

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith

Associate Priest:

Fr. Thuy Nguyen

(also Priest Moderator of
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Elizabeth Olson 306-634-4215

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Mary Ellen Barreth 306-634-9004

Children's Liturgy

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Folk Choir

Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

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

Seniors Morning Gathering

Gina Espina

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Katie Dunville 306-634-7150

Special Events

Stacy Grunert 306-421-1905

Vocations

Jackie Phillips 306-634-3812

Youth Groups

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

World Day of Prayer at the Salvation
Army Church on March 6 at 2pm.



**February 28 & March 1,
2015**

Second Sunday of Lent

"I will walk before the Lord, in the
land of the living."

Psalm 116



February 21 & 22, 2015
First Sunday of Lent

"Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness
for those who keep your covenant."

Psalm 25



March 7 & 8, 2015

Third Sunday of Lent

"Lord, you have the words of
eternal life."

Psalm 19

**St. John the Baptist
Parish Annual General
Meeting: Sunday, March
8 at 1pm in the
Auditorium.**



Ministries for February 28 & March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler, Clara Weinrauch, Don Vatamaniuck, Debbie Augey, Gwen Van De Woestyne (Ann)
9:00AM Bev Hickie, Beckey Franke, Marg Mack, Gordon Schwab, Adele Belanger (Ann)
10:30AM Jackie Phillips, Gil Sotto, Carol Cundall, Wes Kreklewich, Hanna Keating (Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Eden Pacunayen
9:00AM Breanne Swarbrick & Jim Benison
10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf & Karen Melle

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Dorothy Heidinger
9:00AM Ian & Theresa Fernandez
10:30AM Ed & Lorna Moreau

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Ian Fernandez 10:30AM Dave Wanner

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira
9:00AM Taeghen Hack, Mikayla Hack
10:30AM Shanelle Rioux, Lyle Guino, Christian Quin

Collection Counters:

Lil Wanner, June Fieber, Louis & Adele Belanger, Genevieve Fichter, Caroline Salaway

Readings:

1st Reading:
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18

2nd Reading:
Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel:
Mark 2:2-10

Ministries for March 7 & 8, Third Sunday of Lent

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Joan Fingler, Anita LeNouail, Clara Weinrauch, Terry Stefiuk, Maureen Daoust (Ann)
9:00AM Margaret Mack, Adele Belanger, Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski, Beckey Franke, Theresa Fernandez (Ann)
10:30AM Gil Sotto, Wes Kreklewich, Jackie Phillips, Karen Melle, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm (Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Gwen Van De Woestyne & Virginia Wheeler
9:00AM Jim Benison & Darla Wilhelm
10:30AM Carol Cundall & Hannah Keating

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Dorothy Heidinger
9:00AM Genevieve Fichter & Eleanor Mack
10:30AM Ed & Lorna Moreau

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM Al Wempe 10:30AM John Kish

Altar Servers:

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

Collection Counters:

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

Readings:

1st Reading:
Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel:
John 2:13-25

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21 & 22

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

Most of us have heard many times the story of how God tested Abraham, as reported in our first reading from Genesis. Often there may be various emotional reactions to the situation as it unfolds. However, there are two important aspects of the narrative that we sometimes miss. Yes, Abraham was tested, but so was his son Isaac. It would seem that Isaac was a willing participant in the ordeal. Isaac clearly did not protest nor resist lying on the altar in preparation for what would occur. Isaac offers an example of one of the basic tenets of stewardship: he trusted completely in God (and in his father, as well). That kind of total trust is difficult, but if we do not trust in the Lord, it is hard for us to make the kind of commitment to stewardship and discipleship the Lord wants from us.

Ministries for March 14 & 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Dawn Hengen, Debbie Augey, Virginia Wheeler, Don Vatamaniuk, Eden Pacunayen (Ann)
 9:00AM Bev Hickie, Doreen LeBlanc, Darla Wilhelm, Treena Hirsch, Theresa Beck (Ann)
 10:30AM Lynwood Cundall, Jo Ann Schopf, Karen Melle, Wes Kreklewich, Guy Chicoine (Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Clara Weinrauch
 9:00AM Breanne Swarbrick & Gordon Schwab
 10:30AM Jackie Phillips & Gil Sotto

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Elizabeth Catling & Theresa deBoth
 9:00AM Elaine Walton & Annette James
 10:30AM Mildred Mehler & Jo Ann Schopf

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 9:00AM John Mickel 10:30AM Ken Anderson

Altar Servers:

7:00PM
 9:00AM
 10:30AM Dann Pangan, Julia Pangan, Harvey Leal

Collection Counters:

Elaine Walton, Ron & Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Fernandez, Gerald Reich

Readings:

1st Reading:

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2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:

