

St. John the Baptist Parish

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December 19 & 20, 2015

4th Sunday of Advent

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved." Psalm 80

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26 & 27, 2015

"Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord." Psalm 80

January 2 & 3, 2016

Epiphany of the Lord

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Psalm 72



Ministries for December 24 & 25, Nativity of the Lord

Cup Ministers:

5:00PM Joan Fingler, Jackie Phillips, Amber Hilstrom, Brenda Keating, Maureen Daoust(Ann)
7:00PM Adele Belanger, Karen Melle, Amanda Hagel, Peter Melle, Terry Stefiuk(Ann)
9:00PM Bev Hickie, Clara Weinrauch, Theresa Beck, Gordon Schwab, Beckey Franke(Ann)
10:00AM Janice Johner, Gary St. Onge, Margaret Mack, Debbie Augey, Treena Hirsch(Ann)

Lectors:

5:00PM Guy Chicoine & Maleau Badeo
7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Joan Fingler
9:00PM Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm & Eden Pacunayen
10:00AM Darla Wilhelm & Gil Sotto

Hospitality Hosts:

5:00PM Margaret Daoust & Elain Gedak
7:00PM Adele Belanger & Louis Belanger
9:00PM Ed Moreau & Lorna Moreau
10:00AM Mildred Mehler & Genevieve Fichter

Ushers:

5:00PM John Kish
7:00PM Ray Audet

9:00PM Brian Miiller
10:00AM Ron Wilhelm

December 24

First Reading:
Isaiah 9.2-4,6-7
Second Reading:
Titus 2.11-14
Gospel:
Luke 2.1-16

Altar Servers:

5:00PM Markie Daoust, Maleah Daoust, Maya Daoust
7:00PM Kendra Cossette, Shanelle Rioux, Havey Leal
9:00PM Jesse Beahm, Justin Hertes
10:00AM Senior Men

December 25

First Reading:
Isaiah 52.7-10
Second Reading:
Hebrews 1.1-6
Gospel:
John 1.1-18

Collection Counters:

Elaine Walton, Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Fernandez, Ron Wilehlm

Ministries for December 26 & 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Joan Fingler, Debbie Augey, Terry Stefiuk, Gwen VanDeWoestyne, Eden Pacunayen(Ann)
10:00AM Treena Hirsch, Hanna Keating, Jackie Phillips, Adele Belanger, Joyce Wagner-Bonokoski(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Amanda Hagel & Maureen Daoust
10:00AM Karen Melle & Gil Sotto

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Margaret Daoust & Joan Fingler
10:00AM Elaine Walton & Norma Kuntz

Ushers:

7:00PM Brian Miiller

10:00AM John Kish

First Reading:
1 Samuel 1.20-22,24-28

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Lyle Guino Christian Quin
10:00AM Julia Pangan, Dann Pangan, Keira Phillips

Second Reading:
1 John 3.1-2,21-24

Collection Counters:

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

Gospel:
Luke 2.41-52

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)

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

Ministries for January 2 & 3, Epiphany of the Lord

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Maureen Daoust, Terry Stefiuk, Wes Krekelwich, Virginia Wheeler, Eden Pacunayen(Ann)
10:00AM Breanne Swarbrick, Brenda Keating, Doreen LeBlanc, Dawn Marie Sloan-Beahm, Adele Belanger(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Debbie Augey & Gwen VanDeWoestyne
10:00AM Beckey Franke & Malou Badeo

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Colleen Harkins & Clayton Harkins
10:00AM Norma Kuntz & Brenda Keating

10:00AM Ian Fernandez

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Harvey Leale
10:00am Dann Pangan, Julia Pangan, Jesse Beahm

Collection Counters:

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

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Ministries for January 9 & 10, Baptism of the Lord

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Amanda Hagel, Bev Hickie, Amber Hilstrom, Maureen Daoust, Clara Weinrauch(Ann)
10:00AM Guy Chicoine, Gloria Chicoine, Darla Wilhelm, Theresa Beck, Brenda Keating(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Dawn Hengen & Joan Fingler
10:00AM Gil Sotto & Karen Melle

Ushers:

7:00PM Greg Walliser

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Margaret Daoust & Elaine Gedak
10:00AM Melvin Boscher & Diane Green

10:00AM John Mickel

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Trixie Elguira
10:00AM Garrett Schwab

Collection Counters:

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

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14;3.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16,21-22

St. John the Baptist Parish Office is closed December 21, 2015 to January 3, 2016. We will reopen January 4.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!



LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	December	19	7:00pm	Estevan	†Mike Leptich; Carrie & Family
Sun.	December	20	8:30am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Sun.	December	20	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Mon.	December	21		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	22	9:00am	Estevan	Health of Family Members; Geisel Family
Wed.	December	23	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Frank Johner; Robert & Jeannette
Wed.	December	23	11:00am	Hospital	†Ken Maley; The Family
Thurs.	December	24	5:00pm	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Thurs.	December	24	7:00pm	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Thurs.	December	24	9:00pm	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Fri.	December	25	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sat.	December	26	7:00pm	Estevan	Health of Darlene Geisel; Geisel Family
Sun.	December	27	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parisioners
Mon.	December	28		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	December	29	9:00am	Estevan	Health of Family Members; Geisel Family
Wed.	December	30	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Allen Barreth; Holy Family Board & Staff
Wed.	December	30	11:00am	Hospital	†Isabel Baril; Mannie & Doreen Mack
Thurs.	December	31	7:00PM	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Fri.	January	1	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Sat.	January	2	7:00pm	Estevan	Health of Ron Wanner; Geisel Family
Sun.	January	3	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners
Mon.	January	4		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	January	5	9:00am	Estevan	†Deceased Family Members; Geisel Family
Wed.	January	6	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†Clayton Wheeler; Eleanor & Genevieve
Wed.	January	6	11:00am	Hospital	†Linda Striefel; Michella Prokop
Thurs.	January	7	9:00am	Estevan	†Kathy Orlowski; Mom & Family
Fri.	January	8	10:00am	Nursing Home	Improved health for Jonas Fornwald; Martha Mantei
Sat.	January	9	7:00PM	Estevan	†Vincent & †Barbara Fernandez; Fernandez Family
Sun.	January	10	10:00am	Estevan	Mass for Parishioners

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	December	20	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Eileen Friess Burkholder Shyp; Dennis Burkholder
Thurs.	December	24	5:00pm	Bienfait	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	December	27	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Allen Barreth; Sacred Heart School & Staff
Fri.	January	1	12:00pm	Bienfait	Mass for Parishioners
Sun.	January	3	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Paul Glasser; Lawrence & Charolette Johner
Sun.	January	10	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Leon Daoust; Margaret & Family

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19/20, 2015**

As we draw close to the Feast of the Nativity, we hear the great stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in God's house. Take time to ponder these questions: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? Do we reflect God's nature in our daily life? Are we able to say with confidence: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
Friday, December 25, 2015**

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

Senior Youth Group will begin Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Formation Room of the Community Center.

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 26/27, 2015**

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the Ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the new year, how might we embrace one or more of these virtues more fully in our parish community in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

Ministries for December 31 & January 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Bill Baryluk, Laura Baryluk, Gordon Schwab, Theresa Beck, Clara Weinrauch(Ann)
10:00AM Margaret Mack, Gary St. Onge, Theresa Fernandez, Darla Wilhelm(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Joan Fingler & Virginia Wheeler
10:00AM Jo Ann Schopf & Malou Baleo

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Lorraine Schlamp & Dorothy Heidinger
10:00AM Eleanor Mack & Geneviev Fichter

Ushers:

7:00PM John Mickle 10:00AM Greg Walliser

Altar Servers:

7:00PM Garrett Schwab, Keira Phillips
10:00AM Harvey Leal

First Reading:
Numbers 6.22-27

Second Reading:
Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel:
Luke 2.16-21

2015 Christmas Message from Fr. Brian Meredith



Jesus, the Lord, the one who is full of mercy, became flesh out of love for us and all people. When he was born, he was placed in a manger; he is the life-giving food for the world. Jesus, the bread of life, nourishes us with mercy and invites us to nourish others in the same way.

Pope Francis proclaimed a jubilee Year of Mercy (*December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016*) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This year, the Sunday readings are from the Gospel of Luke which offers parables rooted in mercy (e.g., the Prodigal Son, the Lost Sheep, etc.).

The Year of Mercy draws our attention to the words of Jesus who calls us to be people of mercy by practicing mercy in our relationships: in our homes, our schools, our parishes, and our local communities. We are invited to reflect on how we might apply the Corporal Works of mercy in practical ways: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Some other ways that we might consider practicing mercy this Christmas Season and throughout the year include the following recommendations.

- Try to refrain from gossip. Instead, focus on “lifting people up” through our words.
- Limit the number of 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, try to focus on smaller and personal encounters with people such as inviting someone who is new to the parish (or community) to have a meal with our family in our home or at a restaurant.
- Get involved with helping at the Warm Welcome Shelter or at the Food Bank.
- Support the young people in their High School Mission trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Reduce the number of meetings. Instead, spend that extra time with our family. Pope Francis tweeted 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.*
- Try to find ways of making our workplace more “family friendly” for the staff and their families.
- Try to practice forgiveness, even in very difficult situations.

May Jesus bless you with a year filled with mercy, joy and peace! God bless.