



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!

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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October 10 & 11, 2020

28th 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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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.
- 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!!



Bulletin Reflection - 28Th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Isaiah 25:6-10a | Phil. 4:12-15, 19-20 | Matt. 22:1-14

Our readings for this Sunday remind us of God's constant invitation for us to God's eternal banquet. But like the guests who were invited in today's gospel, we too sometimes decide to give more importance to our own concerns. The Lord invites us today to look at our own relationship with God. God desires to be in relationship with us and invites us time and time again to respond. We sometimes fail in our response. Like those in the parable who rejected the invitation, we get busy with our own agendas; we ignore God. Or, like the man who shows up improperly dressed, we have the wrong attitude. We may be smug, indifferent or insincere. We cast ourselves into the darkness when we refuse God's offer of friendship.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us become more aware of ways to pay attention to and say our yes to God's invitation to friendship - the "eternal banquet". One of the ways is our giving to the Archbishop's Appeal which goes to further the good works God has entrusted to the church in the Archdiocese of Regina. *[Source:*

Adapted from Living with Christ Oct 15, 2017 and from Appeal 2017 Parish Manual]

St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary 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

Pastoral
CARE

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.

that you might

BE HEALED

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.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Ken Hesketh

Markie Daoust

Beverly Carter



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.

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 stjohthebaptist@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.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 10	6:30pm Holy Rosary 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 11 <i>St. John XXIII</i>	8:30am Holy Rosary 9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 10:30am Holy Rosary 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, October 13	1:00pm Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm Holy Mass †Ron St. Onge 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, October 14 <i>St. Callistus</i>	9am Holy Mass †Cecile Smith
Thursday, October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>	9am Holy Mass †Alphonse & †Clara Mehler 1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 16 <i>St. Marguerite d'Youville</i>	9am Holy Mass †Kevin & †Ryan
Saturday, October 17 <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	6:30pm Holy Rosary 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 18 <i>St. Luke</i>	8:30am Holy Rosary 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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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 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 5:1-7, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 80 the second reading was Philippians 4:6-9 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 21:33-43.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching about God's plan for Israel by focusing on the responsibility of turning the fruit of the harvest over to the landowner. The tenants represent the chief priests and elders to whom Jesus addresses the parable.

Jesus often uses this style of preaching. He shares a parable and then asks questions of the ones who heard it. After telling the chief priests and elders this parable, he asks them, "Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" The elders and chief priests condemn themselves when they say, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus then warns them, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."

It is not just money that is being talked about. God has given us the gift and grace of patience, compassion and listening. He has entrusted his land and everything on it to us, the tenants. Being hopeful people, we pray for our brothers and sisters who are struggling and that is returning the fruit of the harvest to the landowner. Our ministries at Holy Mass, hospitality, lectors, cleaners, that is returning our gifts to God. It is the same with our family and community. When we pray or show compassion, gratitude, or patience for someone, we are returning our gifts to our Father. When we show these things, we are given amazing grace.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, ask yourself, "How am I returning the fruit of the harvest to God? How am I fulfilling the commandment of love of God and love of neighbor? How do I give other people hope?"

See you next week as we reflect on the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony