

# St. John the Baptist Parish

**Pastor:**

Fr. Brian Meredith

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Fr. Thuy Nguyen

(also Priest Moderator of Sacred Heart, Torquay)



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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)*

**New Parish Office Hours**

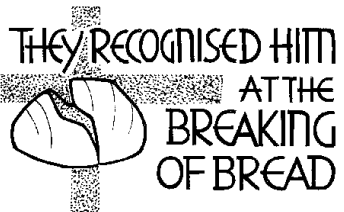
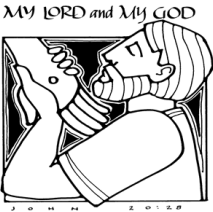
Monday to Friday  
 9am until noon and 1pm until 3pm

The office will be closed on  
*Monday, April 6 and Friday, April 10.*

**April 4 & 5, 2015**  
**Easter Sunday**  
 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."  
 Psalm 118



**April 11 & 12, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever."  
 Psalm 118



**April 18 & 19, 2015**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
 "Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord."  
 Psalm 4

### Ministries for April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3pm

**Cup Ministers:** Jackie Phillips, Darla Wilhelm, Karen Melle, Dawn Hengen

**Lectors:** Guy Chicoine & Jim Benison

**Hospitality Hosts:** Elaine Gedak & M. Daoust Family

**Narrator:** Gary St. Onge

**Intercessions:** Maureen Daoust

**Speaker:** Theresa Beck

**Altar Servers:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

**Gospel:** John 18:1-19:42

### Ministries for April 4, Easter Vigil—9pm

**Cup Ministers:** Clara Weinrauch, Eden Pacunayen, Terry Stefiuk, Gordon Schwab

**Lectors:** Jo Ann Schopf, Debbie Augey, Virginia Wheeler, & Gwen Van De Woestyne

**Hospitality Hosts:** Virginia Wheeler & Norma Kuntz

**Altar Servers:** Senior Altar Servers

**First Reading:** Genesis 22:1-18

**Second Reading:** Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20,1

**Third Reading:** Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28

**Epistle:** Romans 6:3-11

### Ministries for April 5, Easter Sunday—9am

**Cup Ministers:** Theresa Beck, Adele Belanger

**Communion:** Darla Wilhelm

**Lectors:** Annette Cossette & Jim Benison

**Hospitality Hosts:** Elaine Gedak & Gen Janssen

**Ushers:**

**Altar Servers:**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-18

### Ministries for April 5, Easter Sunday—10:30am

**Cup Ministers:**

**Communion:**

**Lectors:** Karen Melle & Guy Chicoine

**Hospitality Hosts:** George & Irene Krieger

**Ushers:**

**Altar Servers:**

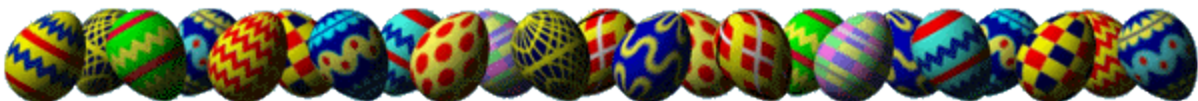
**First Reading:** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-18

### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 4, 2015**

In tonight's reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that we are alive in Christ. And it is not merely once a year that we remember what Jesus did to give us this new life, forgiveness and peace. Every day good stewards remember their baptism. They remember that they are united with Jesus in his death; that daily they drown the old sinful nature, and that daily they rise to their new life in Christ. Let us be mindful every day, especially when we are troubled by life or tempted by sin, that our lives are no longer about us, but about Christ's active, loving presence within us. That is our baptism. Alleluia! He is risen!



## Ministries for April 11 and 12, Second Sunday of Easter

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Anita LeNouail, Terry Stefiuk, Clara Weinrauch, Eden Pacunayen, Joan Fingler (Ann)  
9:00AM Bill & Laura Baryluk, Gordon Schwab, Bev Hickie, Treena Hirsch (Ann)  
10:30AM Gil Sotto, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm, Wes Kreklewich, Carol Cundall, Hanna Keating (Ann)

### Lectors:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Gwen Van De Woestyne  
9:00AM Darla Wilhelm & Jim Benison  
10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf & Karen Melle

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Dorothy Heidinger  
9:00AM Clayton & Colleen Harkins  
10:30AM Dianne Green & Melvin Boucher

