

# St. John the Baptist Parish

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Fr. Brian Meredith



Year B

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Vacant

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### Schedulers for Liturgy:

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Sound: Susan Bath

### Special Events

Vacant

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September 26 & 27, 2015  
26th Sunday in OT

“The precepts of the Lord  
are right, and give joy to  
the heart.” -Psalm 19



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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)

**September 26/27, 2015**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. James warns against accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others?

**On Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th our Parish will be holding a Salvation Army Food Bank Drive before each Mass.**

The Salvation Army's Ministry exists to share the love of Christ and meet human needs. Ron & Darla Wilhelm will have their truck parked at the entrance of the church. Please deposit non perishable items in the box of the truck. Please no outdated items. Ron & Darla will be delivering the items to the Salvation Army on the Monday. No one should go hungry.

Please consider making ongoing donations to the Salvation Army throughout the year. Thank you and God Bless you for your donations.



**"Elevator upgrade needed:**  
Significant upgrades are needed for the elevator in the church. It will cost about \$140,000 to properly upgrade it. We will begin the work

only after all the necessary funds have been raised. Contributions for the elevator project can be made to St. John the Baptist Parish.

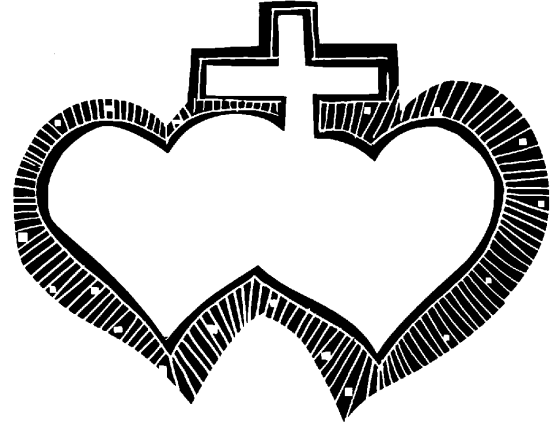
Envelopes for the Building Fund are available at each entrance area, next to the bulletins. Thank you for your consideration and support."

Fr. Brian



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

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



**GRADE TWO CONFIRMATION/ FIRST COMMUNION**



"And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:39)

The Archdiocese of Regina has restored the order of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Sacraments of Initiation are:

Baptism - we share in his death and resurrection.

Confirmation - we share in the gift of the Pentecost.

Communion - we share in the food of life.

Once again this year at St. John the Baptist Parish, Grade Two candidates will receive both the sacrament of Confirmation and the sacrament of First Communion at the same celebration. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child's home. Preparation will begin in the fall and continue throughout the school year. (*Over the past few years, Archbishop Daniel Bohan has clearly stated that the practice of celebrating First Communion before Confirmation is no longer an option in the Archdiocese of Regina.*)

Registration forms have been sent through the Catholic schools. If your child attends a public school, please call Connie at the Parish Office to register.

**There will be a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm in the Church Auditorium.**

This meeting will give you an outline of the year of preparation ahead.

## Ministries for October 3rd & 4th , 27th Sunday in OT

### Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Gwen Van DeWoestyne, Bev Hickie, Maureen Daoust, Clara Weinrauch  
 10:00AM Guy & Gloria Chicoine, Jo Ann Schopf, Margaret Mack

### Communion Ministers:

7:00pm Eden Pacunayen, Terry Stefiuk, Joan Fingler  
 10:00am Treena Hirsch, Darla Wilhelm, Jackie Phillips

### Lectors:

7:00PM Sacred Heart School  
 10:00AM St. Mary's School

### Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Sacred Heart School  
 10:00AM St. Mary's School

### Ushers:

7:00PM Ray Audet 10:00AM Ron Wilhelm

### Altar Servers:

7:00PM Sacred Heart School  
 10:00AM St. Mary's School

**Collection Counters:** Lil Wanner, June Fieber, Genevieve Fichter, Caroline Salaway,  
 Lorraine Pho, Joanne Weisgerber

**First Reading:**  
 Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24  
**Second Reading:**  
 Hebrews 2.9-11  
**Gospel:**  
 Mark 10.2-16

### **Altar Serving**



If you are in Grade 5 or older and would like to Altar Serve, please contact Connie at the Parish Office.

A new schedule will be made up for Oct. Nov. Dec. for ministries. If there are any changes please contact Lorraine Schlamp at 306-634-8672 or 306-461-8672. If anyone would like to put there name down as a spare for Saturday evening Mass it would be greatly appreciated.



### **IMPORTANT DATE FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

#### The Rite of Enrollment Masses:

Sacred Heart School - Saturday, October 3 at 7pm  
 St. Mary's School - Sunday, October 4 at 10am

#### Coaching Sessions:

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium  
 Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium  
 Thursday, November 5 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium  
 Thursday, November 19 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium

#### Retreats:

SHSC - Thursday, November 26 at 9:45am in the Auditorium  
 St. Mary's - Thursday, November 26 at 1:15pm in the Auditorium

#### Celebrations:

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



### **YOU ARE NEEDED**

If you are someone who can:  
 play piano and or organ  
 play guitar  
 play other instruments such as flute, clarinet, sax,  
 trumpet, trombone, etc.  
**SING**

You are being invited to become a part of our parish's music ministry. There are many various groups for you to join and be involved in such as: song leaders, folk group, adult choir and more. There is training for this ministry so please don't hesitate to come.

