



**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 15 & 16, 2020**

**20th 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 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.

*"I was sick and you took care of me."  
Matthew 25:36*

Pastoral  
CARE

## 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

### 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](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.*

Happy Birthday

Kianna Smith

Jillian Rosengren



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



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 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
Wednesday, August 19	9am Holy Mass † Anton & †Allan Fichter
<i>St. John Eudes</i>	
Thursday, August 20	9am Holy Mass †Josephine Cossette
<i>St. Bernard</i>	
Friday, August 21	9am Holy Mass †Richard Hagel
<i>St. Pius X</i>	
Saturday, August 22	5pm (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Laura 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

## 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](mailto: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 do not 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!!

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



## Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13, the second reading was Romans 9:1-5 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 14:22-33.

This weekend's readings are the second week of the theme of the Miracles of Jesus. Last week we talked about how the miracles of the Bible always involve human intervention. Jesus fed the five thousand with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish when the disciples had asked him to send the people away to get food.

This week, in the first reading, the king told Elijah to leave the city or he would be killed. God told him to listen to the king and go away from him. He settled in a cave and the thunder and the wind he heard were actually the threats he was receiving from the world while he was going through these terrible situations. He couldn't find God in these storms. Then he felt total silence and that was when he experienced God.

In the Gospel this week we see two miracles in one story. Jesus walks on water and he calms the seas. We see that after Jesus fed the five thousand, Jesus told the apostles to go first, ahead of him and he would catch up. They went in a boat and struggled in the storm. The storm is their own difficulties in their lives. God was in search of them and that is why he walked on water. God is in search of us too. Peter gets out of the boat to walk to Jesus and when he doubts, he begins to sink. His doubt is a storm that he is experiencing in his life. Just like Peter, sometimes we doubt. Sometimes when we need God most, we forget about him. We need to call on God and be calm and he will always help us.

Keep God first and trust in him.

Have you ever resolved an issue by being impatient and shouting? Never. If you show patience and calm, the issues will be solved. In the storm the disciples forgot to call on God. When we are challenged by many situations, instead of seeking God, calling God, we get stuck in the storm and forget about God.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, offer in prayer the trust that you have that you are a miracle. How can you be a trustworthy person, having that calmness in him, knowing that God is always there for you?

See you next week as we reflect on the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

thank  
you!

**Thank you to Kevin Keating, Kim Skjonsby, Jayden Keating, Gerald Bonokoski, Ron Pho, and Larry Johnstone for upgrading the sidewalk at the southeast entrance. Your dedication and generosity to your Parish Family is truly appreciated. God Bless!!**

## 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.

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!

Watch for more information and registration details in the upcoming bulletins, emails and the Parish’s Facebook page.



### From the Explanations of the Psalms by Saint Ambrose, Bishop *The appeal of the Book of Psalms*

Though all Scripture is fragrant with God’s grace, the Book of Psalms has a special attractiveness.

Moses wrote the history of Israel’s forefathers in prose, but after leading the people through the Red Sea—a wonder that remained in their memory,—he broke into a song of triumph in praise of God when he saw King Pharaoh drowned along with his forces.

His genius soared to a higher level, to match an accomplishment beyond his own powers. Miriam too raised her timbrel and sang encouragement for the rest of the women, saying: *Let us sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has cast horse and rider into the sea.*

In the Book of Psalms there is profit for all, with healing power for our salvation. There is instruction from history, teaching from the law, prediction from prophecy, chastisement from denunciation, persuasion from moral preaching. All who read it may find the cure for their own individual failings.

All with eyes to see can discover in it a complete gymnasium for the soul, a stadium for all the virtues, equipped for every kind of exercise; it is for each to choose the kind he judges best to help him gain the prize.

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If you wish to read and imitate the deeds of the past, you will find the whole history of the Israelites in a single psalm: in one short reading you can amass a treasure for the memory. If you want to study the power of the law, which is summed up in the bond of charity (*Whoever loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law*), you may read in the psalms of the great love with which one man faced serious dangers single-handedly in order to remove the shame of the whole people. You will find the glory of charity more than a match for the parade of power.

What am I to say of the grace of prophecy? We see that what others hinted at in riddles was promised openly and clearly to the psalmist alone: the Lord Jesus was to be born of his seed, according to the word of the Lord, *I will place upon your throne one who is the fruit of your flesh*.

In the psalms, then, not only is Jesus born for us, he also undergoes his saving passion in his body, he lies in death, he rises again, he ascends into heaven, he sits at the right hand of the Father. What no man would have dared to say was foretold by the psalmist alone, and afterward proclaimed by the Lord himself in the Gospel.