi</i>	9:30am Praying the Rosary 10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, October 11 <i>St. John XXIII</i>	9:30am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration 1:30pm IPC Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 7pm K of C Meeting
Wednesday, October 12	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration 11am Word of God Liturgy - Hospital (Residents Only) 1:30pm IPC Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions
Thursday, October 13	9am Word of God Liturgy 9:30am Coffee in the Hall 1:30pm IPC Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions 1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall 7pm SJB Choir Practice 7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 14 <i>St. Callistus I</i>	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration 10am Word of God Liturgy - Creighton Lodge (Residents Only)
Saturday, October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>	9:30am C.W.L. Regional Workshop 4:30pm Praying the Rosary 5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 16 <i>St. Marguerite d'Youville</i>	9:30am Praying the Rosary 10am Holy Mass

Solemnity of All Saints and

The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

These two very important days are gifts of faith from the Holy Church.

The All Saints Day Holy Mass will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm.

And the All Souls' Day Holy Mass will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm.

During the whole month of November, we remember our loved ones who are enjoying their eternal life with our Father. The Memory Books will be placed in the main entrance of the Church after Thanksgiving. You are invited to enter your deceased loved one's name in the Memory Book which will be placed on the altar for the month of November in remembrance and respect for our dead.





Today marks the beginning of our 23rd Annual Archbishop's Appeal! The theme this year is "Hope: For nothing will be impossible with God". This year's financial goal is \$1.4 million. Let us live as people of Hope, waiting with expectation, knowing we serve a God who is with us always. Let us share that hope with others, and support growth in our Archdiocese through giving generously.

So far, we have raised \$137,839 towards the \$1.4M parish goal for the 2022 Annual Appeal.

Our parish goal for this year's Appeal is **\$62,281** Our current gifts to date total \$3,045.



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.



Estevan Regional CWL Workshop Saturday, October 15, 2022

9:30am – 3:00pm

Keynote Presentation: Janette Rieger, Regina Diocesan President

“The Joy of Leadership”

Highlights from National Convention: Connie Crichton, Provincial CWL President

Upcoming 2024 National Convention; Margaret Schwab, Life Member Liaison

Light lunch provided. Free Will offering. All ladies are invited to attend.



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

THANKSGIVING FEAST BLESSING

Lord God,

Our hearts are crowded with gratitude as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.

We have come to this our feasting table with great joy and eagerness, for we are truly grateful to you, our God, for all that we have been given.

We pause now and, in silent prayer, do thank you for the great generosity of your gifts.

We also thank one another for gifts – especially for the gifts of love and affection that we have freely shared.

We are thankful for all who are present at this feast as well as those who have labored in love in order to bring this dinner to our table.

May you, our God, bless this Thanksgiving feast and all of us who will share it in your holy name.

Amen.

THERE ARE STILL SOME SPOTS LEFT IN OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY!!

Friday, September 30 was the Feast of St. Jerome. He was an amazing, faithful man. In his ministry, he discovered that people loved God, but they didn't know how to worship him. To know Christ and adore him and worship him, we need to know the Holy Scriptures. St. Jerome wrote the first commentary on the Bible. The book contains the whole world, everything we need to understand and help us know the Holy Scriptures. St. Jerome once said, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." We are called to study, to grow in our faith, build our knowledge and enjoy the grace of God in our lives.

Our Fall Bible Study (*Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism*) is an opportunity for you to answer that call. An opportunity to grow in your faith and knowledge. If you would like to register, please contact the Parish Office by calling or emailing your registration form to stjohnthebaptist.com.

May God bless our Parish Family as we study and come to know God even more.



DISCIPLESHIP WEBSITES

As the weather gets cooler and we give thanks to God for all our blessings, this is a wonderful time of year to grow in your spirituality and invest in your eternal life by studying and reading more about our rich faith.

The following links will take you to amazing Catholic websites where you can watch videos, complete a personal bible study and enjoy, multiply and share your faith:

Formed

<https://formed.org/>

This website has thousands of movies, programs, audio and books. Our Parish subscribes to this website and it is available to all of our Parish Family. You can sign up under St. John the Baptist Parish Estevan.

Ascension Press

<https://ascensionpress.com/>

This website has awesome free content as well as studies, books, and resources that can be purchased.

Dynamic Catholic

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>

This website is known for its uplifting Lent and Advent resources as well as books, videos and daily reflections.

Amazing Parish

<https://amazingparish.org/>

This is an inspiring website that concentrates on the conversion of Parishes from maintenance to missionary parishes.

Divine Renovation

<https://divinerenovation.org/>

This website focuses on bringing life back to parishes and people to Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Discipleship is a call to a life long journey of faith. Check out these websites and deepen the journey you are on. May God bless you on your journey.



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

Please support our sponsorships

Make Music with Friends

Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people? Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a Jam Session!



Sunday, October 23, 2022 1pm - 4pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. Fun, free and entertaining.

Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear! Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by SJB Fellowship Committee

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 26 - 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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Congratulations to Ric Gedak! He was our first place winner in the C.W.L 50/50 draw

We would like to thank St. John the Baptist Parish for supporting our fundraiser. And thank you to everyone who bought a ticket.



