

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:
Fr. Brian Meredith

Year B



MINISTRY CONTACT LIST

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Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190 or 306-421-8447

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Gina Espina

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Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

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St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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*After office hours please contact the Rectory
if you require the assistance of a Priest*

St. John the Baptist Parish Rectory

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 9:00AM and 10:30AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check the back of a current bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00AM

Sacrament of Anointing available at any time

please call 306-634-2190 (After office hours call 306-634-5790)



December 20 & 21, 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Forever I will sing of your steadfast love,
O Lord."
-Psalm 89



December 27 & 28, 2014 Holy Family

"The Lord is our God, mindful of his
covenant forever."
-Psalm 105

January 3 & 4, 2015 Epiphany of the Lord

"Lord, every nation on earth will
adore you."
-Psalm 72

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ESTEVAN

December 24, 2014	Estevan	7:00PM, 9:00PM and 11:00PM
December 25, 2014	Estevan	10:30AM
December 31, 2014	Estevan	7:00 PM
January 1, 2015	Estevan	10:30AM



Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

In today's Christmas Mass we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT

Please call Mary at 388-2471 for Parish Hall

CWL NEWS - ESTEVAN

Best wishes to all CWL members and their spouses and families for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

The Estevan Deanery is once again looking into hosting some adult education workshops. There was some interest from Parishes on having workshops on the following:

Sunday Liturgy of the Word: Training for those who wish to minister to their parishes in the capacity of leading Lay Services or helping.

Funeral Vigil Prayer Leaders: Training for those who wish to serve their parishes in this ministry.

If you are interested in either of these workshops could you please notify

Jackie Phillips at
306-634-3812.



**2015 Donation
Envelopes are ready for
pick up in the Church
Auditorium.**



Each month, our parish will be praying for seminarians and candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in our Archdiocese. These men are our brothers, sons, fathers, husbands and friends. You will find a poster at the back of the church with their names and photos. Please remember them this week.

It's because of your prayers and financial support that these formation programs are available. Please also consider a sacrificial offering through a donation to the Annual Appeal or a bequest in your will in recognition of your support for their commitment and dedication for our Catholic Family.

For more information please contact Christina Attard 306-352-1651- ext. 220.

Father Brian and the Staff of St. John the Baptist Parish would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, baking, cards and gifts this Christmas season. We would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and peace filled New Year!!

*Merry
Christmas*

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Mass of Thanksgiving and Brunch	Sunday, December 21	10:30am	Church & Auditorium
Baptism	Sunday, December 21	3pm	Church
Alpha For Teens	Monday, January 5	7pm	Formation Room
RCIA	Wednesday, January 7	7pm	Formation Room
Alpha For Teens	Monday, January 12	7pm	Formation Room
K of C Meeting	Monday, January 12	7:30pm	K of C Room
Finance Meeting	Tuesday, January 13	7pm	Boardroom
RCIA	Wednesday, January 14	7pm	Formation Room
Baptism Prep	Thursday, January 15	7pm	TBA
Alpha For Teens	Monday, January 19	7pm	Formation Room
Parish Council	Tuesday, January 20	7pm	Boardroom
RCIA	Wednesday, January 21	7pm	Formation Room
Confirmation/First Communion Class	Thursday, January 22	6:30pm	Auditorium
Alpha For Teens	Monday, January 26	7pm	Formation Room
CWL Meeting	Tuesday, February 3	7pm	Auditorium

Parish Office Hours



Beginning Monday, December 15, 2014 and continuing through Friday, February 6, 2015 the Parish Office will be open from 1pm until 3pm each weekday.

Parish Office Christmas Hours

Wednesday, December 24 - Closed
 Thursday, December 25 - Closed
 Friday, December 26 - Closed
 Monday, December 29 - Closed
 Tuesday, December 30 - Open from 1pm-3pm
 Wednesday, December 31 - Closed
 Thursday, January 1 - Closed
 Friday, January 2 - Open from 1pm-3pm



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday, January 5 at 9am.

Children's Liturgy will resume on the weekend of February 14 and 15.