### Ushers:

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

### Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira  
9:00AM Taeghen Hack, Mikayla Hack  
10:30AM Dann Pangan, Julia Pangan, Harvey Leal

### Collection Counters:

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

**First Reading:**

Acts 4:32-35

**Second Reading:**

1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel:**

John 20:19-31

## Ministries for April 18 and 19, Third Sunday of Easter

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Debbie Augey, Virginia Wheeler, Don Vatamanuik, Eden Pacunayen, Dawn Hengen (Ann)  
9:00AM Bev Hickie, Gordon Schwab, Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski, Theresa Beck, Theresa Fernandez (Ann)  
10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf, Carol Cundall, Guy & Gloria Chicoine, Jo Ann Schopf (Ann)

### Lectors:

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

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Elizabeth Caitling & Theresa DeBoth  
9:00AM Jim & Elaine Carriere  
10:30AM Mildred Mehler & Jo Ann Schopf

### Ushers:

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

### Altar Servers:

7:00PM Markie Daoust, Maya Daoust, Maleah Daoust  
9:00AM Garrett Schwab, Kendra Cossette  
10:30AM Shanelle Rioux, Lyle Guino, Christian Quin

### Collection Counters:

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

**First Reading:**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

**Second Reading:**

1 John 2:1-5

**Gospel:**

Luke 24:35-48

### **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2015**

The tomb is empty! Jesus Christ has risen today! Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried. He is risen. Alleluia!

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 11 & 12, 2015**

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

## Ministries for April 25 and 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Joan Fingler, Clara Weinrauch, Maureen Daoust, Gwen Van De Woestyne, Terry Stefiuk (Ann)  
 9:00AM Bev Hickie, Breanne Swarbrick, Margaret Mack, Doreen LeBlanc, Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski (Ann)  
 10:30AM Jo Ann Schopf, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm, Hanna Keating, Gil Sotto, Karen Melle (Ann)

### Lectors:

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

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Terry Stefiuk & Lorraine Schlamp  
 9:00AM Ian & Theresa Fernandez  
 10:30AM George & Irene Krieger

### Ushers:

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

### Altar Servers:

7:00PM  
 9:00AM  
 10:30AM Justin Hertes, Victoria Beahm, Jesse Beahm

### Collection Counters:

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

### **First Reading:**

Acts 4:7-12

### **Second Reading:**

1 John 3:1-2

### **Gospel:**

John 10:11-18

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

<b>CWL Rummage Sale</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Community Center Gym</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>
CWL Rummage Sale	Wednesday, April 8	1pm	Community Center Gym
<b>RCIA</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, April 9	9:30am	Auditorium
<b>Alpha For Teens</b>	<b>Monday, April 13</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</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	Formation Room
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Confirmation/First Communion Class	Thursday, April 16	6:30pm	Auditorium
<b>Community Baptism</b>	<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
Parish Council	Tuesday, April 21	7pm	Boardroom
<b>St. Mary's Confirmation Retreat</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
SHSC Confirmation Retreat	Wednesday, April 22	1:15pm	Auditorium
<b>Alpha For Married Couples</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, April 23	9:30am	Auditorium
<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Thursday, April 23</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
Confirmation Family Bowling Party	Saturday, April 25	1pm	Bowling Alley
<b>Grades 6-8 Youth Night</b>	<b>Monday, April 27</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Alpha For Married Couples	Wednesday, April 29	7pm	Formation Room
<b>Coffee After Mass</b>	<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Confirmation Rehearsal	Friday, May 1	6:30pm	Church
<b>Confirmation Celebration</b>	<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Church</b>
4th Degree K of C Meeting	Monday, May 4	7:30pm	K of C Room

