

# St. John the Baptist Parish

**Pastor:**

Fr. Brian Meredith



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**Associate Priest:**

Fr. Thuy Nguyen

(also Priest Moderator of  
Sacred Heart, Torquay)

## MINISTRY CONTACT LIST

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## March 28 & 29, 2015 Passion (Palm) Sunday

"My God, my God, why have you  
forsaken me?"

Psalm 22

## March 21 & 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Create in me a clean heart, O  
God."

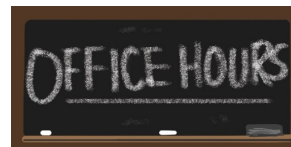
Psalm 51



## New Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9am until noon and 1pm until 3pm

*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 16.*



## 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 - noon and 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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**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

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

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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)**



## March 14 & 15, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not  
remember you!"

Psalm 137

## Ministries for March 21 and 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Gwen Van De Woestyne, Terry Stefiuk, Joan Fingler, Maureen Daoust, Virginia Wheeler (Ann)  
9:00AM Breanne Swarbrick, Gordon Schwab, Bill and Laura Baryluk, Darla Wilhelm (Ann)  
10:30AM Hanna Keating, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm, Gil Sotto, Karen Melle, Jackie Phillips (Ann)

### Lectors:

7:00PM Dawn Hengen & Debbie Augey  
9:00AM Beckey Franke & Adele Belanger  
10:30AM Wes Kreklewich & Guy Chicoine

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Terry Stefiuk & Lorraine Schlamp  
9:00AM Linda Shier & Margaret Daoust  
10:30AM Dianne Green & Melvin Boucher

### Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz                      9:00AM Ron Wilhelm                      10:30AM John Kish

### Altar Servers:

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

### Collection Counters:

Leonard Ludwig, Anne Dechief, Sylvia Walliser, Rita Walliser, Elizabeth Olson, Albert Pettrash

### Readings:

**1st Reading:**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

**2nd Reading:**  
Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel:**  
John 12:20-33  
**Gospel For The  
Scrutiny at 9am:**  
John 11:1-45

## Ministries for March 28 and 29, Passion (Palm) Sunday

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM  
9:00AM Cup Ministers will be contacted to see if they are able to serve at these Masses.  
10:30AM

### Lectors:

7:00PM Lectors will be contacted to see if they are  
9:00AM able to serve at these Masses.  
10:30AM

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Dorothy Heidinger & Connie Wheeler  
9:00AM Gerald & Agnes Seipp  
10:30AM Ed & Lorna Moreau

### Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz                      9:00AM Ian Fernandez                      10:30AM Ken Anderson

### 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:

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

### Readings:

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
**2nd Reading:**  
Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:**  
Mark 14:1-15:47

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 14 & 15**

Jesus tells his disciples of the immeasurable generosity God has bestowed on them by offering His only Son for their salvation. Good stewards realize this wonderful gift. God has sacrificed what is most dear to Him for our sake. Do we rejoice in this gift of Our Savior and respond to this love with our own immeasurable generosity? Do we allow the light of Christ to shine in the world through us? Or do we withdraw, refusing this gift, and prefer to live in a way that denies the light of Christ? This week, reflect on the ways you allow the light of Christ to shine through you. Could that light reflect even more brilliantly through you?



### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 21 & 22**

The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. Jesus invites his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. In today's Gospel reading Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to step out of our "comfort zone." How will you respond to Jesus?

## Ministries for April 4 & 5, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

### Cup Ministers:

9:00PM

9:00AM Cup Ministers will be contacted to see if they are able to serve at these Masses.

10:30AM

### Lectors:

9:00PM

Lectors will be contacted to see if they are able to serve at these Masses.

9:00AM

10:30AM

### Hospitality Hosts:

9:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Norma Kuntz

9:00AM Elaine Gedak & Genevieve Janssen

10:30AM George & Irene Krieger

### Ushers:

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

### Altar Servers:

9:00PM Senior Altar Servers

9:00AM Altar Servers will be contacted to see if they are able to serve at these Masses.