St. John the Baptist Parish Announces: Noah's Incredible Cruise by Gloria Emmerich

Production will take place March 5, 6, and 7, 2015. Come on out and get involved!

There's something for everyone to do!!

Sign up at the main entrance of the Church!!!

ACTORS LIGHTS CHILDREN
 ADULTS SINGERS MAKE UP
 PROPS COSTUMES DANCERS
 SOUND STAGE HANDS
 KITCHEN HELPERS



Prayer Requests

Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish listed below and for all who are not listed, but are in need of prayer:

Chad Olson, Ella Messer, Donna MacDonald, Cheryl Heleta, Payton Sernick, Louise Frank, Florence Pho, Oliver Kennedy and Erlinda Balasbas.

Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed:

Verna Styre, Roger Bizaire, Clayton Wheeler, Pat Dorosh, Lillian Gedak, Alice Marklinger, Anton Schoff, Edna Deland, Pearl Marcotte, and Theresa (Grace) Zimmerman.



THE ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Do not be afraid” and “rejoice” are words that we begin to hear in Advent and which flow into Feast of Christmas. As Pope Francis tells us in *Evangelium Gaudium*, “no one should ever be excluded from the joy” brought to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We all look for happiness in life and as Catholics we particularly seek to find this joy which comes to us from our closeness to Jesus Christ himself.

We all do battle in our lives with very real forces that try to make us worry and at times even be afraid. These are things of darkness. Yet, as strong as they can be, our faith assures us that they can never overcome us. For Jesus, born at Christmas, is the Light that drives out the darkness. During Advent, John the Baptist declared himself to be a witness who testifies to the light. Jesus calls us who believe in Him to also be witnesses to the light and the joy our faith brings to us. This is what we call evangelization: letting all around us see the good things that God has brought about in our lives.

So our hearts welcome the words of the Angel to the shepherds: “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord.” We must truly never allow anything of the darkness to keep us from the joy that Christ the Saviour has placed in our hearts.

A very important part of the Nativity Story of the Birth of Jesus, the Christ and the Lord are the shepherds. These are unrooted men, the lowly of human society. They are not the powerful, the rich, the confident, the beautiful people. They are, what Pope Francis would call, those on “the peripheries.” They are like Mary, who in her “lowliness” was looked on “with favour” by God. They were “the lowly” whom God lifted up with love and tenderness. We can easily find our place among them, with all our inadequacies, our failures, our weaknesses and our sinfulness. The shepherds make us understand that we all belong in this wondrous event of Christmas.

Surrounded by the glory of the Lord, we too are invited to journey to Bethlehem in our hearts and in the deep part of our souls to see again “this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” And like the shepherds we are called to “make known what had been told them about this child,” Pope Francis calls us to be missionaries to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to evangelize by bringing the good news of great joy to all. What the lowly shepherds did, we too can do. And it will be for us joy and peace.

Freedom from fear, the gift of joy and peace, are my warmest wishes to you and to those you hold dear.

Yours sincerely in Christ the Saviour and Lord,

✠ Daniel J. Bohan
Archbishop of Regina

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

December 15, 2014

Dear Father/Parish Minister:

I am happy to announce the following appointment of personnel in the Archdiocese of Regina:

EFFECTIVE December 15, 2014:

Rev. Xuan Thuy Nguyen has been appointed as Assistant Pastor for the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Estevan and St. Monica, Bienfait as well as Priest Moderator for the parish of Sacred Heart, Torquay.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *D. Bohan*

✠ Daniel J. Bohan
Archbishop of Regina

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Ministries for December 24, Nativity of the Lord

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Adele Belanger, Terry Stefuik, Debbie Augey, Elizabeth Olson
9:00PM Doreen LeBlanc, Gordon Schwab, Bill & Laura Baryluk
11:00PM Clara Weinrauch, Theresa Fernandez, Don Vatamaniuk, Karen Melle

Lectors:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Joan Fingler
9:00PM Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm & Carol Cundall
11:00PM Theresa Beck & Dawn Hengen

