



**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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**December 12 & 13, 2020**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

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 have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- Masks are mandatory and 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!!



### Advent and Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the flowers that will

decorate the Church during Christmas and Christmas season. You may donate in gratitude for someone in your life, or in memory of a loved one. Special donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church or at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed throughout the Christmas season and always.

### *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. May your families be blessed through the Advent and Christmas seasons and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.*

† Henry & † Anne Müller  
† Michael & † Bella Ganje  
† David Beck  
† Richard Weisgerber  
† Leslie Ganje  
† Jo Ann Gedak  
† Robert Kvamme  
† David Kvamme  
† Carol Cundall



† Michael Bonokoski

“The prayer parade gave me a good feeling inside. It was a nice sunny day for us to parade around in our cars. Praying for the safety of our city, families, friends, our country, as well as those with covid-19”  
Joy Beahm

Thank you to all who participated in the Prayer Parade today whether from home, work or in your car. There was such a deep sense of connection to all in prayer and a special grace was given today. Thanks be to God!

We have a few special people to thank as well:

A special thank you to Father Antony for the wonderful blessing for all of the prayer warriors, those at home, at work and those in their cars. Thank you for your support and prayers and for being outside, freezing with us for a few minutes before we departed.

A special thank you to Sargent Evan Handley of the City Police. Thank for being on the other side of the phone and our contact person for this event. It was wonderful to have you and to know that you were there for us if we needed you and your team just in case.

A special thank you to Brenda and Kevin Keating for bringing our CWL statue of Mother Mary along for the ride. To have our Blessed Mother Mary escort us in prayer made it extra special.

May God pour out an abundance of blessings upon Father, Sargent Handley, Brenda and Kevin for the support and work they give to our community daily. Thank you!

I believe the Prayer Parade was a success. Thanks again to all those who participated from home, from work and from 4 wheels.

May God bless.



### **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.



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, December 12	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 13	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Lucy</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Wednesday, December 16	9am Holy Mass †Jack & †Margaret Finch
Thursday, December 17	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
Friday, December 18	9am Holy Mass †Cecile Smith
Saturday, December 19	5pm Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 20	9am Holy Mass
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

## Christmas Mass and New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 at 5pm – No Incense

Thursday, December 24 at 7pm – Incense will be used

Thursday, December 24 at 9pm – Incense will be used

Thursday, December 24 at 11pm – Incense will be used

Friday, December 25 at 10am

Saturday, December 26 at 8pm

Sunday, December 27 at 9am and 11am

Thursday, December 31 at 5pm

Thursday, December 31 at 7pm

Friday, January 1 at 10am

Saturday, January 2 at 7pm

Sunday, January 3 at 9am and 11am



**You must contact Connie or the Parish Office to pre-register to attend one of these Holy Masses. Due to limited seating, contacting Connie or the Parish Office is the only way to guarantee your attendance.**

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



## Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading was Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 85, the second reading was 2 Peter 3:1-8 and the Gospel reading was Mark 1:1-8.

We are reflecting on the beginning of the Gospel of Mark during Advent. Last week, the First Sunday of Advent, we heard three very important instructions: watch, wait, and keep awake. This week, we have a little bit of a hike in the message of Advent. This week, we are instructed to prepare in all the readings.

Preparation is necessary for every one of our actions to be fruitful. We begin preparing by using the gift of wisdom we received at baptism. The Holy Spirit empowered us with this important gift. We are called to be a people of enlightenment. And that is why this week of preparation is given to us. Through the use of the gift of wisdom and when we use our imagination, God's light will shine on us and through us to the whole world.

In the beginning, when mankind first sinned, God told them that they needed to repent, prepare and plan. He said that when these things were being done by his children, he would send his only Son, Jesus, to be with them. He told his children that if someone was attacking them, he would protect them, safeguard them. They waited and waited, anticipating the coming of the Messiah. We, too, are waiting for Jesus' coming. Even though right now we are in darkness, when we prepare for the light to come, it will come. God promises us that he will never abandon us. He will never orphan us. By our good actions, our preparing, the light of Christ will shine upon us.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, examine your life and pray and discern about where you need to prepare more in your life. How can you use the gift of wisdom and your imagination to prepare?

See you next week as we reflect on the Third Sunday of Advent.

—Father Antony

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306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A  
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## Advent Prayers from St. John the Baptist Parish

We are happy to let you know that this year we are sending out Advent wreath prayers.

If you have not given your email address to the Parish Office and you would like to receive these prayers, please let the Parish Office know.

We encourage you and your family to light the candles on your wreath and pray together daily.



## Daily Advent Reflection From formed.org

Formed.org is an awesome website that the Parish subscribes to for our Parish Family to use. There are numerous movies, documentaries, bible studies, children's programs and other faith resources available once you sign up. And most especially, they have a Daily Advent Devotion you can subscribe to. The following are the steps for signing up:

1. Type formed.org into your web browser. The screen that comes up will ask you to sign in or sign up.
2. Click on Sign Up.
3. Click on Sign Up as a parishioner.
4. Type St. John the Baptist Parish Estevan into the search bar. You will see a list drop down and click on our Parish and then click Next.
5. Enter your name and email address and then click Next. You will be signed up and able to watch the resources. You can also sign up for the Daily Advent Devotion from Formed. They will email you every morning with a video clip.

Happy Anniversary to  
Ray & Elaine Walton



Wishing a Happy Birthday to  
Johnny Fleck



## Church Attendance Update

As you are probably aware, the new directive from the government regarding Church attendance has lowered our number of people who can attend to 30 people per Holy Mass.

In order to accommodate everyone, we have added a Mass to the weekends. The Holy Mass schedule on the weekend will be Saturdays at 5pm and 7pm and Sundays at 9am and 11am.

Please call Connie or the Parish Office to register for the Holy Masses.

The SJB pastoral care team has been busy making contact with our senior parishioners for the last 2 weeks. Have we missed you? If you have not received a call and would like one please contact the parish office at 306-634-2190 and leave a message for Gwen. Also, if you have a parish family member that has changed their contact information due to a move in the city please feel free to contact the office as well.

We are excited to serve the needs of our parish family by keeping in contact with our family members. If you requested regular contact with one of our ministers, you can expect to hear from one of us in the coming days. We loved our visits with you.

Our team would like to thank each person we called for your welcoming and gracious replies. You will continue to be included in our prayers.

SJB Pastoral Care Team



### Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc. Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



### St. John the Baptist Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 to Sunday, January 3.



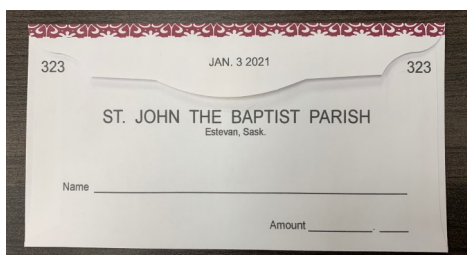
### Holy Mass and Adoration Schedule Update

In order to do some general cleaning and to prepare the Church for the Christmas season, there will not be Holy Mass or Adoration on Tuesdays during December.



### 2021 Donation Envelopes

The 2021 Donation Envelopes are in. We will be placing them in your pew when you attend the Holy Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass and receive your envelopes there, you may contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for your continued generosity with your Parish Family.



### Financial Update

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00  
2020 Actual Collection Year to Date \$309,398.00  
To achieve Budgeted Revenue: \$140,602.00

**Month of October 2020**

Monthly Collection Required 37,500.00  
November Sunday Collection \$50,600.00