

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 Administrator: 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



Holy Mass Schedule Tuesday: 6:30pm Thursday: 9am Friday: 12pm 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, December 3	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
St. Francis Xavier	
Sunday, December 4	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
St. John Damascene	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) † David, † Alan, & † Lorne Ereth
Monday, December 5	1pm Make Music with Friends
Tuesday, December 6	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Nicholas	5pm Holy Mass † Ian Fernandez
	5:30pm C.W.L. Christmas Supper
Wednesday, December 7	10am Holy Mass-Hillview Manor (Residents Only) Health of Ken Geisel
St. Ambrose	11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) † Joanne Matthieu
	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
	6:30pm Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, December 8	9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7pm Holy Mass † Alice Dukart
Friday, December 9	9:30am - 12pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	10am Holy Mass Creighton Lodge (Residents Only) + Tyler Veroba
	12pm Holy Mass † Angela Pangan
Saturday, December 10	5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
Our Lady of Loreto	
Sunday, December 11	10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)
St. Damasus I	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
	11am Holy Mass (Torquay) Special Intentions
	7pm Advent Adoration and Reconciliation

Make Music with Friends

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



Monday, December 5, 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

Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the flowers that will decorate the Church during the Christmas season. You may donate in memory of a deceased loved one or in thanksgiving for someone in your life. Special donation envelopes are available in the main entrance of the Church or at

the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed throughout the Christmas season and always.





Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 3 at 5pm - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Love Sunday, December 4 at 10am - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Love Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm Wednesday, December 7 at 10am - Hillview Manor (Residents Only) Wednesday, December 7 at 11am - Hospital Chapel (Residents Only) Thursday, December 8 at 7pm - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, December 9 at 10am - Creighton Lodge (Residents Only) Friday, December 9 at 12pm Saturday, December 10 at 5pm - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy Sunday, December 11 at 10am - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30pm Wednesday, December 14 at 11am - Hospital Chapel (Residents Only) Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Thursday, December 15 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Friday, December 16 at 10am - Estevan Regional Nursing Home (Residents Only) Friday, December 16 at 12pm Friday, December 16 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Saturday, December 17 at 5pm - 4th Sunday of Advent - Peace Saturday, December 17 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Sunday, December 18 at 10am - 4th Sunday of Advent - Peace Sunday, December 18 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Monday, December 19 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Tuesday, December 20 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Wednesday, December 21 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Thursday, December 22 at 7pm - Misa de Gallo Friday, December 23 at 7pm - Interdenominational Christmas Service

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH ADVENT EVENT SCHEDULE

We encourage you to take some time during the season of Advent to prepare yourself for the coming of our Lord. We are happy to offer the following opportunities to help you reflect and pray.

May God bless you during this holy season of expectation and waiting.

Sacrament of Anointing of Healing

This Sacrament will be available after every Holy Mass during Advent. Please take time before the Holy Mass to pray for healing and prepare yourself to receive this healing Sacrament for body, mind and soul.

The residents of the Care Homes in our area will also be able to receive the Sacrament of Healing when Father celebrates Holy Mass at the homes during Advent.

Advent Adoration and Reconciliation - Sunday, December 11 at 7pm

We are blessed to have the deanery priests coming to hear confessions.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available 30 minutes before each weekday Holy Mass and by appointment. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to make an appointment.

Feast Days

Thursday, December 8 at 7pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Misa de Gallo Holy Masses

Each evening at 7pm, beginning on Wednesday, December 14 through Thursday, December 22.

Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays from 9:30am until 6pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am until 5pm

Fridays from 9:30am until noon

**Please note that Adoration will be suspended from Tuesday, December 20, 2022 until Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Interdenominational Christmas Service

Friday, December 23 at 7pm

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24 at 5pm

Saturday, December 24 at 7:30pm - Incense will be used.

Saturday, December 24 at 10pm - Incense will be used.

Sunday, December 25 at 10am

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

New Years

<u>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</u> Saturday, December 31 at 5pm Sunday, January 1 at 10am

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19

WE'RE HOSTING THE SECOND ANNUAL INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 23, 2022 • 7PM @ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH



Misa De Gallo Novena Masses

Misa de Gallo is Spanish for Rooster's Mass. These Holy Masses are traditionally celebrated for nine days leading up to Christmas. St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting our annual Misa de Gallo Novena Masses from Wednesday, December 14 until Thursday, December 22 at 7pm. We invite you to gather with your Parish Family to celebrate these Novena Masses as we journey in anticipation toward the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome!





Please support our sponsorships

The CWL Christmas Mass, Supper and Evening will take place on Monday, December 6 starting at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Marc Nathan Burlasa, Emma Dunville

Yvette Yuzak, Megan



Vanstone, Joshua Guino, Joshua Heleta, Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski **Christmas Parking Update**

All the doors of the Church will be open for the Christmas season Holy Masses. We have a large, open parking lot behind the Church and encourage you to park there during this season. And, as always, please make sure to

leave the spots closest to the doors open for those of our Parish Family with mobility issues, young families, etc. May God bless you and your family this Holy Season.





register for envelopes or sign up for ATF you may call the parish office. Thank you all for supporting your Parish.



You may pick one up for \$5 at the entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.



Advent and Christmas Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Christmas and Christmas season flowers in memory of their departed loved ones. And in Thanksgiving. May your families be blessed through the Advent and Christmas seasons and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

† Louise Schell

† Genevieve Fichter



Homily Corner Gift to Sharing Month

This past weekend we celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. The following is my homily:

We are beginning a new liturgical year, this is cycle year A and we will be focusing on the Gospel of Matthew this year, the first Gospel in the Bible. It is amazing to think about how through the wisdom of the Church, the whole world will be reading Gospel of Matthew with us. I encourage you to read and pray the Gospel of Matthew at home as we journey through the year.

As the pastor of our Parish Family it is my responsibility to guide and encourage you about the gift of sharing month. I always thank you for your ministry and your generosity. We are growing and learning, both in knowledge and our spirituality. I am so inspired by the growth we experience. This is the first weekend of the liturgical year and we have had our contribution envelopes for next year out and I see all of you are picking them up happily. And so willing to deliver to our parishioners who can't be here.

I want to remind you and encourage you to increase the contribution you have been giving. We all know how the world is going. inflation, insecurity, and insurance hike up. Your Parish Home is only looked after by your gratitude to God. We are in the last month of our financial year and need \$85000 according to our budget. I request this as your priest and Father of our Parish Family.

I try to practice what I preach I also contribute to my Parish with envelopes. And when I go on holidays, I make sure to give my contribution envelopes to the office for the time I am away. Think about how you can do more and preserve our Parish Home, making sure it is sustainable for many years to come. And if you are having a really generous heart these are the following requests for you to prayerfully consider, 1. Increase your contribution to the Parish Operations. 2. Contribute generously to the St. John Building Project.

I was talking with the Archbishop the other day and was reminded that our Parish has always been one of the parishes that always make their goal for the Archbishop Annual Appeal. So as you are giving your Christmas donation to the charities you always support, I want you to really think about the situation in our diocese and community. Our goal this year is \$64000 and we are half way through. We have so many people and agencies that are in need of help and I ask you to really pray about giving your designated charity money to the growth of your community and Church. It is the season of charity, so pray and discern about who you need to give to and what you need to give. It is important to look after our community first.

We are blessed and grace filled. How can we transform ourselves and our earnings, to grow as a disciple of Christ. That should always be a part of our prayer life. We are called to use our God-given gifts to help those in need. Pray, plan and decide what needs to be done. Jesus Christ is the biggest gift for us this season. How can we be generous in returning that gift for the same body of Christ, The Church.

Have a blessed season of Advent,

Father Antony

