



**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 29 & 30, 2020**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am

Tuesday: 7pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

**Sacraments**

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor 8  
months in advance

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## Bible Study

We are so excited about the next Bible Study on “Psalms: School of Prayer” beginning on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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=um4gWjHGc&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGc&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.**

**When Jesus was tempted three times by the devil in the desert, he chased the devil away by using the words of the Psalms.**





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Estevan, SK

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**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.**

### **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:

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Phone:

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Email:

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### 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](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) or 306-634-2190



Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to learn more about  
*The Great Adventure™* Catholic Bible Study Program.



## 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.



St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary 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.

Pastoral  
CARE

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

*Matthew 25:36*

### St. John the Baptist Parish Weekly Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesdays at 7pm  
Wednesdays - Fridays at 9am  
Saturday at 7pm  
Sunday at 9am and 11am



**When Jesus was dying on the cross, he cried out the words from the Psalms.**

### *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 [stjohthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohthebaptist@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.*



that you might  
be healed

### 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.



## Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 22:15, 19-23, the second reading was Romans 11:33-36 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 16:13-20.

We have finished two series of readings on the themes of The Kingdom of God and Miracles. God the creator give us certain names of privilege (treasure, pearl), because we are created in his image and likeness. And we have been reminded to **“Keep God First And Trust In Him.”**

This week, both the first reading and the Gospel reading use the word 'key' and say similar things. The first reading talks about a replacement in administration. God tells the King he will replace him with someone who is very faithful. The new King's task is to attend to the needs of all the inhabitants of the realm like a father. God says that he will place the key of the house of David on his shoulder, what he opens will stay open, what he closes will stay closed.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks the apostles who do the people think that I am. They tell him that some people think he is John the Baptist, some think he is Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Jesus then asks them who do they think he is. He has travelled with them, they have witnessed his whole ministry, and he is curious as to what they think. Peter jumps up right away and says that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter is immature, we see throughout the Gospels how he always jumps into things before he thinks. Even so, because of his faith, his belief in Jesus as the Christ, Jesus tells Peter that on this rock he will build his Church. Jesus is pleased with Peter and he tells Peter he will give Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven, what he binds on earth will be bound in heaven, what he looses on earth will be loosed in heaven. Giving Peter this key is a sign of his authority over God's household and of his position as steward of its resources.

So we see that with faith, even the immature, quick to respond person can receive the keys to Heaven. How happy God will be to give us the Key of Praise and Grace.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, contemplate who is Jesus in your life. Who is Jesus for me? If you have faith and truly give the answer of who Jesus is to you, he will give to you what he gave to St. Peter, the Key of Praise and Grace.

See you next week as we reflect on the 22nd 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.

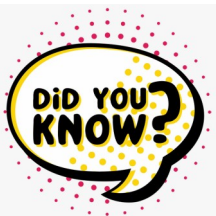
Amen.



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

<p>Saturday, August 29 <i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Mildred Young 7pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, August 30 <i>St. Rose of Lima</i></p>	<p>9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 1</p>	<p>5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †William Sinclair 7pm Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members 7:30pm CWL Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 2</p>	<p>9am Holy Mass †Clara Mehler</p>
<p>Thursday, September 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>9am Holy Mass †For Our Fallen Soldiers</p>
<p>Friday, September 4 <i>St. Augustine</i></p>	<p>9am Holy Mass †Doreen Blyth</p>
<p>Saturday, September 5 <i>St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>	<p>7pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, September 6</p>	<p>9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Gladys Pukas 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †Richard Holzer</p>

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



**The Book of Psalms is used by every Catholic Church for every liturgy. There is not a liturgy without a Psalm.**

The Parish Office hours will be 9am–noon for the week of August 31–September 6.

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day and the Parish Office will be closed.



Birthday Blessings

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Brenda Keating**

**and**

**Doris Trobert**



### Birthday and Anniversary Announcements

If you would like your birthday or anniversary announced in the bulletin and offered in the Prayers of the Faithful during the weekend Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office to supply your dates. For you wedding anniversary, you are also invited to have your marriage blessed at a weekend Mass. Again, please let the Parish Office know before the weekend Holy Mass.

