

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.



We are so glad you joined us today!

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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November 21 & 22, 2020 Christ the King

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesday: 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!!

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



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Christmas 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 – No Incense

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.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

Prayer for the dead

32. The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and in the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. (101) A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory (cf. *Rom* 5:2; *Tit* 2:13).

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.

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.

Month of November

You are invited to light a candle in remembrance of your deceased loved one before any of the Holy Masses in November. The candles are in front of the baptism font. Please use a disinfecting wipe to clean the lighter after you light your candle.

Financial Update

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00

2020 Actual Collection Year to Date \$255,232.95

To achieve Budgeted Revenue: \$194767.05

Month of October 2020

Monthly Collection Required 37,500.00

October Sunday Collection \$32,015.60

Feast of Christ the King Holy Masses

We will be using incense at both Masses for the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22. If you are sensitive to incense, be



assured that we will not be using incense at the Saturday, November 21 Holy Mass at 7pm.

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, November 21 7pm Holy Mass

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, November 22 9am Holy Mass

St. Cecilia 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)

11am Holy Mass

11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

Tuesday, November 24 6:30pm Holy Mass **†**Lloyd Smith

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions

Wednesday, November 25 9am Holy Mass **†**Katie Wock

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday, November 26 9am Holy Mass †Bella Ganje

Friday, November 27 9am Holy Mass Special Intentions

Saturday, November 28 7pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 29 9am Holy Mass

9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)

11am Holy Mass

11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

Pastoral Care

The St. John the Baptist Pastoral Care Team is ready to get started! The ministers are currently being trained and commissioned. Our focus during these challenging times will be to check in with our Parish Family beginning with our seniors to see how they are doing. Our Pastoral Care Team will offer the opportunity to have a minister contact them by phone regularly for a visit. We are very excited to begin this ministry and are looking forward to speaking with you!!

If you would like more information or if you know of someone who would enjoy a phone call, please contact the Parish Office.



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Sacrament of Baptism

After much prayer and discernment, we are pleased to announce we have a new plan in place for those families seeking to baptize their children. For more information and to set up a time for the Baptism Prep, please contact Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



Homily Corner



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 128, the second reading was 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 25:14-30.

This is the last weekend of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year and I offer this sacrifice in gratitude and praise for the year to come. This is the time of year that I always look at the past year and ask myself if I utilized my talents well. I pray to God, asking if I was a good shepherd. It is important for all of us to reflect on how we utilized our gifts in the last year.

Everyday is a new day given to us. God has given us a full life, not an empty one. He has filled us with talents and we need to use those talents in service to others.

We are called to be co-creators with God, which we see in the book of Genesis. In each of our lives we need to ask ourselves if we used our God-given talents to multiply. When we are successful in this, Jesus tells us to come into the joy of our Master. It's not just eternal life he is talking about, but it is also about having God be pleased with us. And when he is pleased with us, we get to join in rejoicing with the Master.

Let us rejoin the rejoicing of the Master as our thoughts, words and actions in our daily lives multiply gratitude, God's grace, love and caring for all people.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, pray and discern about your God given talents. Are you utilizing them to multiply?

See you next week as we reflect on the Feast of Christ the King.

—Father Antony

Blessing of Advent Wreath and Weekly Advent Prayers

The season of Advent starts next weekend and one tradition in our Catholic Faith is to have an Advent Wreath on your table at home throughout the season.

Advent Wreaths can be purchased online or at any faith based store.

We will be sending out an Advent Wreath blessing prayer through email next week.

We are also happy to let you know that this year we will be sending out Advent wreath prayers as well. 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.