



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 8 & 9, 2020

19th 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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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

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.

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 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.



John and Lucille Bonokoski
Kevin and Brenda Keating

Parish Office Hours
for July and August
are Monday to Friday
9am—12pm.

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



The **Summer Holy Mass schedule** is:

Wednesday to Friday at 9am

Saturday at 7pm

Sunday at 9am and 11am

Please contact Connie at the Parish Office to register for the Holy Masses you would like to attend.

Adoration will remain from Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am until 7pm.

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, August 8	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) † Doreen Blyth	
<i>St. Dominic</i>	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, August 9	9am Holy Mass	
<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	11am Holy Mass	
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) † William Sinclair	
Wednesday, August 12	9am Holy Mass † Deceased Family Members	REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.
<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>		
Thursday, August 13	9am Holy Mass † Neil Himmelspack	
<i>St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus</i>		
Friday, August 14	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for the Dodds Family	
<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>		
Saturday, August 15	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)	
<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7pm Holy Mass	
Sunday, August 16	9am Holy Mass	
<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	11am Holy Mass	
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) † Deceased Family Members	

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 if you come to 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!!



Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 55:1-3, the second reading was Romans 8:35, 37-39 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 14:13-21.

This Sunday the readings take on the theme of the Miracles of Jesus. As we contemplate the readings for the next few weeks, we will come to know that **we** are the miracles of God.

Sometimes we pray for many months and don't get an answer from God. Why? How can we be confident in God? **Keep God first and trust him.** This is a very important edict and we should all memorize it, keeping it in the forefront of our lives.

We seek miracles in our lives, but we quite often look to magic instead. A miracle is totally different from magic. As with all the miracles we see in the Bible, today's Gospel shows us that miracles are moved forward by human intervention. After a long preaching, the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd away so that they could get food. Jesus told the disciples to give the people something to eat. They had only five loaves of bread and two fish, but they did as Jesus told them and what was left over after everyone ate was much more than what they began with.

God's miracles are everlasting. He made us in his image and likeness, forming and moulding us from the clay of the earth, then he breathed on us and we began to grow and the human race expanded. He worked very hard to create us and at the end of the day, God saw that everything was awesome, amazing, miraculous.

Our unanswered prayers are prayers where we compel God to do magic in our lives. We ask why there are no miracles in our family, in our lives. This is because we are asking for magic and the response we want is not possible. We don't want to change or grow, but we want God to magically make our lives better. We have to **keep God first and trust him.** Only if we move forward with activism, will we see miracles in our lives. Just like the stories in the Bible, miracles take human intervention.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, think about how much you trust God. Is there something in your life that you need to let go of and trust in God? Is God first in your life?

See you next week as we reflect on the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

Did you know?

Monday, August 10 Feast of St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence suffered his martyrdom in the year 258, three days after Sixtus II and six other deacons. A defender of the Church in Rome, he was one of the most venerated Roman martyrs of the early Church and is a patron of Rome.

Tuesday, August 11 Memorial of St. Clare

St. Clare was born in Assisi. At the age of 18 she heard a sermon by Francis of Assisi and committed herself to a life of poverty. She formed a religious community that modelled their life on the ideals of St. Francis and she authored the first rule for religious life for women written by a woman.

Friday, August 14 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian was a Franciscan who spread the Gospel in his native Poland as well as Japan. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he was arrested by the Gestapo and imprisoned. When a prisoner escaped, 10 men were chosen at random to die. Maximilian took a young father's place.

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650.