

# St. John the Baptist Parish

## Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith



Year B

## Associate Priest:

Fr. Thuy Nguyen  
(also Priest Moderator of Sacred Heart, Torquay)

## MINISTRY CONTACT LIST

### Adoration

Bridget Bittman 306-634-3510

### Adult Education

Gail Dodds 306-634-3975

### Bookkeeper

Susan Mack

### Caretaker

Sigfredo Gonzalez

### Caretaker (Community Center)

We Clean & Maintain 306-471-8342

### Catholic Women's League

Elizabeth Olson 306-634-4215

### Children's Choir

Vacant

### Children's Liturgy Coordinator

Becky Franke 306-461-9559

### Finance Committee

Joan Fingler

### Funeral Choir

Laura Baryluk

### Knights of Columbus

Wes Kreklewich 306-634-7315

### Liturgy Chairperson

Father Brian (Temporary Chair)

Decorating: Virginia Wheeler

Pastoral Care: Geraldine Gervais 306-634-4409

### Lay Ministry Formation

Jackie Phillips 306-634-3812

### Office Coordinator

Karla Waloshin 306-634-2190

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Maureen Daoust

### Pastoral Council Vice Chairperson

Jo Ann Schopf

### Public Relations

Megan Vanstone

### Sacramental Preparation

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

### Social Justice

(Development & Peace a component)

Katie Dunville 306-634-7150

### Schedulers for Liturgy:

Lectors, Cup Ministers, Announcers, &

Hospitality Hosts: Lorraine Schlamp

306-634- 8672. or 306-461-8672

Ushers, Collection Counters: Karla Waloshin

306-634-2190

Altar Servers: Connie Wheeler 306-634-2190

or 306-421-8447

Power Point: Gloria Chicoine

Music: Sandra Bazin

Sound: Susan Bath

Piano Tuning: Dustin Hall

### Stewardship

Dawn Hengen

### Youth Groups

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

October 31 & November 1  
2015  
All Saints

“Lord, this is the company of  
those who seek your face.”  
Psalm 24



## St. John the Baptist Parish Office

#2 - 1118 Second St. Estevan, SK S4A 0L9

Phone: 306-634-2190 Fax: 306-634-6845

*Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am—12:00noon &  
1:00pm—3:00pm*

*Email: [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net)*

*New Website: [stjohnthebaptistestevan.com](http://stjohnthebaptistestevan.com)*

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

## St. John the Baptist Parish Rectory

109 Twelfth Avenue, Estevan, SK S4A 1C9

Fr. Brian Meredith 306-634-5790 Cell Phone 306-540-4528

Fr. Thuy Nguyen: Cell Phone 306-570-7306

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM**

**Sunday Liturgy: 10:00AM**

**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 306-540-4528)**

## October 31 and November 1, 2015 All Saints Day

Listening to Jesus preach the Beatitudes is strong indeed for All Saints Day. The present state of affairs for believers may include poverty, broken spirit, persecution and mourning. Blessed are they, Jesus says, but clearly not because of their circumstances.

Their blessing lies in being a part of the kingdom of God that exists both in the present and in the future. The verbs "are" and "will" indicate that God is at work in the present world, bringing the kingdom to completion. Those within the present kingdom of God who "are" in difficult circumstances "will be" blessed when God brings about the new creation.

Their hope, however, is not merely a future one. It occurs in the present because such people are found living according to the values of God's kingdom. These are good stewards of their faith who are humble and poor in spirit, merciful, peacemakers, pure in heart, and who endure mockery or harm for Jesus' sake. The kingdom of heaven is for all good stewards not only in the future, but in the here and now.

**Attention All Ladies** - Estevan CWL needs your help. Lunch workers' lists are becoming shorter, and we are needing more ladies willing to help with lunches at funerals and other functions. It's not necessary to be a CWL member to help with this. If you could help and would like to have your name added to one of our lists, please call Elizabeth Olson at 306-634-4215 or Donna Kretsch at 306-634-6118. Even if you can only help for part of each year, we'd love to hear from you.

### Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club is on Tuesday, November 10 at 7pm in the Formation Room. Please read Chapters 16-20 for this session.

**God Bless and Happy Reading!!**



## ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT



Please call Mary at 388-2471 for Parish Hall bookings.

An additional Mass will be added on Sunday, November 8th. The additional Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. The parts of the Mass will be recited, not sung. Only the hosts will be distributed at this Mass.

### Children's Liturgy Update

The Children's Liturgy event on October 8th, went well. There were 2 leaders that have been working with your children in the past who have volunteered to continue, thank you Sara Sliva and Elaine Carriere, I enjoyed meeting you both. There were also 2 new ladies that that also attended the meeting and would like to be leaders with their daughters. This continues to be an exciting time in our parish. Please pray for them and thank them for showing an interest and commitment to rebuild our children's liturgy community. If you are interested in being involved in the rebuilding of the Children's Liturgy community please call me or text, Beckey Franke, at 306-461-9559 or email me at [childrensliturgy2015@sasktel.net](mailto:childrensliturgy2015@sasktel.net). Prayers are going out for all of you.

There will be a parish council meeting in Bienfait on Wednesday, November 4 at 7pm, preceded with Mass.

### "Elevator upgrade needed:

Significant upgrades are needed for the elevator in the church. It will cost about \$140,000 to properly upgrade it. We will begin the work only after all the necessary funds have been raised. Contributions for the elevator project can be made to St. John the Baptist Parish. Envelopes for the Building Fund are available at each entrance area, next to the bulletins. Thank you for your consideration and support."  
Fr. Brian



**Ministries for November 7th & 8th, 32nd Sunday in OT**

**Cup Ministers:**

7:00PM Clara Weinrauch, Joan Fingler, Dawn Hengen, Debbie Augey, Eden Pacunayen(Ann)  
10:00AM Wes Kreklewich, Breanne Swarbrick, Theresa Beck, Jo Ann Schopf, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm(Ann)

**Lectors:**

7:00PM Terry Stefiuk & Gwen Van De Woestyne  
8:30AM Jim Benison  
10:00AM Malou Badeo & Treena Hirsch

**Hospitality Hosts:**

7:00PM Connie Wheeler & Joan Fingler  
10:00AM Ellie Dukart & Diane Green

**Ushers:**

7:00PM Brian Miiller  
10:00AM Dave Wanner

**Altar Servers:**

7:00PM Markie Daoust, Maya Daoust, Maleah Daoust  
10:00AM Christian Quin

**Collection Counters:**

Lil Wanner, June Fieber, Genevieve Fichter, Caroline Salaway,  
Lorraine Pho, Joanne Weisgerber

**First Reading:**

1 Kings 17.10-16

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews 9.24-28

**Gospel:**

Matthew 12.38-44

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**



**Coaching Sessions:**

Thursday, November 5 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium  
Thursday, November 19 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium

**Retreats:**

SHSC - Thursday, November 26 at 9:45am in the Auditorium  
St. Mary's - Thursday, November 26 at 1:15pm in the Auditorium

**Celebrations:**

SHSC - Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30pm  
St. Mary's - Thursday, December 3 at 6:30pm

Deanery Pastoral Council meeting will be held Nov.1 @ 2:30 at Our Lady of LaSalette, Forget.

Bob Kowalchuk and Jennifer Thomson will be attending to speak about the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan and their vision. Also we'll be finalizing details for a workshop to train those interested in conducting funeral liturgies. Please be sure there are representatives from your parish. Everyone welcome.

The **Wall of Remembrance** is up on the bulletin board in the Church Auditorium. Please place your pictures of your deceased loved ones on the Wall in honor of All Souls Day. The Wall of Remembrance will be in the Church Auditorium until the middle of November.



"Fire Lane: As clearly indicated by the signs on the buildings, the space between the Church and the Community Center is designated as a Fire Lane. Therefore, for safety purposes, and as a way of showing respect for all human life, this area is to remain free of vehicles at all times ( 7 days a week 24 hours a day ). Failure to respect the Fire Lane regulations may result in enforcement authorities being contacted."

Fr. Brian

We are looking for gently used toys and books to add to the cry room for young families to use during mass. If you have anything to donate please leave in the bin at the back of the church. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	October	31	7:00pm	Estevan	†Cecilia & †Consolation D'Souza; Ian & Theresa Fernandez
Sun.	November	1	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon	November	2		Estevan	No Mass
Tues	November	3	9:00am	Estevan	†Kathryn Orłowski; Mom & Dad
Wed.	November	4	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Roger Bezaire; The Family
Wed.	November	4	11:00am	Hospital	†Frank Johner; Louis & Irene Bourgesis
Thurs.	November	5	9:00am	Estevan	†Emile Bouchard; CWL
Fri.	November	6	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	November	7	7:00pm	Estevan	†Valentine †Mary Dillman & †Annetee Buckholta; The Family
Sun.	November	8	8:30am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	November	8	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

### St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	November	1	5:00pm	Bienfait	† Mary Grube; Marvel Gall
Sun.	November	8	5:00pm	Bienfait	† Ron Carriere; Marcel DeLaet

### Up Coming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Senior Youth Group	Monday, November 2	6:30pm	Community Center Gymnasium
CWL Meeting	Tuesday, November 3	1pm	Auditorium ( if auditorium in use will be held in boardroom)
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, November 5	9:30am	Auditorium
Booking Committee Meeting	Thursday, November 5	4pm	Boardroom
1st Reconciliation Coaching	Thursday, November 5	6:30pm	Auditorium
Senior Youth Group	Monday, November 9	6:30pm	Formation Room
K of C Meeting	Monday, November 9	7:30pm	Community Center
Book Club	Tuesday, November 10	7pm	Formation Room
Finance Meeting	Tuesday, November 10	7pm	Community Center
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, November 12	9:30am	Auditorium
Baptism Preparation Class	Thursday, November 12	7pm	Auditorium
Community Baptism	Sunday, November 15	2pm	Church

**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:** Payton Sernick, Oliver Kennedy, Erlinda Balasbas, William Sinclair, Carol Cundall, Wesh Binalla, Eleanor Mack, Nicole Elliott, Laura Lafrentz and Allen Barreth; may they be comforted with God's abiding love.

**For those who have died,** especially Zakiah Kahn and Frank Johner; may they rest in God's undying love and rise with Christ in glory.

## **Theodore Court Case History and Background**

In 2005, York School Division (now Good Spirit School Division #204 (GSSD)) filed a legal complaint against what is now Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic School Division #212 (CTRCSD) and the Government of Saskatchewan.

The complaint alleges that the creation of the new school division after the closure of Theodore Public School did not meet the criteria of being a separate school—serving Catholics who are the minority religion in the region. They allege it was created merely as a means to prevent the school from closing and children being bussed to a nearby town, and they are challenging the legal status of the division.

Their argument is that per student grants paid to a Catholic school division for non-Catholic students is discriminatory against public schools under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Basically, that non-Catholic students should not be able to attend a Catholic school.

They are not disputing the validity of accepting per-student funding for Catholic students attending public schools.

Since 2005, GSSD has requested that the court make changes to the complaint, broadening the scope of the case and adding complaints. Now, in addition to challenging funding, it challenges the constitutional rights of minority-faith separate school divisions in Saskatchewan.

## **What Do Catholic school divisions believe?**

Catholic school divisions recognize parents are the first teachers of their children and support the concept of parents having a choice to have their children educated in a Catholic atmosphere—whether the students or parents are Catholic or not. Accepting all students willing to learn from a Catholic perspective is consistent with the moral values we embrace as a faith community and that we instill in the children we teach.

The challenge by the public school division of the right of Catholic separate schools to admit non-Catholic students threatens the choice of parents, limiting the education options of non-Catholic parents for their children. This challenge is a later addition to the court claim and is contrary to the current legislation in this province.

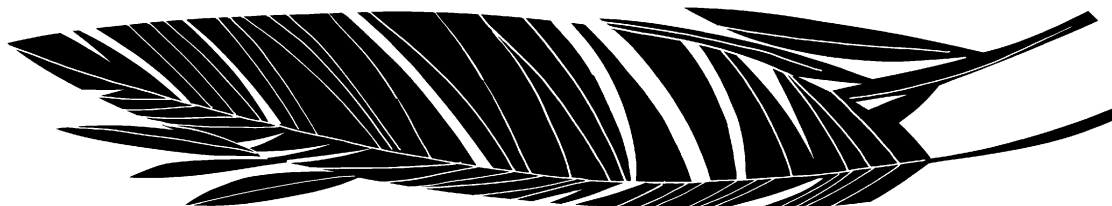
We interpret the Saskatchewan Act in a way that requires funding to Catholic separate schools be comparable to that provided to public schools. Fair and equitable funding includes all students, regardless of their faith.

Catholic school divisions understand that the current funding provided by the province is within the constitutional authority of the province and is not subject to Charter challenge.

Catholic school divisions believe we have the right to decide to admit non-Catholic students and to determine the extent to which their admission allows us to maintain a truly authentic faith-based Catholic school system. Our faith is a journey that includes inquiry of non-Catholics and growth of existing members. This requires inclusion and a welcoming spirit.

## **Please note:**

This case will be going to trial on November 9, 2015 in Yorkton and is scheduled for five weeks. We ask that you please keep the wonderful gift of publicly-funded Catholic Education in your prayers during this crucial time.





**In honor of All Souls' Day, St. John the Baptist Parish will be offering a Blue Mass on Sunday, November 8 at 10:00am.** We will be remembering our brothers and sisters who have died this past year. If you would like to include a loved ones name in the Mass but they passed away more than a year ago, please contact the Parish Office to have them included. As George S. Patton stated, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." This will a celebration of our deceased family members' lives.



If you are new to the parish and have questions, would like to register, or would like parish envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190. We would be happy to help you!!



## *Stewardship Saint for November*

### **St. Martin of Tour**

St. Martin of Tours was born around 316 in a territory that is now part of Hungary. His father, an officer in the Roman army, conscripted Martin into military service at the age of fifteen.

While Martin was still a soldier, there occurred the famous incident memorialized by many artists. One day while at the gates of the city of Amiens he saw a scantily clad beggar. Martin cut his own military cloak in half and shared it with the beggar. That night Martin dreamed that Jesus was wearing that same half-cloak he had given away. Martin had for some time considered becoming a Christian. He was promptly baptized and made the decision to dedicate his life to Christ.

Martin became a follower of St. Hilary of Poitiers (January 13) who gave him land where the first monastery in Gaul (present-day France) was established. It is the first monastery known to be established north of the Alps. Christianity was largely confined to urban areas, and Martin saw monasteries as rural spiritual centers from which evangelization in the countryside could take place. He was zealous in bringing people to Christ.

In 371, a time when bishops were chosen by the faithful, Martin was tricked into coming to Tours to be elected bishop. He was well-known for his evangelizing, personal holiness, healing ministry and compassion toward the poor. It was also well-known that Martin would never agree to be a bishop. A man from the city came to Martin and begged him to visit his sick wife. When the kindhearted Martin got to Tours crowds of people came out of hiding and surrounded him. Unable to escape, he was swept into the city and, overwhelmed by the will of the crowds, became their bishop.

Martin maintained his lifestyle as a monk and exercised stewardship of the diocese on foot, horseback and by boat. His profound personal witness met with great success in an area that was largely pagan. Martin died on November 8, 397, and his feast is November 11, the day he was buried in Tours. He is a patron saint of France.