10:30AM

### Collection Counters:

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

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

RCIA	Wednesday, March 18	7pm	Formation Room
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 20	6:30pm	Church Led by Holy Family RCSSD Teachers
<b>Marriage Prep</b>	<b>Saturday, March 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Chrism Mass	Monday, March 23	7pm	Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina
<b>Alpha For Teens</b>	<b>Monday, March 23</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
RCIA	Wednesday, March 25	7pm	Formation Room
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Book Club	Thursday, March 26	7pm	Formation Room
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Friday, March 27</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Church Led by the Liturgy Committee</b>
Grades 6-8 Board Game Night	Monday, March 30	6:30pm	Auditorium
<b>Grade 7/8 Retreat</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Confirmation/First Communion Class	Tuesday, March 31	6:30pm	Auditorium
<b>RCIA</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
Booking Committee Meeting	Thursday, April 2	4pm	Boardroom
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Friday, April 3</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Church Led by the Filipino Community</b>
CWL Meeting	Tuesday, April 7	1pm	Auditorium or if there is a funeral: Boardroom
<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
RCIA	Wednesday, April 8	6pm	Formation Room
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
K of C Meeting	Monday, April 13	7:30pm	K of C Room
<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 14</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>
Alpha For Married Couples	Wednesday, April 15	7pm	TBA
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Liturgy Meeting	Thursday, April 16	4pm	Boardroom
<b>Confirmation/First Communion Class</b>	<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>

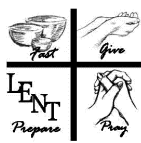
## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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
Mon.	March	16		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	March	17	9:00am	Estevan	†Deceased Family Members; Geisel Family
Wed.	March	18	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Rose Wock; Vicky Smandych
Wed.	March	18	11:00am	Hospital	†Marie Risling; Gerald & Janice Johner
Thurs.	March	19	9:00am	Estevan	†Allan Brown; CWL
Fri.	March	20	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	March	21	7:00pm	Estevan	†Jim Mack & †Bernard Jesse; Warren & Cathy Jesse
Sun.	March	22	9:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	March	22	10:30am	Estevan	†Sister Louisa; Ken & Arlene Anderson
Mon.	March	23		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	March	24	9:00am	Estevan	No Mass
Wed.	March	25	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Jean Davidson; Manny & Doreen Mack
Wed.	March	25	11:00am	Hospital	†Kathy Torbert; Frank Trobert
Thurs.	March	26	9:00am	Estevan	†Aaron Bouchard; Bernie Collins
Fri.	March	27	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Lillian Gedak; Johner Family
Sat.	March	28	7:00pm	Estevan	†Clayton Wheeler; Holy Family RCSSD
Sun.	March	29	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	March	29	10:30am	Estevan	†Raymond Fleck; Jean & Family
Mon.	March	30		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	March	31	9:00am	Estevan	†Pius Holzer; The Family
Wed.	April	1	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Alphonse Stang & †Sandra Rohatyn; Stang Family
Wed.	April	1	11:00am	Hospital	†Clayton Wheeler; Albert & Jo Ann Schopf
Thurs.	April	2	7:00pm	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Fri.	April	3	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Fri.	April	3	3:00pm	Estevan	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat.	April	4	9:00pm	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	April	5	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	April	5	10:30am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

### St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	March	15	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service Without Communion
Sun.	March	22		Bienfait	Travel To Estevan
Sun.	March	30		Bienfait	Travel To Estevan
Sun.	April	5		Bienfait	Travel To Estevan



### 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**

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.**

### **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - MARCH 28 & 29, 2015**

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. We are witnesses to Jesus' undeterred obedience to the Father which comes at great sacrifice. An important part of Christian stewardship is the willingness to make sacrifices that reveal our own embrace of Jesus' cross. Over the next three days of this most Holy Week, reflect on this question: As good stewards of our life in Christ, what concrete sacrifices are we willing to make to witness God's love to the world.



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:**

Ella Messer, Donna MacDonald, Cheryl Heleta, Payton Sernick, Oliver Kennedy, Zella Reed, Marissa Robinson, Jackie Fitzsimmons, Pedro Salud, Jeanne Wanner and Erlinda Balasbas.

**Let us hold in prayer the family and friends of the dearly departed:** Neil Kish and Charles Walter.

"Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person." —Pope Francis



### **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 how Catholic Children help other children around the world. **Children Helping Children** is for children in our parishes and is in many elementary schools. No one is too little to care about others. The HCA helps children in Ghana, India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Sri Lanka. How can children help people so far away? **What can be done this week?**

You and your child can pray for them and also learn about their needs by checking out the Holy Childhood Association website at: [www.missionsocieties.ca](http://www.missionsocieties.ca) . Check out the link on our diocesan

website under the Youth Ministry Page called CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN. Take a peek and show your child where it is. Check out [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org) for more ideas and fun activities. How is your Lenten Chain coming along?

