



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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Caretaker: Sigfredo Gonzalez

December 18 & 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

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 3rd Sunday of Advent. The first reading was Zephaniah 3:14-18a, the Responsorial Psalm was Isaiah 12, the second reading was Philippians 4:4-7 and the Gospel reading was Luke 3:10-18.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday or Rejoicing Sunday. All the readings we have today speak about rejoicing.

Continual joy is Rejoicing! We are called to be rejoicing all the time. When we take joy into our heart, we are able to rejoice. Created in God's image, he makes us to be rejoicing people.

We do many great things, but sometimes the devil takes away our good will, our very goodness, and we can't rejoice. The devil may tell us, "Don't do it", because he doesn't want us to be happy. John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way, so the Savior, the rejoicing God, could be in our midst. What John the Baptist says in the Gospel matches very well with us, in our time. He emphasized two things. We must repent. We are in a season of conversion. And we must do penance, sharing with others what we have so they will be rejoicing with us.

We need to chase that devil away and receive that rejoicing grace through the sacrament of reconciliation. In all the Gospels, when we listen to the miracles, including giving life and healing, the person looking for the miracle asks for mercy first. Jesus, Anointed One, have mercy on me. That is confession. We ask God for many things, but we don't often receive the sacrament of reconciliation first. When we seek God's mercy and then we pray for our needs, God will be happy to give us more than we even asked for.

Last Monday, we had the story of the paralytic man. His friends brought him to Jesus by cutting a hole in the roof of the house and lowering him down through it. When Jesus saw the faith of the man's friends, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." He then told the man to stand up and take his bed and go to his home. First the man's sins were forgiven and then the healing took place. We also need to be cleansed, purified. We are called to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and then we, too, can walk home handsome and beautiful.

The second thing John the Baptist talked about was sharing what you have with those who don't. Doing acts of charity are a penance for our sinful actions. When you are loving a person, God our Father sees you and blesses you. There are multiple blessings that come with sharing with others. Not only is it a penance, but we will also feel good about ourselves and that is part of the continual joy of rejoicing.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, pray about your call to the sacrament of reconciliation? How can we share what we have with others?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, December 18	2pm SJB Choir Practice 5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Misa de Gallo)
Sunday, December 19	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Misa de Gallo)
Monday, December 20	7pm Holy Mass (Misa De Gallo) Special Intentions for Unvaccinated People
Tuesday, December 21	7pm Holy Mass (Misa De Gallo) †Emelia Lalonde <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
Wednesday, December 22	7pm Holy Mass (Misa De Gallo) †Shannon Honan
Thursday, December 23	7pm 2021 Interdenominational Christmas Service <i>St. John of Kanty</i>
Friday, December 24	5pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass 7pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass (Live Streamed) 9pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass
Saturday, December 25	10am Christmas Day Holy Mass
Sunday, December 26	9am Holy Mass <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 11am Holy Mass

Make Music with Friends

Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people?
Do you like to get together and play along with others?

Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a **Jam Session!**

Monday, January 3, 2022

1:00 – 4:00pm

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

Fun, free, and entertaining. Call 421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear!

Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by SJB Fellowship Committee



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date
\$310,401.36

Month of November 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

November Sunday Collection \$22,414.50

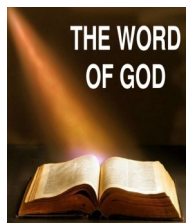
Readings for Sunday, December 26

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-22,24-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-2,21-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.41-52



ADORATION UPDATE

Adoration will be suspended from Tuesday, December 21 until Tuesday, January 4. Our Parish Family is truly blessed by your dedication to this ministry!



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.

† Nancy Dorwart	†Michael Bonokoski
†Russell & †Betty Daniels	†Parents & †Siblings
†Kingson & †Alfonso Families	†Duane Foster Sr.
†D'Souza & †Fernandez Families	†Steve & †Louise Pylupuk
†Carol Cundall	†Marshell & †Kathleen Anderson
†Cody Ward	†Casper & †Isabelle Jenish
†Robert & †Dorothy Price	In Thanksgiving for Roselle Heleta



Christmas and New Year's Holy Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24 at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm

(Incense will be used at all three Christmas Eve Holy Masses.)

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25 at 10am (No Incense)

Please note that there will not be Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday, December 25.

Sunday, December 26 at 9am and 11am

New Year's Eve: Friday, December 31 at 7pm (No Incense)

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1 at 10am (Incense)

Please note that there will not be Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday, January 1.

Sunday, January 2 at 9am and 11am



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.



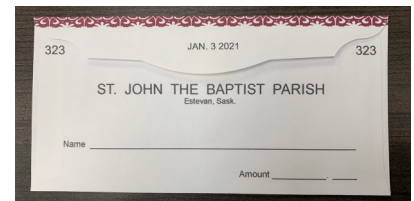
Christmas Flowers

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.



2022 Contribution Envelopes

The 2022 Contribution Envelopes are in. You can pick yours up in the main entrance of the Church. If you are unable to attend Holy Mass and receive your envelopes there, you may contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to pick them up or have them delivered to you.



If you have not signed up yet and would like to receive Contribution Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. We are also happy to offer the opportunity for Automatic Funds Transfer (ATF) that can be set up by contacting Cindy at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity, sharing your gifts with your Parish Family.

Christmas Hamper Envelopes

As we begin the season of Advent and focus on preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, we give thanks for the many blessings we have received this year and understand that everything we have comes from our Father. Walking together in gratitude, we have the opportunity to share our blessings by donating to the Christmas Hamper Fund. The envelopes are available in the main entrance of the Church and you can also e-transfer to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net by clearing marking the donation as "Christmas Hamper Fund".

Your generosity is building the Kingdom of the King of Kings and you and your family will be greatly blessed.



Ron & Katie Dunville

Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday

Dustin Hall
Eva Haggel
Simon Hall
Christian Quin
Blanche Keating
Marlene Shurygalo





2021 Interdenominational Christmas Service
December 23, 7:00PM
St John the Baptist Parish - 109 12th Ave.

Open to all community members, this Christmas service is an invitation for people of all faiths to come together in celebrating the birth of Jesus and the start of the Christmas season!

The service will be lay presided, filled with Christmas readings and stories. To accompany, a live choir will be performing uplifting, contemporary Christmas music throughout the service.

A free will offering towards the Estevan Salvation Army Food Bank will be accepted.



For more information contact:
(306) 634-2190

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 Tuesday, December 14 until Wednesday, 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!

Special contribution envelopes for these Holy Masses are available in the main entrance of the Church.