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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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22 & 23, 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

St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, October 22	4:30pm Praying the Rosary
<i>Saint John Paul II</i>	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 23	9:30am Praying the Rosary
<i>Saint John of Capistrano</i>	10am Holy Mass (First Reconciliation Enrolment and Baptism Presentation of the Parents)
	1pm Make Music With Friends Jam Session
Monday, October 24	7pm Baptism Preparation Class
<i>Saint Anthony Mary Claret</i>	7pm Praise Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	9:30am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration
	6:30pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving for Healing
Wednesday, October 26	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
	11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) †Deceased Relatives of Terry and Betty Stone
	1:30pm - 8:30pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot in the Meeting Room
	6:30pm First Reconciliation Class in the Parish Hall
Thursday, October 27	9am Holy Mass †Marion Martin
	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
	1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
	1:30pm - 8:30pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot in the Meeting Room
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
	7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 28	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
<i>Saint Simon and Saint Jude</i>	10am Holy Mass - Nursing Home (Residents Only) Health of Geisel Family
	1:30pm - 8:30pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot in the Meeting Room
Saturday, October 29	9:30am - 4pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot in the Meeting Room
	10am Parish Pastoral and Finance Guidelines Workshop in Oxbow
	4:30pm Praying the Rosary
	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 30	9:30am Praying the Rosary
	10am Holy Mass
	11:20am Baptism Celebration

Liturgy Workshop

We are happy to be hosting a Liturgy Workshop on Saturday, November 19 from 10am until noon. We are blessed to have Father Ron Andree, the Archdiocesan Director of Liturgy, facilitating the workshop. All ministers and any who are discerning to join a ministry are invited to join us. The workshop will begin with coffee and muffins. If you have any questions, please call Gary St. Onge at 306-634-5795.



Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Exodus 17:8-13, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 121, the second reading was 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 and the Gospel reading was Luke 18:1-8. The following is my homily:

This weekend is a continuation of the gratitude weekend we celebrated on Thanksgiving Sunday. We reflected on the difference between thanksgiving and gratitude. Thanksgiving is great, but gratitude is even better. Gratitude is the whole body and soul in action.

And we see Jesus continually expressing gratitude. He travelled throughout the land, preaching to the people and performing many miracles. The crowds following him grew and grew and after he spoke, they wanted to still be with him. But most times, they could not find him. He would leave the crowd, go up to a mountain or to a clearing and pray. He always gave gratitude to the Father for his ministry, his abilities and his very life.

Our first reading today is a beautiful story about the power of prayer. The people of Israel were in a war with Amalek. Moses told Joshua to "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek." Joshua did as Moses told him, choosing some men and fighting the heathen king and his army. But not only did they physically fight, their most important weapon was prayer. Moses and two assistants went up the hill where Moses held up his hands and prayed. While his hands were raised, Israel prevailed. But when his arms grew weary and he had to lower his hands, Amalek prevailed. Finally Moses' assistants made him sit on a stone and they held up his hands for him while he prayed. Joshua defeated Amalek.

Moses was the one holding up his hands because he was the anointed one. We don't see his assistants raising their arms in prayer. But, and now this is very important, through the sacrament of baptism, we are anointed Priest, Prophet and King through Christ.

At one point in the Holy Mass, the priest says, "Lift up your hearts." We respond, "We lift them up to the Lord." An uplifted heart will never be declined. I see many people lift their hands in prayer during the Our Father. This is an awesome way to lift your prayer to God. It is a posture of gratitude and intentional prayer. We come to Church with our family, who have the same intentions and desires, and what a beautiful way to pray together, by holding and raising your hands as a family. Even when you are at home, alone, in prayer, raise your hands. Show your gratitude to God in a big way.

In the Gospel, we also hear about the power of prayer. Jesus tells us to pray without ceasing. If the unjust judge who doesn't care about God or the people can still give the widow justice, imagine what God, the true, just judge, can grant us.

In your quiet time this week, keep in mind when you are praying, at Church or at home, that God will shower upon you even more than you can ask for. Raise your hands and pray intentionally, without ceasing for your desires.

Blessings,

Father Antony



The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

Sirach 35:21-22

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection



1st Reading: Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Today is World Mission Sunday, which reminds us of the missionary activity of the Church. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that God does not have any favorite people and hears the cries of the vulnerable and marginalized.

St. Paul reminds us to that even those who have no one to stand up for them are still held in the Heart of the Lord, echoing Sirach in our duty to ensure solidarity with the oppressed, the poor, the marginalized, the strangers.

The Gospel hits us hard—do we sometimes want to distance ourselves from others? Do we place ourselves on a pedestal? Do we become blind to the needs of the poor and the world? We sometimes think of missionary work as being done in a country far away, detached from our lives. There are many ways of being a missionary in our communities, both in terms of our own generous response to the Lord in working in that ministry, but also in our support of those missionaries near and far. Through the Annual Appeal, your contributions are used to help support the missionary activity of the Church. We need to reach out to those that have not heard the Good News of the Gospel, and your support helps make this a reality.



Parish Pastoral and Finance Guidelines Workshop

The Archdiocese has updated the Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines and the Finance Council Guidelines. St. Joseph Parish in Oxbow is hosting a Workshop to explain the new guidelines. The Workshop will be held in the Parish Hall from 10am until noon, with a light lunch being served. All Pastoral Council and Finance Council members are encouraged to attend and any interested parishioners, as well. If you would like more information please contact Gwen Van De Woestyne at the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation Important Dates

Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

Please keep our First Reconciliation students in your prayers.



Raelle Stenhouse
Riley Miller
Bonifel Nicole Elorde



Greg and Michelle Smith

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

—St. Teresa of Avila



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

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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 26 - 28 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm, October 29 from 9:30am - 4pm and November 8 and 9 from 1:30pm- 8:30pm.** 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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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. Following the All Souls' Holy Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

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



ALL SAINTS DAY
 November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
 November 2