Call Sandra Bazin at 306-634-2901  
 Thank you for your service in this ministry.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Sat.	September	26	7:00pm	Estevan	†Joseph Fleck; Louise Fleck
Sun.	September	27	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	September	28		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	September	29	9:00am	Estevan	†Tony & Sadie Mehler; Barry & Joanne Mehler
Wed.	September	30	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Anne Dukart; Terry & Betty Stone
Wed.	September	30	11:00am	Hospital	†Martha Walliser; Raymond & Mary Lou Audet
Thurs.	October	1	9:00am	Estevan	†Myles Schopf; Albert & Jo Ann Schopf
Fri.	October	2	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	October	3	7:00pm	Estevan	†Ella Messer; K of C
Sun.	October	4	8:30am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	October	4	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

### St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	September	27	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Frances Cossette; Josephine & Girls
Sun.	October	4	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Vic Verhaeghe; Bill & Naomi Mann

### Up Coming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

<b>Food Bank Drive</b>	<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
Food Bank Drive	Sunday, September 27	10am	Church
CWL Meeting	Tuesday, October 6	1pm	Auditorium ( Boardroom if Auditorium is in use)
<b>Book Club</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Formation Room</b>
K of C Meeting	Monday, October 12	7:30pm	Community Center
<b>Columbus Club Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, October 12</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Community Center (following KofC meeting)</b>
First Reconciliation Coaching	Tuesday, October 13	6:30pm	Auditorium
<b>Finance Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Boardroom</b>

### St. John the Baptist Parish Book Club

We are studying "The Reluctant Disciple—Daring To Believe" by David Wells. It's not too late to join us. You can pick up your complimentary copy of the book at the Parish Office.

Our meeting nights are:

Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm

Tuesday, October 27 at 7pm

Tuesday, November 10 at 7pm

Thursday, November 26 at 7pm

Tuesday, December 8 at 6pm



**We meet in the Formation Room and everyone is welcome!!  
God Bless and Happy Reading!!**

**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, and Nicole Elliott; may they be comforted with God's abiding love.

**For those who have died,** especially Jackie Fitzsimmons, Nida Ibot; may they rest in God's undying love and rise with Christ in glory.



### Children's Liturgy Update

Would you like to be part of Children's Liturgy that brings role playing, balloons, games and the gospel all together for the young children ages 4-7 in our parish community? Well, now is your chance to be part of a team to help make learning and living the gospel fun for not just the kids but for the leaders as well. I would like to ask any one who is nudged by this notice to please pray about it, then contact me about being a leader for and with our young parishioners. Please email [childrensliturgy2015@sasktel.net](mailto:childrensliturgy2015@sasktel.net) or text Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559. The more the merrier, they say. I look forward to hearing from you by September 30, 2015. I will be praying for you, and I thank you.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are starting soon. If you would like to join, please contact Father Brian at 306-540-4528.



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 a 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.



If you are new to the parish and have questions, would like to register, or would like parish envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190. We would be happy to help you!!



# LET US CREATE A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

Lord, in the joy of your Creation,  
The whole human family has received  
this unique gift from you:  
our planet Earth.

We sincerely thank you, Lord!

Lord, look on our Earth and  
help us to recognize that it is urgent  
that we act...

...for we are destroying our forests,  
devastating our land,  
and polluting our seas.

By doing this,  
we cause changes to our climate,  
and create environmental turmoil  
that increase poverty  
in the countries of the Global South.  
We sincerely ask for forgiveness, Lord.

Yes, it is time to act...  
to guide our planet  
in its development  
and in its peace.

*Marie-Paule Malenfant*  
*Development and Peace member*

## REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH – IN REVIEW

October, 2015 is our third Reverence for Life month in the Archdiocese of Regina. We have raised and faced some challenging life issues in the past two years and are continually looking and praying for positive and conscience-changing information and programs to help us to rise up and act on behalf of life.

We believe that the “Theology of the Body,” as developed from Pope St. John Paul II’s teachings, will inform us on issues such as abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, same sex attraction and gender sexual identity, as well as bring about a conversion of heart in each of us toward the unborn, the poor/victims of violence, the disabled, the sick and the elderly. They deserve to be cared for and defended.

“Christian people have much to contribute to our society in our promotion of justice, our pursuit of honesty and integrity in daily and professional life, and in our insistence that the dignity of human life is to be valued and protected across the board. Our Catholic people need to raise their voices in this discussion and debate. In this way we can fill Christ’s command that we be His witnesses in our world and so ‘be seen to stand in the bright light of truth’.”

