



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 Summer Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 12pm

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August 22 & 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Update From Father Anthony

Friends of Christ,

The good news to share is that as of September we will have a priest helping Torquay and Bienfait. Even though they have been blessed every weekend with Holy Mass, the time of the Holy Masses were not the best times for their Parish Families. Now they will have Sunday Masses at [9AM](#) in Bienfait and at [11AM](#) in Torquay. I will still be their pastor and will be looking after their spiritual and sacramental needs. The incoming priest will stay with me for a few months until his travelling options are opened. He has served this diocese for 10 years and now has to leave to return to his religious order. He helped the Estevan area a few years ago and lived in Estevan during that time. He is Father Anthony Padayatti. He will have no position as assistant or associate but will be like a visiting priest. Once he is gone, the Archbishop has another retired priest in place to continue with the same system.

Thank you for your continued support and blessing for your Parish Family as I serve you.

Have a Very Blessed Week and continued Prayers for you.

Father Sathi Antony.



Keeping Updated

If you would like to receive updates and faith resources from St. John the Baptist Parish during this time, please contact the Parish Office to give us your email address by emailing stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or by phoning at 306-634-2190.

Also, if you need assistance or have any questions for us, please call the Parish Office at the number above. Messages will be checked regularly.



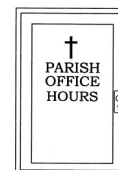
St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Matthew 25:36

Pastoral
CARE

The Summer Parish Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9am–12pm.





Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, the second reading was Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 15:21-28.

This weekend, we have the third and final readings on the theme of the Miracles of Jesus. The past few weeks, we have talked about the difference between magic and miracles and how miracles require human intervention. And we have been reminded to **“Keep God First And Trust In Him.”**

This week, the Gospel emphasizes that statement. The readings are a great example of how trusting in God will bring miracles into our lives.

In the Gospel, a Canaanite woman whose daughter is tormented by a demon, comes looking for Jesus. This woman wasn't allowed to believe in God because of where she was from, but she believed. Jesus and the disciples do not welcome the woman. As she keeps calling out to him, the disciples ask if they should send her away. Jesus replies that he is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. The Gentile woman continues to call to him and her faith seems to raise questions in Jesus' mind. Finally, the woman's challenge to him that even dogs eat scraps from the table of their lords sways Jesus. Her unwavering faith moves him to do her will.

He has been testing her throughout this difficult conversation. Trying to see how strong her faith is, and finally, he says, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Just like this Gentile woman, we need to show perseverance with that unwavering trust in God. Since the beginning of the theme of the Miracles of Jesus, we have focused on trusting in God. The Gospel ends with the word ‘instantly.’ Her miracle was given instantly. God does not tease you. He is delighted to bless you with what you are asking for when you trust in him and you show that trust in your words and deeds.

We celebrate the miracle of the Eucharist together,. We are nourished and strengthened by Jesus' Body and Blood and by partaking in this miracle, we receive the grace to be a miracle people.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, pray about how can you be the miracle person you are created to be.

See you next week as we reflect on the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

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

Bible Study

We are so excited about the next Bible Study on “Psalms: School of Prayer” beginning on Thursday, September 24th, 2020.



We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance?

The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God’s loving and wondrous deeds for us. *Psalms: The School of Prayer* is an eleven-week Bible study that will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Watch the preview by clicking on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGcK&feature=emb_logo



Participants of *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a question and answer group discussion. Our *Psalms Bible Study* will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020. There will be two sessions, one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. The sessions will end on December 3, 2020.

The registration will be limited to 30 people per session due to the Covid restrictions, so you’ll want to register early for *Psalms*. It’s going to be great!

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in this bulletin, and on our website. Completed registration forms along with the \$60.00 registration fee can be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office or you may call the Parish Office to make arrangements to register.

Please read the Directives for Attending Bible Study found on the following pages.

Psalm The Song of the Church

From the apostolic constitution

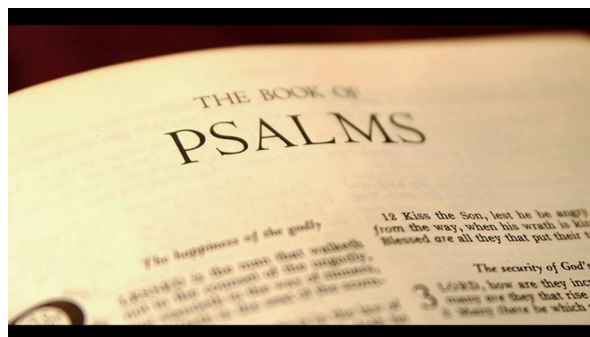
Divino afflatu (By Divine Inspiration) of Saint Pius X, Pope

The collection of psalms found in Scripture, composed as it was under divine inspiration, has, from the very beginnings of the Church, shown a wonderful power of fostering devotion among Christians as they offer to God a continuous sacrifice of praise, the harvest of lips blessing his name. Following a custom already established in the Old Law, the psalms have played a conspicuous part in the sacred liturgy itself, and in the divine office. Thus was born what Basil calls *the voice of the Church*, that singing of psalms, which is the daughter of that hymn of praise (to use the words of our predecessor, Urban VIII) *which goes up unceasingly before the throne of God and of the Lamb*, and which teaches those especially charged with the duty of divine worship, as Athanasius says, *the way to praise God, and the fitting words in which to bless him*. Augustine expresses this well when he says: *God praised himself so that man might give him fitting praise; because God chose to praise himself man found the way in which to bless God*.

The psalms have also a wonderful power to awaken in our hearts the desire for every virtue. Athanasius says: *Though all Scripture, both old and new, is divinely inspired and has its use in teaching, as we read in Scripture itself, yet the Book of Psalms, like a garden enclosing the fruits of all the other books, produces its fruits in song, and in the process of singing brings forth its own special fruits to take their place beside them*.