John 3:14-21

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Rite of Election	Sunday, February 22	3pm	Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina
Grade 6-8 Pizza & Movie Night	Monday, February 23	6pm	Auditorium
Seniors' Morning Out	Tuesday, February 24	9:30am	Auditorium
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday, February 24	7pm	Boardroom
Book Club	Tuesday, February 24	7pm	Formation Room
RCIA	Wednesday, February 25	7pm	Formation Room
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, February 26	9:30am	Auditorium
Confirmation/First Communion Class	Thursday, February 26	6:30pm	Auditorium
Stations of the Cross	Friday, February 27	6:30pm	Church Led By The Knights of Columbus
Alpha For Teens	Monday, March 2	7pm	Formation Room
CWL Mass and Meeting	Tuesday, March 3	7pm	Church and Church Auditorium Guest Speaker: Christina Attard
RCIA	Wednesday, March 4	7pm	Formation Room
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, March 5	9:30am	Auditorium
Booking Committee Meeting	Thursday, March 5	4pm	Boardroom
Noah's Incredible Cruise	Thursday, March 5	7pm	Church
Noah's Incredible Cruise	Friday, March 6	7pm	Church
Noah's Incredible Cruise	Saturday, March 7	2pm	Church
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, March 8	1pm	Auditorium
Alpha For Teens	Monday, March 9	7pm	Formation Room
K of C Meeting	Monday, March 9	7:30pm	K of C Room
Finance Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 10	7pm	Boardroom
Book Club	Tuesday, March 10	7pm	Formation Room
RCIA	Wednesday, March 11	7pm	Formation Room
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, March 12	9:30am	Auditorium
Baptism Prep	Thursday, March 12	7pm	TBA
Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 13	6:30pm	Church Led By Social Justice

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	February	21	7:00pm	Estevan	†Kathy Trobert; Greg & Vivian Walliser
Sun.	February	22	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	February	22	10:30am	Estevan	†Deceased Family Members; Geisel Family
Mon.	February	23		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	February	24	9:00am	Estevan	†George Stark; CWL
Wed.	February	25	10:00am	Hillview Manor	Health of Dave & Dale Hawkins; Geisel Family
Wed.	February	25	11:00am	Hospital	†Rose Wock; Stan & Kay Mickalishen
Thurs.	February	26	9:00am	Estevan	†Norman Fleck; Ernest & Anne Fleck
Fri.	February	27	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Emile Bouchard; Florence Yack
Sat.	February	28	7:00pm	Estevan	†Robert Cyr; The Family
Sun.	March	1	9:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	March	1	10:30am	Estevan	†Rose Wock; Ralph & Brenda Nabis
Mon.	March	2		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	March	3	7:00pm	Estevan	†Emile Bouchard; CWL
Wed.	March	4	10:00am	Hillview Manor	Anniversary Celebration of Kim & Julie
Wed.	March	4	11:00am	Hospital	†Theodore Fichter; Louis & Otilia Beaulieu
Thurs.	March	5	9:00am	Estevan	No Mass
Fri.	March	6	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	March	7	7:00pm	Estevan	†Robert Cyr; The Family
Sun.	March	8	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	March	8	10:30am	Estevan	†William Wanner; Adeline Wanner
Mon.	March	9		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	March	10	9:00am	Estevan	†Jack & Margaret Finch; The Family
Wed.	March	11	10:00am	Hillview Manor	Health of Family Members; Geisel Family
Wed.	March	11	11:00am	Hospital	†Kathy Trobert; Gerald & Janice Johner
Thurs.	March	12	9:00am	Estevan	For Healing of the Family Tree; Parishioner
Fri.	March	13	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Father Les Kot; Stan Michalishen
Sat.	March	14	7:00pm	Estevan	†Sharon Foster; CWL
Sun.	March	15	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	March	15	10:30am	Estevan	†Cecilia D'Souza; CWL

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

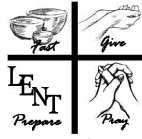
Sun.	February	22		Bienfait	Travel to Estevan
Sun.	March	1	4:30pm	Bienfait	†Rose Wock; Gerald & Janice Johner
Wed.	March	4	7:00pm	Bienfait	Mass & Parish Council Meeting
Sun.	March	8	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service With Communion
Sun.	March	15	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service Without Communion

Friday Lunchtime Lenten Services Schedule

These ecumenical, lunchtime services run from 12:05pm to 12:30pm. Lunch will be served after the service from 12:30pm to 12:45pm. A free will offering will be taken.

Everyone is welcome!! Theme 2015: Parables

- Feb. 27 Estevan Alliance Church
- Mar. 6 St. Paul's United Church
- Mar. 13 St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- Mar. 20 Trinity Lutheran Church
- Mar. 27 St. Paul's United Church (Lenten Hymn Sing)



Sponsored by the Estevan Ministerial Association. Call any participating church for more information.

Book Club has started again! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 24 at 7pm in the Formation Room. Please read Part Two of the book. We are studying the Matthew Kelly book "Rhythm of Life". Pick up your complimentary copy at the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome!!



