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## *5th Sunday of Lent*

**April 5th and 6th**

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### **St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule**

Sat. April 5	5pm Estevan; †Randy Ganje
Sat. April 5	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sun. April 6	8am Bienfait; †Richard Mann
Sun. April 6	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues. April 8	6:30pm Estevan; †Romeo Melanson
Wed. April 9	11am Hospital; †Richard and †Eva Hagel
Thurs. April 10	10am Creighton Lodge; †Wilma Bittman
Thurs. April 10	12:10pm Estevan; †Deanne Harkins
Sat. April 12	5pm Estevan; †Joanne Weisgerber
Sat. April 12	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sun. April 13	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sun. April 13	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>April 5:</b>	Name Tag Weekend
<b>April 6:</b>	11am Baptism Celebration
<b>April 8:</b>	6:15pm Benediction
<b>April 8:</b>	7pm K of C Meeting
<b>April 9:</b>	1pm Finance Meeting
<b>April 9:</b>	7pm Musical Adoration
<b>April 10:</b>	6:30pm RCIA Class
<b>April 10:</b>	7pm SJB Choir Practice
<b>April 11:</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>April 11:</b>	6:30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>April 11:</b>	12pm Lenten Service and Lunch - St. Paul's United
<b>April 15:</b>	6:30pm Sacrament Prep Class - Parish Hall
<b>April 15:</b>	6:30pm Sacrament Prep Class - Parish Hall
<b>April 16:</b>	7pm SJB Choir Practice
<b>April 18:</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>April 18:</b>	1pm Walk of the Cross



The Parish Office will be closed on April 11. Our Office Staff will be away at the Chrism Mass.

# Did you know?

## **The opening of the Holy door**

One of the most exciting and famous parts of the Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door. The first record of this event at St. Peter's Basilica dates back to 1500 with Pope Alexander VI. The opening of the Holy Door represents the journey from sin to grace for every Christian and marks the start of the Jubilee.

## **The four papal basilicas of Rome have a Holy Door**

The four main Holy Doors are located at the major basilicas in Rome: St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major. St. Peter's Basilica is the first to open, with the other doors opened in the days that follow.

2025 Jubilee Year  
Pilgrims of Hope



The Holy Father had a dream. He envisioned Catholics praying around the clock, adoring the Blessed Sacrament in every country. Every member of the church must be vigilant in seeing that this Sacrament of Love shall beat the centre of the life of the people of God, so Jesus shall be given back love for love, and truly become the life of our souls. Your faith will help you to realize that it is Jesus himself who is present in the blessed sacrament, waiting for you to spend one special hour with him.

-Pope John Paul

**The Lord has done great things  
for us. We are filled with joy  
- Psalm 126**

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-Bridget

## Ecumenical Events During Lent and Holy Week Lenten Service and Lunch Fridays

*Services begin at 12pm followed by a soup and bread lunch. Everything is finished by 1pm so people who are working can attend. A free-will offering is accepted at the lunch with each Church donating it to a charity of their choice. People returning to work will be given priority in the lunch line.*

Friday, April 11 at St. Paul's United Church

### Walk of the Cross

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday) at 1pm  
beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church

## **5th Sunday of Lent**

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



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## First Reconciliation/First Holy Eucharist/Confirmation Important Upcoming Dates

### Class 5

Tuesday, April 15 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 16 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

### Class 6

Tuesday, April 29 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 30 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Getting Ready

Tuesday, May 13 Sacred Heart Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, May 14 St. Mary's Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

### First Reconciliation Celebration

April 3 at 6pm

### Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Retreat

To Be Announced

### Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Celebration

May 17 at 5pm



### Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting donations for the flowers that will decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone. Your loved ones name will be published in the bulletin so our Parish Family can pray for them. Through your generosity, may our Parish Family be blessed with the joy and beauty of Easter.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 27 following the 10am Holy Mass. As a parishioner, it is your right and your responsibility to attend this meeting. It is an opportunity to offer suggestions. The Annual Report will be available at the all entrances of the church.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April - For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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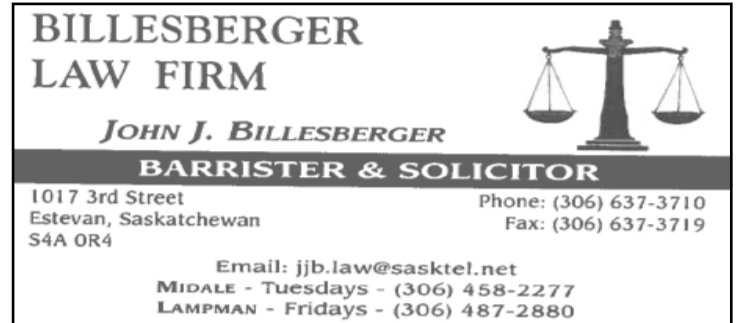
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A  
message  
from  
Archbishop  
Donald Bolen



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings of peace and joy to you in this Jubilee Year of 2025!

