

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith

Associate Priest:

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



Year B

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

Finance Committee

Joan Fingler

Folk Choir

Vacant

Funeral Choir

Laura Baryluk

Knights of Columbus

Wes Kreklewich 306-634-7315

Liturgy Chairperson

Father Brian (Temporary Chair)

Scheduler for Lectors, Cup Ministers, Announcers &
Hospitality Hosts: Lorraine Schlamp 306-634-8672 or
306-461-8672

Scheduler for Ushers & Collection Counters:

Karla Waloshin 306-634-2190

Scheduler for Altar Servers: Connie Wheeler

306-634-2190 or 634-421-8447

Decorating: Virginia Wheeler

Pastoral Care: Geraldine Gervais 306-634-4409

Lay Ministry Formation

Jackie Phillips 306-634-3812

Music Ministry

Vacant

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

Sound Ministry

Vacant

Special Events

Vacant

Stewardship

Dawn Hengen

Youth Groups

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

August 29 & 30, 2015

22nd Sunday in OT

"O Lord, who may abide in your tent?"

Psalm 15



September 5 & 6, 2015

23rd Sunday in OT

"Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

Psalm 146

St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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

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

*Summer Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10am - noon and
1pm - 3pm*

*Regular Office Hours (Starting September 1): Monday to Friday 9am -
noon and 1pm - 3pm*

Email: stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net

Website: 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: 306-634-5790 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 306-634-5790)



☆☆☆☆☆
LABOR
☆☆☆☆☆
DAY

Ministries for September 5 & 6, 23rd Sunday in OT

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Dawn Hengen, Joan Fingler, Eden Pacunayen, Bev Hickie, Gwen Van De Woestyne (Ann)
10:00AM Doreen LeBlanc, Jackie Phillips, Margaret Mack, Darla Wilhelm, Gordon Schwab (Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Terry Stefiuk & Maureen Daoust
10:00AM Karen Melle & Beckey Franke

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Lorraine Schlamp & Dorothy Heidinger
10:00AM George & Irene Kreiger

Ushers:

7:00PM Ray Audet 10:00AM Ian Fernandez

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira
10:00AM Justin Hertes, Victoria Beahm, Jesse Beahm

Collection Counters:

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

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading:

James 2:1-5

Gospel:

Mark 7:31-37

Ministries for September 12 & 13, 24th Sunday in OT

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler, Dawn Hengen, Terry Stefiuk, Gwen Van De Woestyne, Clara Weinrauch (Ann)
10:00AM Guy Chicoine, Jo Ann Schopf, Gloria Chicoine, Theresa Beck, Theresa Fernandez (Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Debbie Augey
10:00AM Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm & Hanna Keating

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Norma Kuntz & Virginia Wheeler
10:00AM Connie Wheeler & Margaret Daoust

Ushers:

7:00PM Brian Miiller 10:00AM John Mickel

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Markie Daoust, Maya Daoust, Maleah Daoust
10:00AM Dann Pangan, Julia Pangan, Harvey Leal

Collection Counters:

Elaine Walton, Ron & Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Fernandez

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:5-9

Second Reading:

James 2:14-18

Gospel:

Mark 8:27-35

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

August 29 & 30 - 22nd Sunday in OT

In the reading from the letter of St. James we are urged to be “doers” of the Gospel, not just listeners. Being a “steward” of God’s Word is a matter of listening to the Good News, embracing the Good News and putting the Good News into action in our day-to-day lives. And whenever we are uncertain as to what decisions to make or actions to take as good stewards of the Gospel, St. James reminds us: We can never go wrong if we resist popular values that are not compatible with the Gospel, and we come to the aid of those who are burdened, distressed and poor.



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

September 5 & 6 - 23rd Sunday in OT

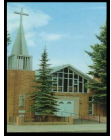
St. James teaches that those who are poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty; we are redeemed out of our need; not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor; and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. How do we respond to the less fortunate right within our own parish?





For those who are sick, especially: Cheryl Heleta, Payton Sernick, Oliver Kennedy, Jackie Fitzsimmons, Erlinda Balasbas, William Sinclair, Carol Cundall, Wesh Binalla, and Nicole Elliott, may they be comforted with God's abiding love.

For those who have died, may they rest in God's undying love and rise with Christ in glory.



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT
Please call Mary at 388-2471 for Parish Hall bookings.

