

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 & 1pm - 4pm Email: stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net Website: stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca Facebook: facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistestevan **Pastor:** Father Sathi Antony 306-634-5790 or ansathisjb@gmail.com **Assisting Pastor:** Father Amado Canaveral 306-634-5790 Pastoral Assistant: Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com **Office Assistant:** Karla Waloshin 306-634-2190 Finance Administrator: Cindy Dalziel **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Gwen Van De Woestyne Music Ministry Director: Jocelyn Hall Janitorial Services: Joseph Be Caretaker & Facilities Manager: Sigfredo Gonzalez

Weekend Holy Mass Duration Saturday 1 hour 10 minutes Sunday 1 hour 20 minutes



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12 & 13, 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

#### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, November 12	5pm Holy Mass
St. Josaphat	
Sunday, November 13	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
	10am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) <b>†</b> Soul of Purgatory
Tuesday, November 15	9:30am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Albert the Great	6:30pm Holy Mass +Miguel & +Margoth Vargas
Wednesday, November 16	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Margaret of Scotland	11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) +Ian Fernandez
St. Gertrude	6:30pm First Reconciliation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, November 17	9am Holy Mass <b>+</b> Helen Woitas
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
	9:30am - 3pm Eucharistic Adoration
	1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
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Friday, November 18	9am Holy Mass Health of Wylie & Sylvia Thompson
Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul	
Saturday, November 19	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 20	10am Holy Mass followed with a Christ the King Brunch
	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) <b>†</b> Richard Garrioch

#### **Ministry Workshop**

We are happy to be hosting a Ministry 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. And child care will be available. If you have any questions, please call Gary St. Onge at 306-634-5795. The CWL Christmas Mass, Supper and Evening will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Tickets are available from Gen Fichter @ 306-634-3059 and Brenda Friess @ 306-421-1898. Please purchase your tickets by Thursday, December 1, 2022.

> If we look closely we will be able find God in the ordinary of our liv

## **Homily Corner**

This past weekend we celebrated the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Maccabees 7:1-2, 7, 9-14, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 17, the second reading was 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 and the Gospel reading was Luke 20:27-38. The following is my homily:

On November 1 and 2, we celebrated All Saints and All Souls'. The All Souls' Mass is a very solemn celebration meant to comfort and console those who have lost a loved one. Traditionally, the Holy Church remembers our deceased throughout the whole month of November, not just on All Souls' Day. As we remember our Parish Family members whose earthly life has ended, the Memory Books will remain on the altar, the table of candles will stay set up and we will also pray the prayer of St. Gertrude the Great after each Holy Mass until the Solemnity of Christ the King. St. Gertrude had a vision of this prayer and in this vision, whenever this prayer is prayed, 1000 souls in purgatory are released to heaven.

The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. We must be grateful for our lost loved ones and all they have given to us and continue to give. We are called to pray for them, to have the greatest prayer, the Holy Eucharist celebrated for them, to visit a cemetery, and to remember them. The offering of Holy Masses for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed is linked with our belief in purgatory. We believe that if a person has died fundamentally believing in God but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in His Divine Love and Mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision of heaven. Our prayers help them to be released from purgatory. And if they are already in heaven, the prayers we say for them will be reserved for us. When we invest in prayer for our deceased, we are gathering the virtues and blessings of God so that we will go quicker through purgatory.

Christian belief in immortality is unique and special. The Gospel tells us of the Good News of the fullness of life in this age and of the resurrection in the age to come. For us, death is a door that opens us to many surprises and not a wall that blinds us from every possible vision. Our resurrection gives us the hope that we will be with God fully alive and active, fulfilling the call that God has given us. In today's first reading, we see seven brothers and their mother arrested and being tortured to partake of unlawful swine's flesh. It is a story of the martyrdom of seven brothers who are urged by their mother to remain faithful to God with the hope that they will enjoy the glory of the resurrection to come. They honored their mother and would not give in and break the law. They knew that it was better to die than to break the law. They believed in the resurrection and that they would be raised up to an everlasting renewal of life. After three brothers had died, they maltreated the fourth one in the same way and he said to them, "One cannot but choose to die at the hands of humans and to cherish the hope God gives of being raised by him. But for you, there will be no resurrection to life!"

And in the Gospel, we see Jesus having a conversation with some Sadducees who did not believe in the resurrection. He responds to a challenge from the Sadducees by teaching that resurrection life is far different from anything experienced on earth. They did not believe in the resurrection. We all know people who are like them. They thought they could trap Jesus, but when Jesus answers them, they are speechless. He tells them that the Lord is God not of the dead, but of the living." It is very interesting that the Sadducees begin the challenge with Moses' law and Jesus finishes the conversation with Moses' law. Living as disciples of Christ, we know that we will be resurrected to unending life with the fullness of joy, hope and love. God cannot abandon the image we carry because it belongs to him. His resurrection and his promise of eternal life give us certainty in our lives. May we keep that spirit of praying for the dead this month. May we invest and deposit graces and blessings so we can be saved.