2014 Income Tax receipts can be picked up at the Parish Office until Tuesday, February 24. On that date, they will be mailed out.



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, Oliver Kennedy, Richard Hagel, Reynaldo Recolato, Jackie Fitzsimmons, Zella Reed and Erlinda Balasbas.

Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed: Jacob Wanner and Edward Schell.

Noah's Incredible Cruise

Sunday, February 22-Practice 2pm
Sunday, March 1-Practice 2pm
Wednesday, March 4-Dress Rehearsal 5pm



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT

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



...an organization of CHILDREN helping CHILDREN.

The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) is designed for Catholic Children so they can help other children around the world. The HCA helps children in Ghana, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Sri Lanka. Children Helping Children is a project for children in our parishes and many schools! No one is too little to care about others. **What can you do this week?** Use the Lenten calendar that was in the last bulletin. Help your family make a Lenten Chain! Cut purple construction paper into one-inch horizontal strips. Once a week, during Lent, invite everyone in your family to write down their Lenten goal for the week: a prayer they plan to say each day, a sacrifice they plan to commit to, a work of mercy they plan to perform, etc. Loop the strips around one another, taping them together to form a chain. Display the Lenten Chain prominently and watch it grow during Lent as the family strives to grow closer to Jesus.

Knights of Columbus

Since 1948 the Knights of Columbus has served St. John the Baptist Parish. The Knights provide charitable services & promote Catholic education. The Knights make charitable contributions, provide community service, fundraise, and volunteer - all of which for our church, schools, and community. We currently have 100+ Knights of Columbus members, but we are always in need to add to our membership. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, then please contact Wes Kreklewich – Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at 634-7315 or any other brother Knight.



THE SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN ON THE LONG WEEKEND IN MAY (MAY 16/17) AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE LONG WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER (SEPTEMBER 5/6). MASSES WILL BE ON SATURDAYS AT 7PM AND SUNDAYS AT 10AM. CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL NOT RUN DURING THE SUMMER SCHEDULE.



It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you. —Pope Francis



Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide
by the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catholics are called by their faith to assist all those in need, particularly the poor, the suffering and the dying. Comforting the dying and accompanying them in love and solidarity has been considered by the Church since its beginning a principal expression of Christian mercy.

Helping someone commit suicide, however, is neither an act of justice or mercy, nor is it part of palliative care. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada today does not change Catholic teaching. “[A]n act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, our Creator.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2277).

The Bishops of our country invite Canadians, especially Catholics, to do all they can to bring comfort and support for all those who are dying and for their loved ones, so that no one, because of loneliness, vulnerability, loss of autonomy, or fear of pain and suffering, feels they have no choice but to commit suicide. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will continue to promote palliative and home care, and to encourage all the faithful to work for the betterment of the elderly, the disabled, the ill, and those who are socially isolated.

My brother Bishops and I entreat governments and courts to interpret today’s judgment in its narrowest terms, resisting any calls to go beyond this to so-called acts of “mercy killing” and euthanasia. We again call on provincial and territorial governments to ensure good-quality palliative care in all their jurisdictions. We also urge governments and professional associations to implement policies and guidelines which ensure respect for the freedom of conscience of all health-care workers as well as administrators who will not and cannot accept suicide as a medical solution to pain and suffering.

+ Paul-André Durocher
Archbishop of Gatineau
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic
Bishops

6 February 2015

NOMINATION BALLOT FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Chair of the committee listed below is up for election at the Annual General Meeting. All other positions have 1-2 years remaining in their term of service.

**The Annual General Meeting for St. John the Baptist Parish will
be held on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 1 p.m.
in the church auditorium.**

We hope you or someone you know would be willing to serve your fellow parishioners through active involvement on our Pastoral Council. Simply fill out the nomination form (indicating one or more people you feel would make suitable candidates) and place it in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the parish office. The position may be filled by a married couple working together or any other two co-chairs. Before submitting the person's name, please speak with them to ensure they are willing to let their name stand for nomination. The person must be a registered parishioner, fully initiated in the Catholic Church (i.e., received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and first communion), and be at least 16 years of age.

Please return this form by: Monday, March 2nd

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastoral Council</i> <i>(description of each position is on the back page)</i></p> <p><i>Vice-Chair of Pastoral Council (3 yrs)</i> _____</p> <p><i>Liturgy (3 yrs)</i> _____</p> <p><i>Stewardship (3 yrs)</i> _____</p>

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Pastoral Council Vice-Chairperson - Responsible for working with the chairperson to chair and coordinate the works of Pastoral Council and being a liaison for the Pastor.

Liturgy - Responsible for working with the priest and/or pastoral assistant(s) to provide for meaningful liturgical celebrations

Stewardship - Responsible for creating awareness in all parishioners that everything we have comes from God: our life, our talents, our abilities, our intellectual gifts, our resources, and our holiness.