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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
Mon.	April	6		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	April	7	9:00am	Estevan	†Verna Styre; Bella Ganje & Family
Wed.	April	8	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Alphonse Stang & †Sandra Rohatyn; Stang Family
Wed.	April	8	11:00am	Hospital	For Healing Of The Family Tree; Parishioner
Thurs.	April	9	9:00am	Estevan	†Margaret Finch; CWL
Fri.	April	10	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Myles Schopf; Clara Weinrauch
Sat.	April	11	7:00pm	Estevan	†Kathy Trobert; Frank Trobert
Sun.	April	12	9:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	April	12	10:30am	Estevan	†Julian & †Aniela Rostkowicz; Joe & Christina
Mon.	April	13		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	April	14	9:00am	Estevan	†Tim Fichter; Jake & Loretta Fichter
Wed.	April	15	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Norman Fleck; Brian & Joy Beahm
Wed.	April	15	11:00am	Hospital	†John Dukart; Jean Dukart & Family
Thurs.	April	16	9:00am	Estevan	†Clayton Wheeler; Rich & Elaine Meckler
Fri.	April	17	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	April	18	7:00pm	Estevan	†Kathy Trobert; CWL
Sun.	April	19	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	April	19	10:30am	Estevan	†Verna Styre; K of C
Mon.	April	20		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	April	21	9:00am	Estevan	†Penny Mack; Manny & Doreen
Wed.	April	22	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Emile Bouchard; Florence Yack
Wed.	April	22	11:00am	Hospital	†John Dauk; The Family
Thurs.	April	23	9:00am	Estevan	†Clayton Wheeler; Rich & Elaine Meckler
Fri.	April	24	10:00am	Nursing Home	†Ryan MacMillan; The Family
Fri.	April	24	10:00am	Estevan	†Lillian Gedak; SHSC Staff (All Schools Alleluia Mass)
Sat.	April	25	7:00pm	Estevan	†Deceased Family Members; Vernon & Anne McLean
Sun.	April	26	9:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	April	26	10:30am	Estevan	†Verna Styre; Creighton Lodge Residents & Staff

### St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	April	5		Bienfait	Travel To Estevan
Sun.	April	12	4:30pm	Bienfait	†Jack & †Margaret Finch; The Family
Sun.	April	19	9:00am	Bienfait	Lay Service With Communion
Sun.	April	26		Bienfait	Travel To Estevan

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 18 & 19, 2015

An underlying lesson from all three readings this weekend is that the Risen Christ has wiped away our sins, not only for individuals, but throughout the world and its history. The terrible power of sin has now been reversed and our coming to perfection through the love of God is part of the Easter experience. As stewards of God's love we are called to participate in Christ's redemptive activity. The stewardship questions for us are many. How do we resist injustice at home or in the workplace? How do we confront violence in our language and attitudes? How do we bring Christ to others?



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, Albert Schopf and Erlinda Balasbas.

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

Walliser.

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.

Eucharistic



Adoration



**ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT**

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

### 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



### Holy Week Schedule

Friday, April 3 at 3pm: Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 4 at 9pm: Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5 at 9am: Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 at 10:30am: Easter Sunday



Holy Week



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 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. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming events during the Holy Year of Mercy.

**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.**





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.

*Our Blessed Lord!  
 Our Risen Savior!  
 We give you thanks for the awe-inspiring gift of Easter and the redemption we enjoy as a result of your gift.  
 We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share your body and blood in the holy Eucharist.  
 Oh merciful Lord, Redeemer and Teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the skills to listen to you more closely;  
 the wisdom to put the Eucharist into action;  
 and the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love.  
 We ask this through Christ,  
 our Lord. Amen*



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 at 7pm. All sessions will be held in the Formation Room in the Community Center.

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.



**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 Monday morning, April 6.**

**No TV's or microwaves please. Please note that the sale is in the Community Center Gym this year.**



**Confirmation/First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30am Mass. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to a**

**Parish Brunch. Please join us to celebrate these sacraments with our young people. There is no cost for the Brunch.**



## **Job 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 14th. Starting date, hours of work 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.





# Becoming Catholic

## Step 1: Learn About Catholicism

One of the best ways you can learn about the Catholic Faith is to visit our Parish and let us know that you are interested in learning more about the Faith. To get started with an overview of Catholic teaching, you can consult the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#).

## Step 2: Period of Formation

If you have decided that you want to become Catholic, you will journey with the Catholic community and enter a period of formation to help you prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. To learn more about how to become Catholic, please contact Connie Wheeler at the [Parish Office](#).

## Step 3: Sacraments of Christian Initiation

If you **have not** been baptized, the Christian initiation process prepares you to become a Catholic Christian by celebrating in the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion (Eucharist). You will participate in a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. In [RCIA](#) you will learn about the teachings of Jesus Christ and how to put his teachings into practice by living as part of the Catholic community by serving others and by praying to God.