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Margaret Daoust & Norma Kuntz
9:00PM Annette James & Family
11:00PM Dianne Green & Family

Communion Minister:

7:00PM Beckey Franke 9:00PM Eden Pacunayen 11:00PM Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski

Readings:

1st Reading:
Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7
2nd Reading:
Titus 2:11-14
Gospel:
Luke 2:1-16

Ministries for December 25, Nativity of the Lord

Cup Ministers:

10:30AM Gary St. Onge, Carol Block, Margaret Mack, Leonard Thievin

Lectors:

10:30AM Guy Chicoine & Malou Badeo

Hospitality Hosts:

10:30AM Clayton & Colleen Harkins

Communion Minister:

10:30AM Ellen Thievin

Readings:

1st Reading:
Isaiah 52:7-10
2nd Reading:
Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel:
John 1:1-5, 9-14

Ministries for December 27 and 28, Holy Family

Cup Ministers and Announcers:

7:00PM Clara Weinrauch, Joan Fingler, Maureen Daoust, Anita LeNouail, Terry Stefuik(Ann)
9:00AM Doreen LeBlanc, Bev Hickie, Gordon Schwab, Marg Mack, Adele Belanger(Ann)
10:30AM Karen Melle, Gloria Chicoine, Gil Sotto, Hanna Keating, Jo Ann Schopf(Ann)

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Ron Wilhelm 10:30AM Dave Wanner

Lectors:

7:00PM Debbie Augey & Dawn Hengen
9:00AM Jim Benison & Darla Wilhelm
10:30AM Carol Cundall & Guy Chicoine

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Mildred Mehler & Connie Wheeler
9:00AM Elaine Walton & Annette James
10:30AM Ed & Lorna Moreau

Collection Counters: Leonard Ludwig, Anne Dechief, Sylvia Walliser, Rita Walliser, Elizabeth Olson, Albert Petrash

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Markie Daoust, Maya Daoust, Maleah Daoust
9:00AM Garrett Schwab, Taeghen Hack, Mikayla Hack, Kendra Cossette
10:30AM Keira Phillips, Justin Hertes, Victoria Beahm, Jesse Beahm

Readings:

1st Reading:
Genesis 15:1-6;
17:3b-5, 15-16;
21:1-7
2nd Reading
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel:

Ministries for December 31, Mary Mother of God

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Don Vatamaniuk, Adele Belanger, Clara Weinrauch, Debbie Augey

Lectors:

7:00PM Dawn Hengen & Virginia Wheeler

Hospitality Hosts:

10:30AM Dorothy Heidinger & Gen Fichter

Communion Minister:

7:00PM Joan Fingler

Readings:

1st Reading:
Numbers 6:22-27
2nd Reading:
Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel:
Luke 2:16-21

Ministries for January 1, Mary Mother of God

Cup Ministers:

10:30AM Gary St. Onge, Bev Hickie, Malou Badeo, Doreen LeBlanc

Lectors:

10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf & Darla Wilhelm

Hospitality Hosts:

10:30AM Jim & Elaine Carriere

Communion Minister:

10:30AM Theresa Fernandez

Readings:

1st Reading:
Numbers 6:22-27

2nd Reading:
Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel:
Luke 2:16-21

Ministries for January 3 & 4, Epiphany of the Lord

Cup Ministers and Announcers:

7:00PM Anita LeNouail, Dawn Hengen, Eden Pacunayen, Clara Weinrauch, Virginia Wheeler(Ann)

9:00AM Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Beck, Bill and Laura Baryluk, Joyce Bonokoski(Ann)

10:30AM Karen Melle, Hanna Keating, Carol Cundall, Wes Kreklewich, Jackie Phillips(Ann)

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Ian Fernandez 10:30AM John Kish

Lectors:

7:00PM Gwen Van De Woestyne & Maureen Daoust

9:00AM Treena Hirsch & Beckey Franke

10:30AM Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm & Malou Badeo

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Dorothy Heidinger

9:00AM Colleen Harkins & Mildred Mehler

10:30AM Dianne Green & Melvin Boscher

Collection Counters: Lil Wanner, June Fieber, Louis and Adele Belanger, Genevieve Fichter, Caroline Salaway

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elgira

9:00AM

10:30AM Bernadette Pangan, Dann Pangan, Julia Pangan, Harvey Leal

Readings:

1st Reading:
Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3a,
5-6

Gospel:
Matthew 2:1-12

Ministries for January 10 & 11, Baptism Of The Lord

Cup Ministers and Announcers:

7:00PM Anita LeNouail, Virginia Wheeler, Debbie Augey, Joan Finger, Maureen Daoust(Ann)

9:00AM Treena Hirsch, Darla Wilhelm, Bev Hickie, Breanne Swarbrick, Theresa Fernandez(Ann)

10:30AM Gloria Chicoine, Carol Cundall, Gil Sotto, Jo Ann Schopf, Guy Chicoine(Ann)

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Al Wempe 10:30AM Ken Anderson

Lectors:

7:00PM Eden Pacunayen & Terry Stefuiik

9:00AM Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski & Theresa Beck

10:30AM Wes Kreklewich & Hanna Keating

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Elizabeth Kaitling & Theresa DeBoth

9:00AM Jim & Elaine Carriere

10:30AM Carol & Lynwood Cundall

Collection Counters: Evelyn Sandquist, Bev Hickie, Paul Radomski, Anton Cossette, Eva & Richard Hagel

Altar Servers:

7:00PM

9:00AM

10:30AM Shanelle Rioux, Queen Lontoc, Lyle Guino, Christian Quin

Readings:

1st Reading:
Isaiah 55:1-11

2nd Reading
1 John 5:1-9

Gospel:
Mark 1:7-11

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	December	20	7:00pm	Estevan	†Mike Leptich; Carrie & Family
Sun.	December	21	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	December	21	10:30am	Estevan	†Emile Bouchard; Marieanna Bonokoski
Mon.	December	22		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	23	9:00am	Estevan	†Sister Adelaide; Pat and Bert Parent
Wed.	December	24	10:00am	Hillview Manor	No Mass
Wed.	December	24	11:00am	Hospital	No Mass
Wed.	December	24	7:00pm	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Wed.	December	24	9:00pm	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Wed.	December	24	11:00pm	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Thurs.	December	25	10:30am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Fri.	December	26	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	December	27	7:00pm	Estevan	†Mary Mack; Manny and Doreen
Sun.	December	28	9:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	December	28	10:30am	Estevan	†Sharon Fichter; Louis & Irene Bourgeois
Mon.	December	29		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	30	9:00am	Estevan	†Theodore Fichter; Ofelia & Louis Beaulieu
Wed.	December	31	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Emile Bouchard; Florence Yack
Wed.	December	31	11:00am	Hospital	†John Dauk; The Family
Wed.	December	31	7:00pm	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Thurs.	January	1	10:30am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Fri.	January	2	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	January	3	7:00pm	Estevan	†Mary Mack; Manny & Doreen
Sun.	January	4	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	January	4	10:30am	Estevan	†Kevin & †Ryan; The Families
Mon.	January	5		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	January	6	9:00am	Estevan	†Allan Brown; CWL
Wed.	January	7	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Emile Bouchard; Yvonne Bouchard
Wed.	January	7	11:00am	Hospital	†Pauline Betnar; Emilia Lalonde
Thurs.	January	8	9:00am	Estevan	†Joe Fleck; 4th Degree K of C
Fri.	January	9	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Emile Bouchard; Alice Bouchard
Sat.	January	10	7:00pm	Estevan	†Roy & †Darvin Friess; Margaret & Family
Sun.	January	11	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	January	11	10:30am	Estevan	Special Intentions of Gary & Connie St. Onge

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	December	21	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service Without Communion
Sun.	December	28	9:00am	Bienfait	Travel To Estevan
Sun.	January	4	4:30pm	Bienfait	†Jack & †Margaret Finch; The Family
Sun.	January	11	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service With Communion