

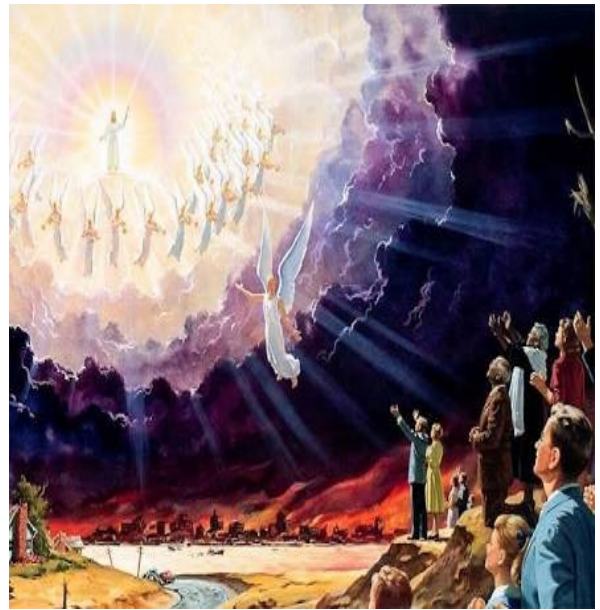


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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!



Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

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November 13 & 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was 1 Kings 17:10-16, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 146, the second reading was Hebrews 9:24-28 and the Gospel reading was Mark 12:38-44.

We are called to share our God given gifts: time, talent and treasure. When we talk about sharing our talents, we may be shy, but we will be blessed to come out of our shy shell. We see this many times throughout the Bible. God calls someone and blesses them to carry out their mission. We are also called to be generous and today, our first reading and the Gospel talk about generosity.

In the first reading, Israel was in a famine, brought on by a seven year drought. The people were starving to death. The Lord commands Elijah to settle in Zarephath, where a widow will feed him. He sees the widow gathering a few sticks and asks her to “bring me a little water in a vessel.” As she goes off to get it, Elijah asks her to “bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” The woman explains that she has a handful of meal in her jar, and a little oil in a jug. Her plan is to collect a few sticks, feed herself and her son, and then the two of them will wait together to die. But Elijah reveals that the Lord has another plan for her. She must stop being afraid and worrying, and then she must take care of Elijah’s need before her own by making him a little cake. When she does this, we learn that her jar of meal does not go empty nor her jug of oil go dry before the Lord brings rain. Because of her generosity and trust in the Lord, her household was abundantly blessed.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus give a warning to his disciples: they need to beware of some pretentious scribes who like to walk around in the religious garb that identifies them as men who are knowledgeable about God’s ways. These scribes also welcome the attention of others in public places and accept prominent seats in the synagogue—where all can gaze upon them while worshipping God—and at banquets. What bothers Jesus even more than the esteem that certain scribes cultivate for themselves is that they think they can both put on long displays of piety and arrogantly and with impunity exploit the less advantaged—“They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” As Jesus watches people tossing various coins in one of the several collection chests in the Temple court, he notices that “many” rich people toss in large ones that broadcast their generosity. But, summoning his disciples, Jesus does not praise the largesse of the rich but calls attention to “a poor widow” who drops in two very small thin coins which together are perhaps worth a penny. In Jesus’ time widows were abandoned and got poorer and poorer. They lived a very hard, isolated life. He uses her generosity to teach that in the matter of religious giving, God notices the cost of the gift to the donor more than its objective value. “She out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” And just like the widow in the first reading, her household was also abundantly blessed.