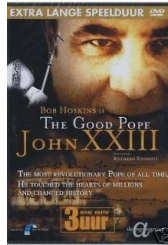


MARK YOUR CALENDAR
St. John the Baptist Parish is happy to present

The Pastor's Series

The first film we will be watching is "The Good Pope John XXIII." Angelo Roncalli, born in Sotto Il Monte in 1881, is known for his profound spirituality as well as his extraordinary goodness from the young years of his life. When he feels a need to serve God, Angelo goes to study theology in Bergamo, and in Apollinare School (Rome) and becomes a priest. During his studies, he gets to know his two dearest friends, Mattia and Nicola. Very soon, most people see marvelous talents in him, including his wide knowledge and a constant readiness for sacrifice. The Holy See makes him go further to bishop and cardinal, and the Holy Father sends him to various places as a representative of the Church. When Pius XII dies on October 9th, 1958, 77 year-old Angelo goes to Rome, to conclave to choose a new pope. However, this time, it is him who hears the gentle words of Jesus "Tu es Petrus!" ("You are Peter!") and from October 28th leads the church as Pope John XXIII.

Following the movie there will be time for personal reflection which may be done in the Church.



Thursday, September 10 at 7pm until 9pm in the Church Auditorium. Everyone is welcome!!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are starting soon. If you would like to join, please contact Father Brian at 306-540-4528.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

St. John the Baptist Parish celebrates First Reconciliation in Grade 3. Baptism is a prerequisite to Confirmation/First Communion and First Reconciliation. If your child attends a Catholic School, registration forms will be going out through the schools in early September. If your child does not attend a Catholic School and is in Grade 3 and would like to register for First Reconciliation please call Connie at the Parish Office at 634-2190.

A First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm in the Church Auditorium. This is an information meeting for all parents with children in Grade 3 who are wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office.

The Rite of Enrollment Masses for First Reconciliation are:
Sacred Heart School - Saturday, October 3 at 7pm
St. Mary's School - Sunday, October 4 at 10am

Pastoral Council is on Tuesday, September 15 at 5pm. Please have your reports in by Friday, September 11 at noon.



Starting September 1, the Parish Office will be open Monday to Friday from 9am until noon and from 1pm until 3pm.



THE WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOW BE ON SATURDAYS AT 7PM AND SUNDAYS AT 10AM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Prayer changes us, [changes] our heart. It helps us better understand our God. This is why it is important to speak with the Lord.
—Pope Francis, April 3, 2014

Pastoral Letter to the Catholic Faithful on the Legalization of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

“Those who are weak have great difficulty finding their place in our society. The image of the ideal human as powerful and capable disenfranchises the old, the sick, the less-abled.” - Jean Vanier

July 13, 2015

Dear Catholic Faithful of Saskatchewan,

At this critical moment in our nation’s history, our faith in Jesus Christ impels us – as the Catholic bishops exercising ministry in Saskatchewan – to reach out to Catholics and invite all to focus attention on the vital issue of legalizing assisted suicide and euthanasia.

On February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the existing laws against assisted suicide, giving Parliament one year to write a new law. This is of grave concern to all of us. In particular, we must consider how this decision will impact the most vulnerable among us – including our elderly, those who are dying, and our sisters and brothers who live with disabilities or mental illness. We also face threats to freedom of conscience and religion, particularly for medical professionals who may be pressured to act against their calling as healers.

Euphemisms such as “medical aid in dying”, “assisted death”, and “dying with dignity” attempt to hide the fact that euthanasia is the deliberate taking of someone’s life, and that assisted suicide intentionally provides someone with the knowledge or means to complete suicide.

*“We are stewards, not owners,
of the life God has entrusted to
us. It is not ours to dispose of.”*

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2280

Eliminating a life is not an appropriate response to suffering. Instead, we urge the promotion of quality palliative and end-of-life care. Our Catholic faith promotes the sanctity of life, the common good, and a culture of life in which each human being is protected, and every person feels responsible for the care and the well-being of others until their natural death.

It is important to note that when we are patients, we already have the right to refuse medical treatments we consider burdensome. We are *not* required to do everything possible to stay alive as long as possible. Also, giving patients enough medication to provide pain relief is *not* euthanasia, even if the higher dose might unintentionally shorten the patient’s life. The *intent* is to reduce suffering rather than to hasten death, unlike assisted suicide and euthanasia whose intent is to kill the patient.

In promoting the dignity of the human person, our Church also defends the freedom of conscience of all people, whatever their religion or philosophy of life. With proposed new policies by professional associations that could limit the freedom of conscience of healthcare professionals, it is urgent and vital for all of us to stand united in defense of those who have accepted the call to serve as healers.

We encourage the Catholic faithful and all Canadians to respond courageously to the challenges posed by the Supreme Court’s ruling, by raising their voices in defense of the life and the human dignity of all persons, especially the most vulnerable. As Saint John Paul II exhorted us, “Be not afraid!”

