



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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January 16 & 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance

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Pope Francis has announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The year began on December 8, 2020 and concludes on December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis has established this year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

In order to honor the Year of St. Joseph in our Parish, we will be praying the prayer Pope Francis composed and released in his new apostolic letter, *Patris corde* ("With a father's heart") after the final blessing at each Holy Mass. We also encourage you to pray for St. Joseph's intercession daily. Last year we had sent out a Litany of St. Joseph and a St. Joseph Prayer. If you would like a copy of these again, please contact Connie.

We also encourage you to watch the bulletin for updates and information about the Year of St. Joseph.

"Always invoke him, especially in difficult times and entrust your life to this great saint."

Pope Francis

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!!

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, January 16	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 17	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Anthony</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, January 19	6:30pm Holy Mass †Beatrice Johnstone
Wednesday, January 20	9am Holy Mass †Edward Gall
<i>St. Fabian & St. Sebastian</i>	
Thursday, January 21	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
<i>St. Agnes</i>	
Friday, January 22	No Mass
<i>St. Vincent</i>	
Saturday, January 23	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 24	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

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.



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

**Don't forget your mask
and hand sanitizer when
coming to Church!**



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AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A
WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.**

Homily Corner

FROM
THE
PASTOR



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The First Reading was Isaiah 55:1-11, the Responsorial Psalm was Isaiah 12, the Second Reading was 1 John 5:1-9 and the Gospel reading was Mark 1:7-11.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ brings us to the conclusion of the joyful, grace-filled, light-filled season of Christmas. The readings for the past week have been talking about lasting gladness and how we can spread the light from the candle shed throughout the world, being hopeful people and bringing hope to others.

This feast is about the baptism of Jesus, but even more so, it is a gift from the Holy Church in that it reminds us of our baptism and the power of that baptism. We renewed our baptism promises today at the beginning of the Holy Mass to be refreshed and to carry the power of our baptism with us into the new year.

In the Gospel reading today, we see a few things going on. Jesus was being baptized, God the Father tore apart the heavens and came down to say, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.", and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and filled the whole world. In that moment we see the triune God that we believe in. We baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit because we believe in the triune God. At our baptism, Jesus was present, God came to us and the Holy Spirit descended upon us. This is the power of baptism.

In the first reading, God says he will feed you, he will fulfill your thirst and this is shown at Jesus' baptism when God say, "This is my beloved Son..." Jesus is the eternal water, the eternal food.

Our baptism is not a simple thing. We receive the immeasurable grace of God to continue living in everlasting gladness forever.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, reflect on the Trinitarian grace that is coming on to you. How are you living in everlasting gladness?

See you next week as we reflect on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

Knights of Columbus: the annual membership dues for 2021 are now owing. Regular members are \$40 and Honorary members are \$20. Payment can be made in cash, cheque, or e-transfer in one of the following ways:

1. You may give your payment to Grand Knight Sheldon Spilchuk, Treasurer Kim Skjonsby, or Financial Secretary Larry Johnstone. And please supply your email address also.
2. You may put your payment (include a note with your name, email address if you have one, and that it is for #3165 annual dues) in a separate envelope marked K of C and either:
 - Put it in the church collection basket at Holy Mass
 - Drop it off at the St. John the Baptist Parish Office
 - Mail to Larry Johnstone, 2358 Irvine Crescent, Estevan Sk, S4A 2S6 (or drop it off in mailbox)
3. You may e-transfer to larry.johnstone@sasktel.net, or to 306-461-4015

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COLLECTION REPORT

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00

2020 Actual Collection Year to Date \$309,398.00

To achieve Budgeted Revenue: \$71,550.00

Month of December 2020

December Sunday/Christmas Collection

\$69,051.60

Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to

stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



Did you know that St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Canada, families, fathers, expectant mothers, explorers, pilgrims, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, working people in general. He is also the protector of the Universal Church.

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.