

St. John the Baptist Parish

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November 28 & 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

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



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*After office hours please contact the Rectory
if you require the assistance of a Priest*

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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)

First Sunday of Advent November 28/29, 2015

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.



ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT

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

IMPORTANT DATE FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION



Celebrations:

SHSC - Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30pm
St. Mary's - Thursday, December 3 at 6:30pm

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!!



ATTENTION Chairpersons of Pastoral Council Committees: if there are any significant changes for this coming year activities (based on last years activities) please submit to your budget to the parish office by December 1.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Wednesday December 2nd @ Estevan Co-op

- 12pm-1pm Emmanuel Kuntz
- 1pm-2pm Louis Benager
- 2pm-3pm Emmanuel Mack
- 3pm-4pm Bill Baryluk
- 4pm-5pm Matt Ehrmantraut
- 5pm-6pm Ed Moreau
- 6pm-7pm David Stepp
- 7pm-8pm Ian Fernandez

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



Junior Youth

Grades 6-8

Scavenger Hunt Night

Come out for a fun, Advent themed Scavenger Hunt!! We will meet in the Church Auditorium from 6:30pm until

8pm on

Monday, November 30.

Everyone in Grades 6-8 is invited!!

We can't wait to see you there!!



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 5 & 6, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Debbie Augey, Amanda Hagel, Clara Weinrauch, Joan Fingler, Virginia Wheeler(Ann)
10:00AM Margaret Mack, Beckey Franke, Lynwood Cundall, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm, Hanna Keating(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Eden Pacunayen & Gwen Van De Woestyne
10:00AM Gordon Schwab & Jackie Phillips

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Joan Fingler
10:00AM Diane Green & Melvin Boscher

Ushers:

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

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Harvey Leal
10:00AM Lyle Guino

Collection Counters:

Greg & Vivian Walliser, Jim & Elaine Carriere, Annette James, Linda Shier

First Reading:

Baruch 5.1-9

Second Reading:

Phillippians 1.3-6.8-11

Gospel:

Luke 3.1-6

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 and Anne Welch; 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.



You are invited to our annual Family Advent Brunch/Celebration

Come out to enjoy brunch with your family and friends and start out your Advent season with some inspiring, faith-filled family time.

The Archdiocese Youth Leadership team is coming to lead us in this celebration.

Sunday, November 29th at 11:00am in the Church Auditorium

Brunch is Complimentary and Everyone is Invited!

We can't wait to see you there!!!!!!

**Sunday
Brunch**



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.	November	28	7:00pm	Estevan	†Rose Miiller; K of C
Sun.	November	29	8:30am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	November	29	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	November	30		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	1	5:00pm	Estevan	†Laura Lafrentz; CWL
Wed.	December	2	10:00am	Hillview Manor	Intentions for Bernice Saretsky; Sharon & Family
Wed.	December	2	11:00am	Hospital	†Albert Schopf; Clara Weinrauch
Thurs.	December	3	9:00am	Estevan	†Pat Dorsh; Sylvia & Family
Fri.	December	4	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Fri.	December	4	1:15pm	Estevan	SHSC Christmas Mass
Sat.	December	5	7:00pm	Estevan	†Lillian Gedak; Holy Family RCSSD
Sun.	December	6	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	November	29	5:00pm	Bienfait	Health of family members; Geisel Family
Sun.	December	6	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Deceased Family members; Geisel family

Up Coming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Advent Brunch Celebration	Sunday, November 29	11am	Auditorium
Junior Youth Group	Monday, November 30	6:30pm	Auditorium
CWL Mass	Tuesday, December 1	5pm	Church
SHSC Reconciliation Celebration	Wednesday, December 2	6:30pm	Church
St. Mary's Reconciliation Celebration	Thursday, December 3	6:30pm	Church
Senior Youth Group	Monday, December 7	6:30pm	Community Center
Book Club	Tuesday, December 8	6pm	Formation Room
Finance Meeting	Tuesday, December 8	7pm	Boardroom
Junior Youth Group	Monday, December 14	6:30pm	Auditorium
Knights of Columbus Meeting	Monday, December 14	7pm	Community Center

New Parish Office Hours

Mon. & Tues 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

Wed. 9am - 12pm

Thurs. & Fri. 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm



Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Friday, December 25th Mass
Times: 10am

READY FOR A RECHARGE???

LONGING FOR "SOMETHING MORE"??

Come experience...

THE COR SEMINAR—LIVE!

awaken your **DESIRE...**
embrace your **DESIGN...**
reach your **DESTINY...**

***Featuring CHRISTOPHER WEST
plus Musical Guests Mike Mangione and Jason Clark***

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH, Regina, SK
Friday, April 29, 2016, 7-9 pm and Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9 am to 4 pm**

What is that *hunger* we feel inside as human beings?
Is there anything, *really*, that can satisfy my heart's deepest longings?
Does God really have a plan for my life and my happiness?

JOIN US! YOUR LIFE WON'T BE THE SAME!

**IT'S POWERFUL.
IT'S PRACTICAL.
... and, we promise... it's fun!**

Who is Christopher West?

- best-selling author and popular theologian
- globally renowned speaker and teacher of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*
- seen by millions on Fox News, ABC News, MSNBC, EWTN, TBN, CBN

Come! Be energized! Invite someone!

**Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most
dynamic and sought-after voices in the Church today!**

For more information or to register, call:

306-543-3838 or visit: <https://corseminarregina2015.eventbrite.com>

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!

Hamper Delivery Volunteers

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





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.”