

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 & 1pm - 4pm

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#### **Weekend Holy Mass Duration**

Saturday 1 hour 10 minutes

Sunday 1 hour 20 minutes



# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29 & 30, 2022

# **Holy Mass Schedule**

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Thursday: 9am

1st & 3rd Friday: 9am

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 10am

Reconciliation: half hour before weekday Holy Mass Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor 8 months in advance

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## St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, October 29 9:30am - 4pm Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot in the Meeting Room

10am Parish Pastoral and Finance Guidelines Workshop in Oxbow

4:30pm Praying the Rosary

5pm Holy Mass

Sunday, October 30 9:30am Praying the Rosary

10am Holy Mass

11:20am Baptism Celebration

Tuesday, November 1 9:30am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration

7pm All Saints Day Mass

Wednesday, November 2 10am Holy Mass - Hillview Manor (Residents Only) Thank You God

11am Holy Mass - Hospital (Residents Only) †Josie Radomski

7pm All Souls Day Mass followed by a Social in the Parish Hall

Thursday, November 3 9am Holy Mass †Melvin Choma

St. Martin de Porres 9:30am Coffee in the Hall

9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration

1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall

7pm SJB Choir Practice

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Friday, November 4 9am Holy Mass **†**LaBelle Siblings

St. Charles Borromeo 9:30am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 5 9am St. John the Baptist Parish Workshop

5pm Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)

Sunday, November 6 10am Holy Mass (Name Tag Weekend)

# **Liturgy Workshop**

We are happy to be hosting a
Liturgy Workshop on
Saturday, November 19 from
10am until noon. We are
blessed to have Father Ron
Andree, the Archdiocesan
Director of Liturgy, facilitating
the workshop. All ministers



and any who are discerning to join a ministry are invited to join us. The workshop will begin with coffee and muffins. And child care will be available. If you have any questions, please call Gary St. Onge at 306-634-5795.



# **Homily Corner**

This past weekend we celebrated the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 34, the second reading was 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 and the Gospel reading was Luke 18:9-14. The following is my homily:

Last weekend, we found how unceasing desire will become unceasing prayer and God will respond quickly. This week we continue with the theme of Prayer. In the first reading, we hear important words: "The person whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and their prayers will reach the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice for the righteous, and executes judgment. Indeed, the Lord will not delay." When we aren't proud, when we are humble, when we pray unceasingly, God will respond without delay. God will give us the grace we need to continue on his path.

The story of St. Elizabeth is a great example of this. She was very old and barren. In that time, if a woman was barren, they were considered to be cursed. And as someone who was cursed, they were isolated in their homes; not invited to family functions or celebrations. Not invited anywhere. St. Elizabeth humbly kept the desire to have a baby in her life and she prayed unceasingly for this desire. And God blessed her in her old age. When Mary heard that her cousin Elizabeth was expecting, she rushed to be with her. Mary told her that one who is humble is glorified by God. (Everyone had called Elizabeth The Cursed, but now God calls her The Blessed.) Because she was humble and truthful, God responded to her and gave her more than she asked for.

In the Gospel, we hear a parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed by thanking God that he wasn't like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like the tax collector. Then he justified himself by telling God that he fasts twice a week and gives a tenth of all his income. The tax collector, stood far off and wouldn't look at heaven. He beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Sometimes we are like the Pharisee, we justify ourselves because we come to Church and we give to charity. But if we are proud and fraudulent, like the Pharisee, our prayers will be troubled. Look at the posture of the tax collector. He would not look towards heaven. He was striking his breast. Last week, we talked about raising our hands in prayer and how the posture of raising our hands doubles our prayer, because we are praying with our words and actions. In the Confiteor Prayer, we strike our breast when we pray, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." Striking our heart, just like the tax collector, helps the guilt we carry come out. Then we receive absolution and are blessed. And when we pray the Apostles Creed, we are to bow at the words: "who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,". Our posture is part of our prayer.

Our postures in prayer, kneeling, striking our heart, bowing, etc., will make God pleased even though we are not worthy to give him our deepest desires. But when we are humble, truthful, and acknowledge our guilt, God will grant our unceasing desires quickly and without delay.

In your prayer time this week, be conscience of your posture while you pray. And acknowledge your guilt, your unworthiness, as you pray unceasingly for the desires of your heart.

A Message

Blessings,

**Father Antony** 

#### FEAST DAY HOLY MASSES NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm - All Saints

Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm - Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

Monday, November 21 at 7pm - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, November 30 at 9am - Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle



from our Pastor

#### **CWL Members of SJB Estevan Council**

Membership dues in the amount of \$42.00 for 2023 are now being collected. Please make your cheque payable to the Estevan CWL and place it in an envelope for the collection basket at Holy Mass, drop it off at the Parish Office, or call 421-7538 for home pick-up. E-transfers are also accepted at stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com.

#### First Reconciliation Important Dates

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall



Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

Please keep our First Reconciliation students in your prayers.



Do you want the School portion of your property tax to go toward supporting the Catholic School system?

Did you know that you have to complete a Declaration of School Support with the City of Estevan otherwise your tax dollars will automatically default to the Public School System?

You can call the City of Estevan Tax Assessor at 306-634-1800 to request an Individual Declaration or you can visit <a href="http://estevan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/">http://estevan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/</a>
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#### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mark your calendar for our Christ the King celebration on Sunday,

November 20. We will begin with Holy Mass at 10am (incense will be used). Following the Holy Mass, we invite you to our annual Christ the King brunch in the Parish Hall. Join us as we end our liturgical year by emphasizing the true kingship of Christ.





# Parish Pastoral and Finance Guidelines Workshop

The Archdiocese has updated the Parish
Pastoral Council Guidelines and the Finance
Council Guidelines. St. Joseph Parish in
Oxbow is hosting a Workshop to explain the
Inew guidelines. The Workshop will be held in
the Parish Hall from 10am until noon, with a
light lunch being served. All Pastoral Council
and Finance Council members are encouraged
to attend and any interested
parishioners, as well. If you would
like more information please
contact Gwen Van De Woestyne
at the Parish Office.

As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to be stewards of hope in our relationships, families, and communities. But in these uncertain and challenging times, that isn't always easy. The Archbishop's Appeal is a tangible way in which you can foster hope in your parish and wider community. Please, prayerfully consider how you can foster hope by donating to the Archbishop's appeal.



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# Make Music with Friends

Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people? Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a Jam Session!



Monday, November 7, 2022 1pm - 4pm at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. Fun, free and entertaining.

Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear! Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by SJB Fellowship Committee

### **New Parish Pictorial Directory Coming Soon!!**

Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, IPC Canada Photo Services will be taking pictures October 26 - 28 from 1:30pm - 8:30pm, October 29 from 9:30am - 4pm and November 8 and 9 from 1:30pm-8:30pm. All photo shoots will be held in the Meeting Room. You may book appointments online by clicking the link provided https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/dyjs9ze6/ or on the website. There will be a table set up at the

entrance of the Church on the weekends to make an appointment as well.



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#### Solemnity of All Saints and

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! These two very important days are gifts of faith from the Holy Church. The All Saints Day Holy Mass will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm.

And the All Souls' Day Holy Mass will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm. Following the All Souls' Holy Mass, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.



During the whole month of November, we remember our loved ones who are enjoying their eternal life with our Father. You are invited to enter your deceased loved one's name in one of the Memory Books in the main entrance of the Church. The books are available throughout the week. The Memory Books will be placed on the altar for the month of November in remembrance and respect for our dead.