In your prayer time this week, contemplate the following teachings of the Holy Church:

The Vatican Council II affirmed, "This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our sacred ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death..." (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #51)

"The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice (of the Mass), to all who belong to the communion of saints." (Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical Mirae Caritatis)

"The Holy Mass transcends time and space, uniting the faithful in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory into a Holy Communion, and the Holy Eucharist Itself augments our union with Christ, wipes away venial sins, and preserves us from future mortal sins." (CCC #1391-1396)

"From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (CCC #1032)

"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out." (Maccabees 12:43)

"Thus, (Judas Maccabees) made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from sin." (Maccabees 12:46)

Blessings,

Father Antony





# APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

## Prayer for the dead 32.

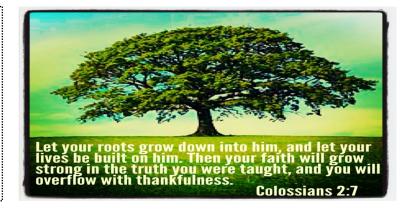
The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and in the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. (101) A rediscovery of they eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory. (cf. Rom 5:2; Tit 2:13)

#### First Reconciliation Important Dates

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

*Please keep our First Reconciliation students in your prayers.* 







Emails are being sent out asking for money/gift cards and it shows it is being sent from Fr. Antony. Please do

not answer the emails. It is a scam.

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The brochure for the 2022 Appeal highlights the many ministries made possible by your donation. Every program, every ministry and every outreach initiative are a chance for our Archdiocese to grow and foster relationships in our community. Each video that has been and will be shared highlights specific programs in our Archdiocese. Let's reflect on these people and the effect of their hope in Christ. Please consider how you might honour their efforts and needs through your support to the Archbishop's

Appeal.



33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 7, 9-14++ 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.16 – 3.5 Gospel: Luke 20.27-38 (longer) or 20.27, 34-38 (shorter)

In the ravages of wars and global crises, it might be tempting to ask the question of whether the end times are happening. As a people of faith, we believe in the second coming of Christ, but until he comes again, what should we do? That is the question posed to Jesus in the Gospel. But Jesus instructs that many people will say the end is coming, but we should be firm in our conviction that to be a people of faith means to be trusting that Jesus knows what he is doing.

We encounter this trusting relationship in our parishes. When we gather for Mass, we listen to the scriptures, encounter and wrestle with the tensions of our lives, and then something miraculous happens: Christ comes to us! When we receive the Eucharist, our souls are nourished, and Christ supports us in our lives until he comes again to the entire world. Your support to the Annual Appeal directly helps parish ministries and the education of clergy and lay people. Please continue to be generous so that our parishes receive the resources and personnel to effectively spread the Good News and support our communities.

### PLANNING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

St. John the Baptist Parish invites you to a Catholic Funeral information evening on Funeral Information Monday, November 21 at 7pm in the Chapel at Hall Funeral Services. We will talk about the importance the Holy Church places on praying for our dead, what to expect when you meet with the Funeral Home, what to expect when you meet with

the Church, a representative from Purple Shield will be there to talk about pre-planning your funeral and you will have an opportunity to take a look around the funeral home. As we continue to remember our departed loved ones during the month of November, please bring any questions you have about funerals and join us for this evening of reflection.



#### FEAST DAY HOLY MASSES NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday, November 30 at 9am - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle





## **ARE YOU ALREADY FEELING OVERWHELMED BY THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SEASON?**

## **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME TIME** FOR QUIET AND REFLECTION IN **YOUR LIFE?**

The CWL invites all women of the Parish to an Advent Retreat on Wednesday,

November 23 at 6:30pm. We will take time to prepare ourselves for the beginning of Advent as we focus on gratitude and saying yes to discipleship. The retreat will be two hours long. Please RSVP to Brenda Keating at 306-634-2331. See you there!



## Please support our sponsorships



## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Feast of Christ the King concludes our liturgical year. And as we reflect on the past year, we have been blessed in so many ways. Our Parish Family is growing in spirituality and fellowship. This Feast is an opportunity to celebrate our blessings and emphasize the true kingship of Christ.

On Sunday, November 20, our celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 10am. Please note that incense will be used at this Holy Mass (incense will not be used at the Saturday night Mass).

Following the Holy Mass, on November 20, we invite you to our annual Christ the King Brunch.

Please join us as we end the liturgical year in gratitude for our many blessings by celebrating as a Parish Family.





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#### CWL Members of SJB Estevan Council



Membership dues in the amount of **\$42.00 for 2023** are now being collected. Please make your cheque payable to the Estevan CWL and place it in an envelope for the collection basket at Holy Mass, drop it off at the Parish Office, or call 421-7538 for home pick-up. Etransfers are also accepted at <u>stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com</u>.

> CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

#### New Parish Pictorial Directory !!

Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, IPC Canada Photo Services are taking pictures **November 23 and 24 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 <u>https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/dyis9ze6/</u>

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.