If you **have** been baptized in another Christian tradition, only the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are required to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Upon receiving these Sacraments, you will become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information about the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact the [Parish Office](#) to speak with Connie Wheeler or to arrange an appointment with Fr. Brian Meredith.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



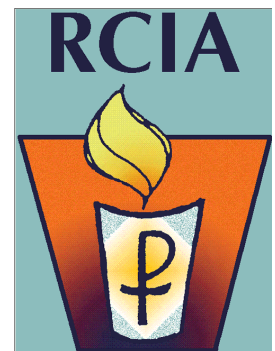
# Congratulations

*St. John the Baptist Parish would like to congratulate our newest members:*

*Gladys Orobosa*

*Jennifer Lozinsky*

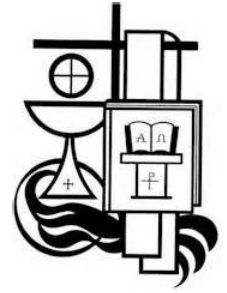
*Daymon Wanner*



# RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For information, and to register, please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office (306-634-2190; youthstj@sasktel.net).

Please note that RCIA is for those who are not yet baptized. If you are baptized in another Christian tradition, and would like to inquire about joining the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Connie Wheeler (306-634-2190; youthstj@sasktel.net).



**In addition to the RCIA sessions, the following Rites are celebrated.**

## ***Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens***

During the Rite of Acceptance the candidates publicly declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. During this Rite the candidate will become a Catechumen, and they now enter a period of formation and guidance aimed at training them in the Christian life. The prerequisite for making this step is that the beginnings of the spiritual life and the fundamentals of Christian teaching have taken root in the candidates. This is evidenced by the first stirrings of repentance, an intention to change their lives, a start to the practice of calling upon God in prayer, and some experience of interacting with members of the community. [RCIA ritual, no. 41-42 and 75]

## ***Rite of Election or Enrolment of Names: At Holy Rosary Cathedral In Regina With Archbishop Daniel Bohan On The First Sunday of Lent at 3 p.m.***

During the Rite of Election, on the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists and of the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. During this Rite, the Catechumen will become a member of the Elect, and they now enter the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which they will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election of God, in whose name the Church acts. [RCIA ritual, no. 105-106]

## ***First Scrutiny - 3rd Sunday of Lent***

## ***Presentation of the Creed - 3rd Week of Lent***

## ***Second Scrutiny - 4th Sunday of Lent***

## ***Third Scrutiny - 5th Sunday of Lent***

## ***Presentation of Lord's Prayer - 5th Week of Lent***

The Scrutinies are Rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. [RCIA ritual, no. 128]

During the Presentation of the Creed, and the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer, the Church lovingly entrusts to the Elect the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. [RCIA ritual, no. 134]

## ***Preparation Rites - on Holy Saturday: Recitation of the Creed, Ephphetha Rite, Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens***

On Holy Saturday, the Elect are asked to refrain from their usual activities, spend their time in prayer and reflection, and as far as they can, observe a fast. The Rite of Recitation of the Creed prepares the Elect for the profession of faith they will make immediately before they are baptized; the Rite also instructs them in their duty to proclaim the message of the Gospel. The Ephphetha Rite, (or Rite of Opening the Ears and Mouth) impresses on the Elect their need of grace in order that they may hear the word of God and profess it for their salvation. The Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens will be done on the hands of the Elect. The Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens symbolizes the person's need for God's help and strength so that, undeterred by the bonds of the past and overcoming the opposition of the devil, they will take the step of professing their faith and will hold fast to it throughout their lives. [RCIA ritual, no. 172, 180, 184, 191, 194]

## ***Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: At the Easter Vigil***

At the Easter Vigil, the person is fully initiated into the Church through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

It is important to note that the person's sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Baptism. (The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession, is for sins committed after Baptism.)



# Celebrating Easter

## Ideas for Busy Parents

“What is today about?” asked the Sunday school teacher to a group of preschoolers one Easter morning. “The Easter bunny brought eggs,” was the immediate and unequivocal reply. An unbiased observer, perhaps a visitor from another planet, might conclude that our Easter celebration is as much a festival of bunnies, eggs, candy, and new clothes as a celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.

We’re not suggesting that you should banish all of your Easter traditions, but read on for some suggestions on how to make Easter a more joyful and faith-filled experience for your whole family.

### The Reason for the Season

The first step is to share the Easter story with your child. Even if your child knows the story, tell it again. We all pick up different insights over time.

There can be no resurrection without death, so the Easter story includes the Passion and death of Jesus. For younger children, be sensitive about discussing the violent details of Jesus’ death. You are the best judge of what your child is ready to understand. You can share more details when he or she is older.

