



**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 23 & 24, 2021**

**3rd 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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## 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!!

**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](mailto:larry.johnstone@sasktel.net), or to 306-461-4015

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

#### COLLECTION REPORT

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00

2020 Actual Collection Year to Date  
\$378,450.00

#### Month of December 2020

December Sunday/Christmas Collection  
\$69,051.60



“Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the Church, from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St. Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical Body, that is, the Church, of which the Virgin Mary is the exemplar and model.”

—St. John Paul II

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

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

Saturday, January 23	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 24 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, January 26 <i>St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions
Wednesday, January 27 <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	9am Holy Mass †Jake & †Louise Schell
Thursday, January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquina</i>	9am Holy Mass †Frank Johner
Friday, January 29	9am Holy Mass Intentions for healing
Saturday, January 30	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 31 <i>St. John Bosco</i>	9am Holy Mass 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**



Happy Anniversary to  
Renante & Rowena  
Son

Happy Birthday  
Elijah Vanstone  
Gerald Bonokoski  
Lucille Bonokoski



Emerson L'Heureux



## 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 in Ordinary Time. The first reading was 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 40, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 and the Gospel reading was John 1:35-42.

Last week we finished the Christmas season by celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We renewed our baptismal promises and were refreshed and filled with the Spirit of God. Now we enter the season of Ordinary Time.

To continue living in everlasting gladness, we need to know the way, the real Master. Our first reading and our Gospel today tell us how to find, how to follow and how to stay with the Master. The Holy Church is taking us on a journey throughout the year. As we begin the journey this year, the spiritual readings today are so great. The Holy Church reminds us that we are called and if we utilize our baptismal graces, our journey to our life's destination will be a great success. We will finish strong.

In the first reading, Samuel is called and directed by the Master. He was living in the temple at the time and the High Priest was Eli. Samuel was at first confused by the call and thought Eli was calling him. When he was called the fourth time, Samuel realized that it was God calling him. Sometimes we have trouble recognizing our call. Sometimes we go to people or places where we are not called. We misunderstand. We have to discern and pray and take some guidance. Just like Samuel took guidance from Eli. We need to ask ourselves who is really calling us. Is it the one who fills us with grace? Is it the Master?

Throughout the season of Advent, we had many readings about John the Baptist. Today we see the people of the time being confused and thinking that John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was baptizing people and they knew that when the Redeemer comes he would baptize in the fullness of grace. He was misunderstood by the people. He told them no, no he was not the one they were waiting for. His baptism was a baptism of cleansing, a baptism of redemption. John told them to go to Jesus because he would baptize them in the full grace. He spots Jesus walking by the Jordan and makes his identity know once again: "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" It is clear from the very start that following Jesus is worthwhile. The two disciples on the river's shore hear the words of the Baptist, and they follow Jesus without question. It is Jesus who questions them: "What are you looking for?" Notice he didn't say, "Who are you looking for?" like he did when Judas and the soldiers came to capture him. The disciples journey started that day. They stayed with him and the next day they went to tell their brothers they had found the Messiah and to bring them with them. When the brothers came to Jesus, he didn't anoint Andrew first, he anointed Simon, who was then named Peter.

We are on that journey too. When we were baptized, the immeasurable grace of God was poured on us so we could complete our journey. And we need to remember that everyone has their own call, just like Andrew and Simon. And that with our unique callings, we have the same mission to be an Andrew, to be a Simon and to share with our families that we have found the Messiah. We are called to introduce the Messiah to our brothers and sisters as well as to fulfill our mission. Life will be amazingly easy when we follow our true call. We will reach our destination.

This week, as you spend time in quiet prayer, take the time to listen for God's call. How are you following his call? How are you following his mission?

See you next week as we reflect on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony