

St. John the Baptist Parish

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Stewardship

Dawn Hengen

December 5 & 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent

“To you, O Lord, I lift my
soul.” -Psalm 25



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*After office hours please contact the Rectory
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 10:00AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check the back of a current bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00AM

Sacrament of Anointing available at any time

please call 306-634-2190 (After office hours call 306-540-4528)

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 5/6, 2015**

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to believe that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to promote the Gospel? During this second week of Advent take time to reflect on how you see Christ's presence in your community.

Book Club

The next meeting for the Book Club is on Tuesday, December 8 at 6pm in the Formation Room. Please read Chapters 26-30 and the postscript for this session. We will be sharing supper together as we discuss the last Chapters of our book.

God Bless and Happy Reading!!



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT



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

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Thursday December 10 @ Estevan Shoppers Mall

12pm-1pm Richard Hagel
1pm-2pm Richard Hagel
2pm-3pm Al Wempe
3pm-4pm Bev Hickie
4pm-5pm Ray Cossette
5pm-6pm Charles Loustel



The new Liturgy Schedule is being made up for January, February and March. If you have any changes please let Lorraine Schlamp know as soon as possible.

Hamper Delivery Volunteers

Christmas Hamper Delivery will be Wednesday,
Dec. 23rd @ 10:00 am. Any volunteers please call Katie
634-7150



Warm Welcome Shelter is in need of Volunteers. (various shifts) Located at the Salvation Army Sunday - Tuesday and at St. Paul's United Church Wednesday -Saturday. Please contact the director of hospitality at 306-421-2088 (Colleen). Come on board!

Those who want a donation receipt in 2015 are asked to please have your donations in by December 31, 2015.

If you know of anyone in the community or immediate surrounding area that is in need of a Christmas Food Hamper and Toys from the Angel Tree please contact the Salvation Army @ 634-2074.

Ministries for December 12 & 13, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Joan Fingler, Maureen Daoust, Dawn Hengen, Eden Pacunayan, Debbie Augey(Ann)
10:00AM Laura Baryluk, Bev Hickie, Bill Baryluk, Doreen LeBlanc, Wes Kreklewich(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Clara Weinrauch & Terry Stefiuk
10:00AM Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski & Theresa Beck

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Connie Wheeler & Margaret Daoust
10:00AM Jim & Elaine Carriere

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz
10:00AM Al Wempe

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira
10:00AM Shanelle Rioux

Collection Counters:

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

First Reading:
Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Second Reading:
Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel:
Luke 3.10-18

Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish listed below and for all who are not listed, but are in need of prayer: Payton Sernick, Oliver Kennedy, Erlinda Balasbas, William Sinclair, Carol Cundall, Wesh Binalla, Eleanor Mack, Nicole Elliott, Anne Welch and Jackie Fichter; may they be comforted with God’s abiding love.

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



There is a great need for individuals to “work” the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle. Please contact at the Salvation Army 634-2074 for more information and to volunteer your time.

Angel Tree/ Toy Store

Our Parish is working at the Walmart on Sunday, Dec. 13th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will work the Toy Store at St. Giles on Dec. 21st from 10am -1:30pm. If you would like to volunteer your time please contact Katie Dunville @ 634-7150.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	December	5	7:00pm	Estevan	†Lillian Gedak; Holy Family RCSSD
Sun.	December	6	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	December	7		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	8	9:00am	Estevan	Health of Darlene Geisel; Geisel Family
Wed.	December	9	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Audrey Loustel; CWL
Wed.	December	9	11:00am	Hospital	†Gaylord Daoust; Margaret & Family
Thurs.	December	10	9:00am	Estevan	†Jeanne Wanner; Adeline Wanner
Fri.	December	11	10:00am	Nursing Home	Health of Family members; Geisel Family
Sat.	December	12	7:00pm	Estevan	†Nick Stroptko; Gladys & Family
Sun.	December	13	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	December	6	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Deceased Family members; Geisel family
Sun.	December	13	5:00pm	Bienfait	Health of Darlene Geisel; The Family

Up Coming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Senior Youth Group	Monday, December 7	6:30pm	Fired Up Grill
Book Club	Tuesday, December 8	6pm	Formation Room
Senior Youth Group	Monday, December 14	6:30pm	Formation Room
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Monday, December 14	7pm	Community Center

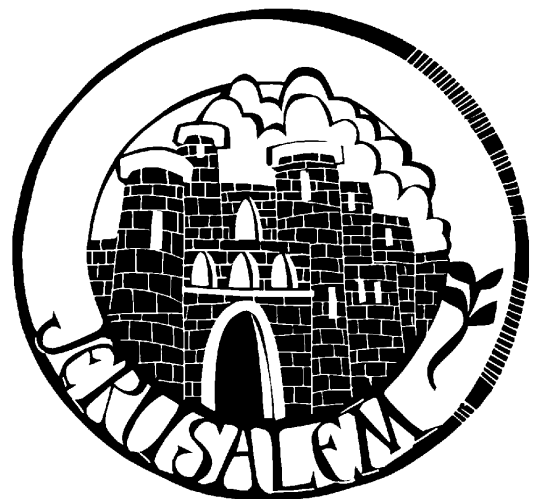
Christmas Mass and New Years Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Mass Times:
5pm, 7pm, and 9pm

Friday, December 25th Mass Time: 10am

Thursday, December 31st Mass Time: 7pm

Friday, January 1st Mass Time: 10am



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Year of Mercy
Reflection by Fr. Brian Meredith

Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Mercy to be celebrated from December 8, 2015 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) to November 20, 2016 (the Solemnity of Christ the King).

The Year of Mercy is a Jubilee Year, for it is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965.

During this year, the Sunday Liturgical readings are from the Gospel of Luke, which offers many parables rooted in mercy (e.g., the Prodigal Son, the Lost Coin, the Lost Sheep, etc.).

The Year of Mercy draws our attention to the words of Jesus who calls us to be people of mercy: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” (Matthew 9:12-13; c.f., Hosea 6:6)

The Year of Mercy is not focused primarily on programs, activities or structures in the parish. Instead, it is more about reflecting on how we can practice mercy in our relationships: in our homes, our schools, our parishes, our local communities.

During the Year of Mercy, we are invited to reflect on how we may apply the Corporal Works of Mercy in very practical ways. The Corporal Works of Mercy are rooted in the gospel of Matthew 25:34-40: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, shelter the homeless (*harbour the harbourless*), visit the sick, visit the imprisoned (*ransom the captive*), and bury the dead.

Other ways that we may consider practicing mercy this year to help us celebrate the Year of Mercy:

- try to refrain from gossip
 - instead, focus on “lifting people up” through our words
- limit the number large social gatherings, which are intended to help make people feel welcome, but which can sometimes unfortunately make people feel isolated and unwelcome if sufficient time has not been set aside to establish personal relationships
 - instead, focus on smaller and more personal encounters with people, such as inviting some one who is new to the parish to have a meal with our family - in our home or at a restaurant
- get involved with helping out at the Warm Welcome Shelter or Food Bank in Estevan
- spend extra time with our family

Tweet from Pope Francis on October 27, 2015: “Parents, can you “waste time” with your children? It is one of the most important things that you can do each day.”