We also offer some suggestions for action:

- Urge the federal government to take all the time necessary to carry out thorough consultations, to ensure that new legislation on physician-assisted suicide is as restrictive as possible.
- Call on governments and professional associations to implement regulations and policies that ensure respect for the freedom of conscience of all health-care professionals who cannot accept killing as a solution to pain and suffering.
- Participate in the second round of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan's public consultation on their new conscientious objection policy (deadline to provide feedback to <https://www.cps.sk.ca> is Aug. 7). For more information on this consultation, please see the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada website at www.cmdscanada.org.
- Support Catholic physicians, nurses, health professionals and administrators as they stand up for their faith in the face of changing circumstances and new demands.
- Press for improved access to palliative care, including proper pain and symptom management, offering real choices that reduce suffering, rather than end life. Instead of hastening death for Canadians who are ill or dying, we must support them with high quality palliative care, which offers a wholistic healing experience for them and for their families.

In the Gospels we see Jesus' compassionate care for the sick and the suffering. As followers of Jesus Christ, we too are called to serve the vulnerable and the voiceless, by caring for the well-being of the whole person. Pope Francis reminds us that, "Truly, the Gospel of the marginalized is where our credibility is at stake, is found and is revealed!" Exercising our responsibility as Christians to act on our concerns about these vitally important matters will encourage the development of health and social policies that are consistent with social justice teachings.

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Our Lord came into the world to bring life and healing: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). We encourage each of you to develop your understanding of the impact of the legalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We affirm with deep gratitude and encourage with genuine care all who work to uphold the value of human life and dignity from conception to natural death. All human life deserves respect and protection. We share a common responsibility to serve the sick and the aged, not only by attending to physical illnesses, but also by caring for the well-being of the whole person, in imitation of Christ the Healer.

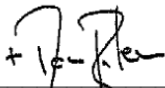
Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. Daniel J. Bohan,
Archbishop of Regina



Most Rev. Albert Thévenot
Bishop of Prince Albert



Most Rev. Donald Bolen
Bishop of Saskatoon



Most Rev. Bryan Bayda
Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon



Most Rev. Murray Chatlain
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas

GRADE TWO CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION

“And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:39)

The Archdiocese of Regina has restored the order of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Sacraments of Initiation are:

Baptism - we share in his death and resurrection.

Confirmation - we share in the gift of the Pentecost.

Communion - we share in the food of life.



Once again this year at St. John the Baptist Parish, Grade Two candidates will receive both the sacrament of Confirmation and the sacrament of First Communion at the same celebration. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child's home. Preparation will begin in the fall and continue throughout the school year. *(Over the past few years, Archbishop Daniel Bohan has clearly stated that the practice of celebrating First Communion before Confirmation is no longer an option in the Archdiocese of Regina.)*

Registration forms will be sent through the Catholic schools in early September. If your child attends a public school, please call Connie at the Parish Office to register. **There will be a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm in the Church Auditorium.** This meeting will give you an outline of the year of preparation ahead.

St. John the Baptist Parish is pleased to start a new session of our Book Club.

This time we are studying “The Reluctant Disciple—Daring To Believe” by David Wells. The first reading assignment will need to be completed for the first meeting.

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 21 at 7pm in the Formation Room in the Community Center. Just come in the front door and the Formation Room is directly to your left.

You may pick up your complimentary copy of the book at the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Connie at the Parish Office.



**Everyone is welcome!
God Bless and Happy**



**The annual CWL Fall Fun Fair will be held on Sunday, September 13 from 11am until 2pm. There will be something for everyone!!!
Lunch will be available for purchase.**

Set up will be on Saturday, September 12 beginning at 9am. Donations of produce, baking, cakes for the cake walk, books, crafts, new and next-to-new items for sale or auction are needed and may be brought to the Church Auditorium the morning of set-up. Baking may also be brought on Sunday morning. Household and kitchen items for the bargain table may be donated before set-up day by calling Marj at 306-634-6533. No TV's, computers or clothing please.

The CWL Annual Raffle Ticket winners will be drawn at the Fun Fair. Please remember to purchase your tickets!! If you have tickets out, please remember to return them!!



Would you like to be an altar server?

If you are in **grade 5 or older**, altar serving is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and your Church. Please seriously consider serving in this important ministry. New servers as well as previous servers who attend a **public school** and wish to continue serving should contact Connie at the Parish Office or by email (youthstj@sasktel.net). If you are a server and **do not** wish to continue, please let Connie know at the Parish Office (634-2190).

****Registration forms will be sent out through the Catholic schools as well.****

**We are having an Altar Server Workshop.
Only new altar servers are required to attend.
Thursday, September 24 at 7pm in the Church.**



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!!

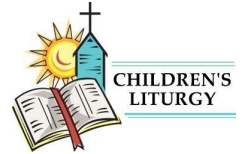


Prayer For Our School Staffs

As our teachers and support staff step into a new academic year,
restore their spirits and
renew their passion for sharing your wisdom.
Nurture their compassion
for those You put in their charge.
Transform them as they seek to transform.
Guide them as they seek to guide.
Open their minds and hearts
as they seek to open minds and hearts
to the Good News of justice and peace.
Help them listen more deeply
to the world and to your Word
so they can walk with their students,
attentive to the Wisdom that
calls us all to the Kingdom of God.
Amen.



We welcome Beckey Franke as our new Children's Liturgy Coordinator. She will work at developing a Children's Liturgy Team who will assist and support her in implementing the new Children's Liturgy program, as well as helping her with recruiting Adult Leaders and Youth Helpers. We wish Beckey all the best in her new position!!



In his homily on March 15, 2015, Pope Francis announced, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an *extraordinary Jubilee* that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)'"

This Holy Year of Mercy will begin on Sunday, December 8, 2015 and continue to Sunday, November 20, 2016.



On October 7th we will be celebrating a very special Anniversary for our Church. On December 4, 1915, the Diocese of Regina was elevated to the status of Archdiocese.

By becoming an Archdiocese, Regina became the Metropolitan Archdiocese of the ecclesiastical Province of Regina in Saskatchewan.

The purpose of bringing dioceses together to form an ecclesiastical province is to foster cooperation and common pastoral action within a region. The Archdiocese is headed by the Archbishop who is then the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province. The Ecclesiastical Province of Regina is made up of the Archdiocese of Regina and the Dioceses of Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The Archbishop has specific responsibilities towards the dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province.

The elevation was then both a special honour to the Church in Regina and a conferral of a special ministry of Jesus serving the Universal Church. We have chosen to celebrate the anniversary of this special event by focusing on the way we live and foster our Catholic Faith in Jesus Christ in our homes and with our families. Our motto for this year is "Celebrating 100 Years of Family Faith."

As a way of thanking God for these years of God's blessings that our faith has brought to us, there will be a special Mass celebrated on **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral**. The faithful throughout the Archdiocese are warmly invited to take part in this Mass.

In marking the specialness of this occasion, the Mass will be celebrated by the Pope's representative in Canada, His Excellency Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada.

After the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. There will be no charge for the reception, but we would like to know the numbers attending to advise our caterer. Please call Bernadette at 306-352-1651 ext. 227 to RSVP before October 1, 2015.



Years of Families of Faith

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	August	29	7:00pm	Estevan	†Neil Kish; Prokop Family
Sun.	August	30	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	August	31		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	September	1	7:00pm	Estevan	†Roger Bezaire; The Family
Wed.	September	2	10:00am	Hillview Manor	Intentions of Louise Seipp; Seipp Family
Wed.	September	2	11:00am	Hospital	†Roger Bezaire; Clara Weinrauch
Thurs.	September	3	9:00am	Estevan	†Norman Fleck; Adelle Olgan
Fri.	September	4	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	September	5	7:00pm	Estevan	†Bert Parent; Elizabeth Olson
Sun.	September	6	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	September	7		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	September	8	9:00am	Estevan	†Pearl Marcotte; CWL
Wed.	September	9	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Leo Seipp & †Leo Seipp Jr.; Seipp Family
Wed.	September	9	11:00am	Hospital	†June Kraus; Pat Parent
Thurs.	September	10	9:00am	Estevan	†Roger Bezaire; The Family
Fri.	September	11	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Martha Walliser; Richard & Eva Hagel
Sat.	September	12	7:00pm	Estevan	†Charles Walter; Clara Weinrauch
Sun.	September	13	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	August	30	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Clayton Wheeler; Greg, Connie, Levi & Avery
Sun.	September	6	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Peter Wock; Lawrence & Charlotte Johner
Sun.	September	13	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Albert Schopf; CWL

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

CWL Mass and Meeting	Tuesday, September 1	7pm	Church and Auditorium
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, September 3	9:30am	Auditorium
Booking Committee Meeting	Thursday, September 3	4pm	Boardroom
Finance Committee Meeting	Tuesday, September 8	7pm	Boardroom
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, September 10	9:30am	Auditorium
Pastor's Series	Thursday, September 10	7pm	Auditorium
CWL Fall Funfair Set-up	Saturday, September 12	9am	Auditorium
CWL Fall Funfair	Sunday, September 13	11am	Auditorium
K of C Meeting	Monday, September 14	7:30pm	K of C Room
Pastoral Council	Tuesday, September 15	7pm	Boardroom
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, September 17	9:30am	Auditorium
Baptism Preparation	Thursday, September 17	7pm	Auditorium
Community Baptism	Sunday, September 20	2pm	Church
Book Club	Monday, September 21	7pm	Formation Room