This jubilee year is called the “Pilgrimage of Hope.” We are reminded that we have hope not because of our own strength, but because of the joy and strength that comes from a life in God. God is not a passive observer of human events, unemotional and unmoved. God is a living actor and doer, who actively engages in

our history and who invites us to do likewise. God is a friend of all who are oppressed, including and especially those on the margins. God does not stand idly by as injustice is spread, but rather stirs the hearts of people to respond to injustice and to be artisans of the peace that God desires.

In the Old Testament, we read that God decreed that every seven years there would be a jubilee year to promote justice among the people. During a jubilee year, slaves would go free, the land would rest, and debts would be forgiven. In this way, we see one of God's many provisions to care for the created world and to restore justice to the impoverished among us. In the first act of his public ministry, Jesus chose to announce the year of the Lord's favour, the jubilee year, so that we could live in right relationship with one another and with our God.

Pope Francis has summoned the Universal Church to celebrate this year as a year of jubilee, and challenges us: if we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry. These are noble goals, but also necessary goals, as we acknowledge that today, 3.3 billion people in our world live in countries where the cost of their national debt is higher than what they can afford to spend on education and health care. Countries in the Global South spend 12 ½ times the amount on interest of their national debts than they do on adapting to climate change - this despite the fact that they are often the least contributors to, but most impacted by historic greenhouse gas emissions. It is clear that debt has placed a heavy burden on the people of these nations, who often look to wealthier nations, such as our own, as those who can lessen their burdens and allow them to go free.

It may be tempting to give in to despair of all these gigantic debts - ecological, financial, and spiritual - debts that engulf so many in our world; but this is not the way of our Lord. Jesus's way is a way of hope, hope that leads to engagement. In response to the Holy Father's call for justice this jubilee year, Caritas Internationalis has launched the campaign “Turn Debt Into Hope,” a campaign that will be promoted in the 162 Catholic national aid agencies operating in 200 countries around the world. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada participates in this worldwide campaign as a member of Caritas Internationalis and contributes every single day as they deliver life-saving and life-giving aid through their vibrant partnerships all over the world. Their annual report reveals 11.2 million people being reached through 79 different community projects in 34 countries. But more than by providing life-changing aid to those in need, this year we are invited to “Turn Debt Into Hope” by signing a petition exhorting our elected leaders to forgive debts, provide debt free financial aid for climate change adaptation, and build a truly just debt framework at the United Nations.

Our participation in this campaign is a key way that we can be a part of the “year of the Lord's favour” that Jesus proclaimed. We can help others to believe and know that Jubilee lives today, 2,000 years later.

Grace and peace to you all.

Donald J. Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina

Please sign the petition: [www.devp.org/debt](http://www.devp.org/debt)

Please give generously. [www.devp.org/give](http://www.devp.org/give)



## St. John the Baptist Parish 2025 Lent Schedule

### *Tuesdays During Lent*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

### *Wednesdays During Lent*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm
- Holy Mass at 11am at the Hospital
- Bible Study at 5:30pm
- Guided Holy Hour from 7pm until 8pm (with music on March 12, 26 and April 9)

### *Thursdays During Lent*

- Holy Rosary at 11:50am
- Holy Mass at 12:10pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 1pm until 5pm

### *Fridays During Lent*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm (from 1pm- 5pm on March 21 for Lenten Lunch)
- Ecumenical Lenten Service and Lunch 12:10pm at various Churches
- Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm

### *Saturdays During Lent*

- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:40pm
- Holy Mass at 5pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm in Torquay

### *Sundays During Lent*

- Holy Mass at 8am in Bienfait
- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9:40am
- Holy Mass at 10am

## St. John the Baptist Parish Holy Week Schedule

### *Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 12*

- Holy Mass at 5pm

### *Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13*

- Holy Mass at 10am

### *Monday, April 14*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

### *Tuesday, April 15*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

### *Wednesday, April 16*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at the Hospital at 11am
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass 6:30pm

### *Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 17*

- Holy Mass at 7:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30pm until midnight

### *Good Friday - Friday, April 18*

- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm

### *Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19*

- Holy Mass at 8:30pm

### *Easter Sunday - April 20*

- Holy Mass at 8am Torquay
- Holy Mass at 10am