Easter Sunday is our most joyful holiday and it starts a 50-day-long Easter season, when we hear what happened next each week in Mass. Read more about sharing the Easter story on the next page.

### How to Celebrate

Easter is a time for joy because of what God has done. It is also a time for serious reflection about what it means for us to be followers of Jesus and to participate in his ministry. His resurrection was, after all, God’s answer to the forces that opposed Jesus’ ministry. It was a sign

that the ministry of healing, teaching and suffering on behalf of the poor and outcasts did not end on the cross. What does this say about how we might best celebrate Easter?

We don’t have to toss all the candy or ban the Easter Bunny—and we most definitely should still be celebrating—but we can be intentional about how we choose to do so. You might be concerned about how your child would react to making any changes to your tradition, but you might be surprised.

Try this: after telling your child what the Easter story is about, ask what *they* think would be good ways to celebrate that. Then have a family conversation to make some decisions together.

### Easter Celebration Ideas

Here are suggestions we have gathered from other families for how you might do things a little differently this year.

- ✦ Brainstorm ways to adapt your existing traditions or start new ones to incorporate the real meaning of Easter. Add “Jesus Is Risen” alongside “Happy Easter.” Search online for “Christian Easter crafts.”
- ✦ Explain the connections between the Easter message traditions you will continue. For example, eggs and rabbits remind us of new life.
- ✦ Find ways to decorate that are less wasteful. Reuse decorations from year to year. Avoid plastic (who came up with the idea of plastic grass?!) as much as you can. Less can be more in decorating.
- ✦ Do your research and be very thoughtful before buying baby animals for Easter. The American Humane Society





reports that the vast majority of the baby bunnies, chicks, and ducks given for Easter die within a few weeks.

✚ Don't shop just for the sake of the sales or season. Shop for what you really need.

✚ Moderate the amount of candy you eat. Americans buy over 120 million pounds of Easter candy (\$2.1 billion worth) each year. Make it a treat, not a binge. Your bodies will thank you. Some families stuff at least some of their plastic eggs with alternates to candy (erasers, mini crackers, coins, etc.).

✚ We strongly recommend having a special Easter feast as a family. Use it as an opportunity to connect well with family and/or friends. The food does not have to be super fancy, but try to do something differently. Get everyone involved in the preparation so no one has to do too much. Light candles. Begin with prayer. Enjoy each others' company!

## An Easter table blessing

Lord,  
You are our light and salvation.  
You are the stronghold of our lives.  
The brightness of the resurrection of Christ  
has shattered the darkness of our world  
and made our faces glow with new life  
he has bestowed through the Holy Spirit.  
As we share these Easter gifts of food and drink,  
grant that we may dwell in your presence  
all the days of our lives  
and one day behold your beauty in heaven,  
where you live and reign as one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.

from *These Thy Gifts: A Collection of Simple Meal Prayers*  
by Mark G. Boyer.

# Telling the Easter Story

There are two sides to the Easter story: what physically happened, and what it means to us. Here are ideas for sharing both with your child.

## Storytelling

The first side comes to us from the Gospels. If your child is old enough to understand the language, you can read it together. We recommend reading from chapter 20 of John and/or chapter 24 of Luke.

The adult language in the Bible can be difficult for younger children to understand, though. A good children's story Bible could help here. Or you can read the passages yourself—perhaps a couple times—and then tell your child the story

in your own words. It's easier than you might think. Be playful and have fun with it. Don't just relate the facts, but draw your child into the rich emotions (they were sad, scared, surprised, happy!).

## What It Means

Your child is likely to start asking questions (perhaps many starting with the famous "why?"). Don't be intimidated. A good place to start is to ask your child what he or she thinks. You may be surprised at how much insight your child has!

Continue the conversation with them. If a question comes up that you don't know how to answer, tell them it's a great question and that you don't know (you might choose

to ask a parish staff member the next Sunday).

Key points to share with your child:

✚ Jesus rose to show us that even though people do bad things and sad things happen, God's love overcomes them.

✚ Jesus' resurrection means that we will also rise after we die someday, so we can be with Jesus and everyone who died before us.

✚ Jesus is still alive and we still encounter him today (even though it can be hard to recognize him). Jesus left the Holy Spirit to be with us in a special way.

For more tips about using the Bible at home, visit:

<http://GrowingUpCatholic.com/bible>.