When are called to be generous and to trust in our Lord in every aspect of our lives. We can share our talents by serving in a ministry, helping our neighbors, etc. And we can be generous with our time by praying for our family, our neighbors, the world and especially in this month of remembrance, by praying for our deceased.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, how can you be more generous in your life? Who can you generously pray for? Do you trust God? In every part of your life?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, November 13	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 14	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass 5pm (Torquay) Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, November 16 <i>St. Margaret of Scotland</i> <i>St. Gertrude</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving 7pm PPC Meeting held in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	9am Holy Mass †Brian Weatherill 6:30pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Class SHSC held in the Church
Thursday, November 18 <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of</i> <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	9am Holy Mass †Doug & †Alice Third 1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Choir Practice in the Church
Friday, November 19	8:30am Podcast Friday - Christ the King: Bishop Robert Barron 9am Holy Mass †Raymond Stepp
Saturday, November 20	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i>	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 5pm (Bienfait) Liturgy of the Word with Communion



Do not lose hope; St. Joseph also experienced moments of difficulty, but he never lost faith and was able to overcome them, in the certainty that God never abandons us.

—Pope Francis

The Year of St. Joseph comes to a close on December 8, 2021. We have prayed the St. Joseph Prayer after each Holy Mass throughout this past year and will close the year with a 9 Day Novena to St. Joseph beginning on Tuesday, November 30 before the Holy Mass at 6:30pm. Please join us as we pray the Novena for the nine days leading up to Wednesday, December 8. Our Parish Family and our own personal families have truly been blessed by your devotion to St. Joseph throughout this special year.

We will be using incense at the Feast of Christ the King Holy Masses on Sunday, November 21. If you are sensitive to incense, please join us for Holy Mass that weekend on Saturday, November 20. Incense will not be used at that Holy Mass.



What does the Catechism of the Catholic Church Say About Praying For The Dead?

958 Communion with the dead. “In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and ‘because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins’ she offers her suffrages for them.” Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of praying for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: “Therefore (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” 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. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken of behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.



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 the 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)

CWL Members of SJB Estevan Council

Membership dues in the amount of \$30.00 for 2022 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.

E-transfers are also accepted at stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com. Thank you.



Sacrament of Anointing Update

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for the healing of body and mind. The sacrament is conferred by Father through anointing with sacred oil and giving a blessing. It is available to every parishioner in our parish family at any time. We ask that **if your loved one is in the hospital or a resident in any of the senior facilities** in our community that you make the nursing staff aware of your request for this holy sacrament. They can contact Father or Connie directly. This will help us work quickly within the current protocols.

If you are not in the hospital or a senior facility, this Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office or when you come to Holy Mass, let Connie know that you want to receive an anointing. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.



Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Classes

Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30pm - SHSC Class in the Church

At this class we will be going through Lesson Three in the Family Book. See you then!



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date \$287,987.26

Month of October 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

October Sunday Collection \$42,149.85

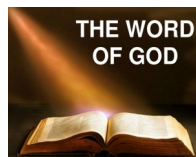
Readings for Saturday, November 20 & Sunday, November 21

First Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel Reading: John 18.33b-37



Happy Birthday

Aiden Culy
Dylan Ravanera

Advent Wreaths

It may seem far away, but the first Sunday of Advent is less than a month from today! Starting on November 28th, we start our four-week journey to prepare ourselves and our homes for the birth of Jesus !

Advent Wreaths are a great tradition to put in one's home during the season to encourage prayer and preparation for the birth of Jesus and are easy to make if you can't find a premade one! The advent wreath is comprised of:

- A circular shaped evergreen branch or wreath, symbolizing both God's eternal love, and the eternal life that Jesus has given to us.
- Three purple candles, which symbolize our repentance and waiting for His birth.
- One pink candle, symbolizing our joy that Christmas is coming soon.



If you don't have an Advent Wreath at home, we encourage everyone in our Parish Family to find or make one! Making and decorating an Advent Wreath is a great activity for a family and will encourage the preparation of our minds and hearts for the Christmas season.

On the weekend of November 28th, we invite all families to bring their Advent Wreaths to any of the weekend Holy Masses to be blessed. Let's join together to celebrate the coming of the Lord!

1 Thessalonians 3:13 *"And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."*