Happy Birthday

Ken Hesketh
Keely Stenhouse
Markie Daoust
Beverly Carter
Gabrielle St. Onge



Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Amos 6:1a, 4-7, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 146, the second reading was 1 Timothy 6:11-16 and the Gospel reading was Luke 16:19-31. The following is my homily:

In today's readings, we hear a very interesting conversation between the rich man and God. The rich man lived a lavish life while just outside his gate a poor man named Lazarus lay starving and sick. The poor man died and was carried away by the Angels to be with Abraham in heaven. The rich man died, was buried, and tormented in Hades. He looked up and saw Lazarus with Abraham. He called out, asking Abraham for mercy. He wanted Abraham to send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. Abraham answered that during his lifetime, the rich man received his good things, and Lazarus lived in a poor way. So now Lazarus is being comforted and the rich man is in agony. In their continued conversation Abraham also tells him that between the rich man and them there is a great chasm that cannot be crossed. The rich man continues begging, asking Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to warn them about ending up like him. Abraham tells him that they have Moses (Commandments) and the Prophets (Word of God) and they should listen to them. Desperate, the rich man says that if someone from the dead goes to his brothers they will believe. Abraham tells him that if his brothers won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they won't listen to someone who rises from the dead. If they don't listen to a person who is alive, do you think they will listen to someone from the dead.

The first interesting thing we see in this conversation is that everyone has a name except for the rich man. God did not give him a name because he is us. We can be wrapped up in our own lives. We sometimes live lavishly and ignore the needs of others. Like the rich man, we sometimes are blind to those who are suffering. The rich man completely ignored Lazarus outside his gate. We are given all power and authority of creation to enjoy, multiply and share. We have the power and authority of God when we are here on earth. So let's live accordingly. Once we are dead we become powerless. That's why God cannot answer the plea of the rich man.

Abraham tells the rich man that his family have Moses and the Prophets to listen to. And we know that Moses is the Commandments, the Law, and the Prophets are the Word. The rich man did not live according to the Law and the Word of God. He had power when he lived, but he didn't utilize that power to bless others. And now, because of how he lived, there is a great chasm between him and Lazarus which cannot be crossed. Doing good works shrinks the chasm. We must live by the Law and the Word, taking care of and sharing with others.

Dear brothers and sisters my request is this:

Our priority is our Parish Family, our spiritual home. We are blessed to have a beautiful Church and other facilities to use including the new one. Now we are revitalizing the building for our community. Please contribute generously from your God-given gifts so that we will continue to be rich here on earth and in heaven. We won't have to be a beggar like the rich man in hell.

Lazarus in front of the rich man's house was the rich man's sign to live the Law and the Word. Lazarus in the front of his house was the Word of God. We, too, need to see Lazarus and do the good deeds we are supposed to do in our daily lives. When we are generous, enjoying, utilizing, multiplying and sharing, our Parish Home can be sustainable today, and for the next 25 years, and even more. But when we are given the signage of Lazarus, and we ignore it, it will be very hard for us to get to heaven. When we are generous to God's Church, God, our Father, will be proud of us to multiply his grace on us.

The rich man was a good man. He truly cared about his brothers, his family, pleading with God on behalf of them so they wouldn't come to this place of torment and pain. When he asks for someone from the dead to go to his brothers to warn them, it is crazy. If you don't listen to the living, why would you listen to the dead. No! He should have acted in a timely fashion sharing God's generosity. For everything there is a time and season, so let us act wisely.

Remember a few weeks ago, we talked about how we work so hard for this life, all the tasks we complete everyday. And how we should be working even more for our eternal life. We need to invest in our Parish Home, in our promise of eternal life. Investing in the 100,000 years (eternal life) instead of just worrying about this 100 years. Sharing our blessings with others, taking care of our Parish Home and our Parish Family will close that chasm and bring us rejoicing to eternal life.

How can you work on your 100,000 years by taking care of your Parish Home? How can you be even more generous with the gifts God has given you?

May God continue to bless you,

Father Antony



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13 Gospel: Luke 17.11-19



The readings at Mass speak to us about healing – both in physical and spiritual ways. We hear the account of Naaman the Syrian being cleansed of his leprosy in the Jordan. When he is healed, his faith is healed as well. The prophet Elisha helps him realize that his healing was a special gift of God, and not something that can be bought. Saint Paul's letter to Timothy tells us that God is faithful to us. Sometimes the world we live in makes it challenging to live out the Gospel, but when we know that God is always with us, even if we reject that relationship, giving us the confidence to respond to His voice in generous and creative ways. When Jesus heals the lepers in the gospel, only the Samaritan gives praise to him. Samaritans were bitter enemies of the Jews, and so it makes the encounter even more powerful. Jesus shows us that the love and healing mercy of God is available to all. With the generous support that the Annual Appeal receives, many ministries of healing are able to happen. With outreach to the poor, to spiritual care in our healthcare system, your financial support contributes to many people being able to hear the healing words of Christ and experience His love.