In the same place Athanasius rightly adds: *The psalms seem to me to be like a mirror, in which the person using them can see himself, and the stirrings of his own heart; he can recite them against the background of his own emotions*. Augustine says in his Confessions: *How I wept when I heard your hymns and canticles, being deeply moved by the sweet singing of your Church. Those voices flowed into my ears, truth filtered into my heart, and from my heart surged waves of devotion. Tears ran down, and I was happy in my tears*.

Indeed, who could fail to be moved by those many passages in the psalms which set forth so profoundly the infinite majesty of God, his omnipotence, his justice and goodness and clemency, too deep for words, and all the other infinite qualities of his that deserve our praise? Who could fail to be roused to the same emotions by the prayers of thanksgiving to God for blessings received, by the petitions, so humble and confident, for blessings still awaited, by the cries of a soul in sorrow for sin committed? Who would not be fired with love as he looks on the likeness of Christ, the redeemer, here so lovingly foretold? His was the voice Augustine heard in every psalm, *the voice of praise, of suffering, of joyful expectation, of present distress*.





Directives For Attending the St. John the Baptist Parish Bible Study

We are excited to be offering this Bible Study and can't wait to see you there!!

All those attending the Bible Study do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.

Before Coming To The Study:

You must do this self-assessment before you come to the Study. The self-assessment is subject to change depending on the current situation and it will be emailed to you each week before the session. When you arrive, you will be asked if you have completed the self-assessment. If you have not, you will be asked the following questions:

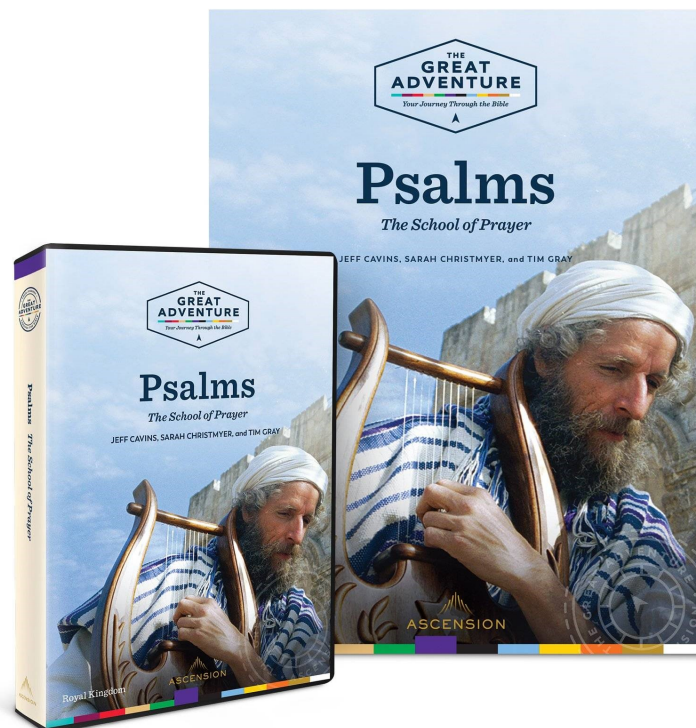
- Do you have Covid-19 or do you live with someone with Covid-19?
- Have you been exposed to someone with Covid-19?
- Have you recently travelled outside of Canada?
- Do you have a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Have you been a part of a gathering of more people than the Province of Saskatchewan recommends?
- Have you recently travelled outside of the province? 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 decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- Have you had family visiting your home from other areas of the province or country? If yes, we ask that you seriously consider where your company has travelled from and who they have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during the 14 days from when you company arrived in your home.

If you answered yes to the first five questions, do not come to the Bible Study. Please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 to let her know you are unable to attend the session.

Entering The Church For Bible Study

- Only the front door of the Church will be unlocked.
- You will receive your workbook and nametag at the first session. Please bring this to every session. Otherwise, please keep what you bring with you from home limited.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the Parish Hall and you are also welcome to bring your own with you.
- All surfaces that are commonly touched will be disinfected after each session.
- Social distancing will be adhered to. The tables for each person will be set up 6 feet apart. Couples and family members can sit at the same table.
- Water bottles will be available as you come in for the session. We will not be offering coffee or tea during the sessions. A few candies will also be on each table.
- The sessions will begin with an introduction and opening prayer. Then we will watch the video followed by a question and answer period.
- **Please touch as little as possible.**

All Directives are subject to change depending on the Covid-19 situation in our area.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, August 22	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Lora Fichter
<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, August 23	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>	11am Holy Mass
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) Special Intentions for J.J. & his Mom
Wednesday, August 26	9am Holy Mass † Ron St. Onge
Thursday, August 27	9am Holy Mass Health of Andrew Bonokoski
<i>St. Monica</i>	
Friday, August 28	9am Holy Mass †Clem Marcotte
<i>St. Augustine</i>	
Saturday, August 29	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Mildred Young
<i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, August 30	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †William Sinclair

REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL
OR TEXT CONNIE AT
306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO
ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR
WEEKEND HOLY MASS.

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 decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have travelled to or through the West Central or Southwest parts of Saskatchewan in the past 14 days, we ask that you wear a mask to come to the Church.
- 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!!

Psalms

The School of Prayer



STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Phone:

Email:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Participant Fee: \$60.00

Total: _____

Cash? _____

Cheque? _____

Checks can be made payable to:

St. John the Baptist Parish

Attending 1:30pm _____

Attending 7:00pm _____

Please drop off your completed registration form, along with the registration fee, at the Parish Office or put in an envelope and place in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

To request financial assistance please email or call Connie at the Parish office at:

conniesjb@gmail.com or 306-634-2190



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