*Archbishop Daniel Bohan, Canada Day Celebration, 2012*

**Please join us this October in Celebration, Witness and Action.  
Let us promote justice, pursue honesty and integrity  
and insist that the dignity of all human life be valued and protected.**

### REVERENCE FOR LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers of babies  
not allowed to be born,  
of the poor  
whose lives are made difficult  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick  
killed by indifference  
or out of misguided mercy.  
Obtain for all who believe in your Son  
the grace to accept the Gospel of Life  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with  
gratitude throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it,  
in order to build the civi-  
lization of truth and love  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.  
**Amen.**

### OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please include during the month of October*

#### Week I

The unborn, end to abortion

#### Week II

The poor/victims of violence

#### Week III

The Sick and the elderly

#### Week IV

The disabled

### SAVE THE DATE APRIL 2016

**A “Theology of the Body” Weekend**  
“The Core Seminar” with Christopher West

Fri., April 29; 7-9pm; Sat. April 30; 9-4pm  
Holy Trinity Parish, Regina  
\$75.00 per person

**Contact Val: 306-543-3838**



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# CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

“...Caring for life from the beginning to the end.  
What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing.....  
So go forth and don't be discouraged.  
Care for life. It's worth it.”

Cardinal Bergoglio now Pope Francis



# CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE...

*The following is a reflection on Pope Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which provides a foundation for reverence for life. These ideas, attitudes and actions are formed by the way that God created and sees humanity.*

John Paul's Theology of the Body is first and foremost a way of explaining what it means to be human. He returns to the "beginning" of humankind, found in the story of creation in the book of Genesis, an account that reminds us that humanity has been created in the image of God himself:

"So God created humankind in his  
image, in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

This is the foundation of the dignity of the human person within christian life and faith. John Paul writes that male and female are, "two different incarnations, that is... two ways of being a body of the same human being created 'in the image of God.'" In and through our bodies, we participate in God's life by our lives. We are created in God's image. Not only is humanity as a whole an image of God, but each of us through our own body images Him in a particular way.

To this teaching on dignity, John Paul adds a second foundational idea. He emphasizes that God uses personal experience to communicate with us, and that these experiences are the way he will transform us. What often evades our thinking is that God chooses to reveal Himself through our experiences, filled as they are with feelings, thoughts, ideas and understandings. Therefore, according to John Paul, paying attention to what we experience through the senses of taste, touch, smell, sound and sight is an essential part of how we are to love Him and each other.

So what do these two big ideas have to do with being people who reverence life?

- First, when we truly consider the dignity of the human person, we are called to a place of humble awe at the miracle of each and every person. In being reminded that every human life is a miracle, we come to realize that the unborn deserve the same rights and protections as those of us who have been given the gift of birth. This also means that we are called to grieve those lost through miscarriage and stillbirth; to listen attentively to the opinions of those we disagree with; to struggle with the poor, the homeless and the naked; to work for peace in our homes and in the world; to serve the ill and visit the imprisoned; to listen to and care for the elderly among us. No one can be excluded from our love.

# MET IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

- Second, if human experience is part of how God meets us, communicates with us, teaches us and transforms us, then our human experience is valuable. As much as joy, happiness, awe and wonder proclaim God's goodness and love; so too does our suffering, sadness, doubt and confusion. Many in our world fail to value life's more difficult moments because they do not understand the meaning, purpose and potential that can come from suffering. When we disagree on issues concerning human life, it is often because we have very different experiences, and so our choosing to love in the midst of disagreement is essential in creating new experiences!

Reverence for life means that we recognize the inestimable worth of each human person, regardless of how we may perceive their lives. When people are hungry, we share our food. When someone else's children are being killed by war or forced into labour, we respond with the same passion we have for our own children. When we have destroyed others by our violent action or denied others peace and justice, we turn in repentance to God, begging for forgiveness and seeking to repair the damage we have caused. When the elderly or ill are suffering, we care for their needs with gratitude and compassion.

By these experiences of caring for one another and being cared for, we learn little by little, one blessed moment at a time, how God cares. Our most difficult life challenges are often where God offers us the most grace.

When we struggle to reverence the dignity of life in our own suffering, we are called to reach out and allow others to help us with our hunger, thirst and needs, as well as with finding meaning that allows us to survive and grow spiritually. When we encounter those who support abortion, justify war, participate in injustice, or want to relieve the suffering of the dying with euthanasia or assisted suicide, we are called to love them too, in order to gently and humbly proclaim another way of understanding, another way of walking through the miracle of life.

By Leah Perrault  
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#### Further Resources:

Leah Perrault, *Theology of the Body for Every Body*  
Emily Stimpson, *These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of The Body*  
Susan Windley-Daoust, *Theology of the Body Extended: The Spiritual Signs of Birth, Impairment, and Dying*  
Pope Saint John Paul II, *Theology of the Body*  
Carl Anderson, *Called to Love, Approaching John Paul II's Theology of the Body*  
Marc Cardinal Ouellet, *Divine Likeness: Toward a Trinitarian Anthropology of the Family*  
Christopher West, *Theology of the Body Explained*