**The CWL Rummage Sale will be on Tuesday, April 7 from noon until 7pm and Wednesday, April 8 from 1pm-7pm in the Community Center Gym. Set up will be on Monday, April 6 at 9am. Please drop off your gently used items on the Monday morning of April 6. No TV's or microwaves please. Please note that the sale is in the Community Center Gym this year.**



### **Holy Land Commissariat in Canada**

#### **Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on April 3, 2015 for the Benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 3, 2015. As we respond to this appeal, the visit of Pope Francis in the Holy Land from May 24 to 26, 2014 vividly comes to mind and we revisit the words of Scripture that marked his prayer at the Holy Sepulchre: "I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as He said. Come; see the place where the Lord lay."

(Matthew 28:5-6)

The Pontifical Collection of Good Friday is a unique moment of loyalty to the Resurrection of the Christ Jesus and of solidarity with the Christians who are the "living stones" of those consecrated places. We are invited to this gesture of commemoration and unity for the benefit of the Holy Places and Christians so as to give a tangible form to the remembrance of the Christ Jesus and the constant support of our present day brothers and sisters!

With gratitude,

Gilles Bourdeau, OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada



**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.**





All-loving and Creator God, our sisters and brothers in every country of the world ask that You grant all of us bread and nourishment for our daily lives. You invite us to join with You in responding to this request by calling upon our sense of community, solidarity and sharing. Help us to knead the dough together so that all of our sisters and brothers may have bread that feeds the body and compassion that nurtures the soul. One human family, food for all is possible. Because we sow much love, every person will have their place at the family table.

Amen.

Development and Peace Share Lent envelopes are included in your box of envelopes or available at the main entrance of the Church.

**Sow Much Love**  
Small family farmers feed the world



### Holy Week Mass Schedule and Readings

**Thursday, April 2: Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm**  
**First Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**  
**Gospel Reading: John 13:1-15**

**Friday, April 3: Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**  
**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**  
**Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42**

**Saturday, April 4: Easter Vigil at 9pm**  
**First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18**  
**Second Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1**  
**Third Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-28**  
**Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8**

**Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday at 9am and 10:30am**  
**First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**  
**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-7**  
**Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18**



The Salvation Army Food Bank is working with the Churches in the city to be the resource center for people in need. Demand at the Food Bank is up 60% in comparison with the same period last year. Right now, they are low on the following items that they include in their food hampers:

- Hamburger Helper
- Instant Potatoes
- Soup crackers
- Ichiban Noodles
- Kraft Dinner
- Canned Fruit
- Lipton Side Kicks
- Boxed Rice (Small)
- Sugar (1-2 KG bags)
- Juice



If you can donate some of these items, please take them to the Salvation Army as we work together as a community to support our friends and neighbors in need.



Financial contributions to the Salvation Army are always appreciated to purchase fresh items for the Food Bank.

Adoration in the Adoration Chapel will be suspended on Thursday, April 2 in the evening and will resume on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:30am.



St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting

### Alpha For Married Couples



The first session will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm for a light supper and the video presentation. Sessions will run every Wednesday through May 27.

Alpha For Married Couples is a 7 week course designed for you and your spouse to sit together, watch a video about relationships and discuss together. There are not any group discussions. It is an evening meant for you and your spouse to share together.

So, whether you have been married one year or sixty one years, please join us for this exciting opportunity to strengthen your relationship.



## **Career Opportunity: Full Time Office Coordinator**

The Office Coordinator will be responsible for the daily running of the Parish Office for St. John the Baptist Parish and conduct all activities in accordance with the policies, procedures and bylaws, under the supervision of the Finance Committee and the Staffing Committee.

### **Activities include but are not limited to:**

- Opening and locking Parish Office and Community Center
- Entering data in computer program
- Office tasks (answering phones, processing paper work, etc.)
- Typing for Pastor, Pastoral Council, Pastoral Staff, Finance Council, Committee Chairs, CWL and K of C
- Administer Bookings
- Administer Keys (with permission)
- Provide Training for Lock Boxes (with permission)
- Keeping office inventory orderly and properly stocked
- Manage incoming and outgoing mail (sort and distribute)
- Keeping office tidy and organized
- Providing an inviting atmosphere
- Co-ordinating maintenance for both buildings
- Making sure complaints are catered to appropriately

### **Skills, Attributes, and Expertise:**

- Experience in an office setting
- Strong communication and public relation skills
- Able to take direction
- Able to work independently and meet deadlines
- Ability to provide leadership and motivate others
- Computer proficient with proven organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Strong grammar skills

To apply, please submit a resume with at least two non-family references and a current criminal record check for St. John the Baptist Parish, to the Parish Office (Attention: Staffing Committee). The criminal record check to be in a separate envelope marked "Attention: Father Brian Meredith" by noon on Tuesday, April 7th. Starting date and wages will be determined after the interview process is complete.

We wish to thank all applicants, however, only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.

