



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year in 2022**

THANK YOU

For your support and prayers throughout the year, thank you to our parishioners. Thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council for guiding our parish. We are grateful for our Liturgy Committee for all the beautiful, meaningful liturgies in 2021. Thank you to our Finance Council. A huge thank you to our Decorating Committee. Their talents add to everyone's experience at Holy Mass. The K of C helps us in many ways all year. We are thankful for them decorating the outside of the Church, for helping with all the decorating in the Church, for ministering at one Holy Mass each month and for everything else they do. Thank you to our CWL for ministering at Holy Masses during the year, for helping to decorate the Church and for everything else they do for us. For always helping all our committees and parishioners with a spirit of joy, thank you to our Parish Staff.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a joy filled New Year!!



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass is on Sunday, December 26 at 9am and 11am. New Year's Masses are on Friday, December 31 at 7pm and Saturday, January 1 at 10am. Epiphany of the Lord is on Sunday, January 2 at 9am and 11am. Please note Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1, there is no 5pm Mass.

CWL

The St. John the Baptist CWL is a creative, active and vibrant group of women. If you would like more information about joining this amazing group of women, please call Brenda Keating at 306-634-2331.



Below is the link for the 7pm Christmas Eve Mass

<https://youtu.be/r4XsZqLZHow>



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE DONATED FOR CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS SEASON FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF THEIR DEPARTED LOVED ONES. AND IN THANKSGIVING. MAY YOUR FAMILIES BE BLESSED THROUGH THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS AND MAY YOUR LOVED ONES REST FOREVER IN THE LOVING ARMS OF JESUS.

† Edmond Gervais †Jane Fischer †Henry & †Anne Miiller †Melvin Chamney
†Dad, †Lucas, †Gabriel, †Teresa, & †Nathan †Jake & Edith Leptich †Richard Hagel
†Doris & †Lorne Sicinski, †Myron & †Katie Leschyshyn, †Don Dalziel

In Thanksgiving for:

Kathy Thompson, blessings received, Tracy, Wade, Shandey Miller, Val, Merv, Ryan & Amanda Hagel, Kelsey & Riley Miller



St John the Baptist Parish Finance Vision and Mission

St John the Baptist Parish Finance Council is creating an environment and culture that supports all parishioners in the mission of Jesus Christ to celebrate our faith, proclaim the Gospel, build community, and serve our needy.

Using our three-year plan, we aim to witness God's love through worship and service and return to God the gifts we have received from his bounty. We plan to do this through:

The bulletin sponsorship program which allows members of our community to highlight the goods and services they offer through the means of our bulletin.

By encouraging consistent donations through the methods of envelope offerings and Automatic Fund Transfers. This aids the Finance Council to better budget for the upcoming year. We also offer E-transfer as another means of sharing your gifts with your Parish Family.

By urging all our Parish Family to receive envelopes to provide consistent and regular donations to our Parish.

By welcoming any planned gifts and bequests to our Parish.

Recognizing that everything we have comes from our Father and sharing those God given gifts with our Parish Home will bring multiple blessings to us and our families.

St John the Baptist Parish Finance Office



Please note the Parish Office will be closed from December 24 to January 2. Regular office hours will resume January 3.

Parish Website and Facebook Page

Catch up on all the latest happenings at St. John the Baptist Parish by checking in on our website:

stjohnthebaptistestevan.ca

Our website has our Church calendar, Holy Mass schedule and important information about liturgy and sacraments.

Like our Parish Facebook page at:

[Facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistparishestevan/](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistparishestevan/)

Our Facebook page is updated daily with the reading of the day and a prayer. Parish Events are also posted each week.

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K of C

The K of C at St. John the Baptist Parish is a strong, involved group. If you would like more information about joining this great group of men, please call Sheldon Spilchuk at 306-634-6852.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in the Adoration Chapel Tuesday, January 4 at 9:30 am.

The Chapel has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 9:30am - 8pm and Wednesday to Friday, 9:30 am - 5pm.

A Holy Hour is a perfect way to give thanks to God and give our petitions. Everyone is welcome to come and spend time in the Adoration Chapel.



Programs for you at St. John the Baptist Parish

Becoming A Catholic/Renewing Your Faith And Discipleship

- * RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (People interested in becoming Catholic)
- * Learn about Catholicism - Renew your Christian faith
- * Follows the Symbolon program
- * Contact Connie Wheeler at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447, or conniesjb@gmail.com



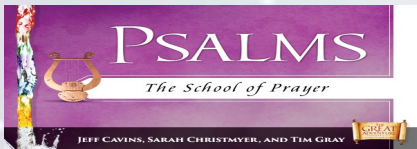
Lenten Study

- * 6 week study.
- * Watch the bulletin for more information



Bible Study

- 6 - 8 week study
- Begins in the fall of 2022
- Watch the bulletin for more information



Explore Formed: A Catholic Website

- * The excitement of Catholic Christianity, from St. Peter to St. John Paul II, Mother Teresa, plus the Old Testament - discover and deepen your knowledge of the millennia-old beliefs that have shaped the world.
- * Excellent, easy to follow presenters including Bishop Robert Barron, Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Gaiteley, Lighthouse Media, and many more - a wealth of the best videos, programs books and resources.
- * Go to formed.org to register for no cost and start watching!



Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

Registration for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist happens in the fall of each year. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information.



Baptism

We look forward to celebrating this first sacrament for you child with your family. Baptisms are held three time per year. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



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Christmas 2019

A few days ago, at the beginning of December, Pope Francis travelled to Greccio, half way between Rome and Assisi, to the shrine of the nativity, the place where back in 1223, Saint Francis invited locals to help recreate the setting of the birth of Jesus: a manger, an ox, a donkey. Saint Francis's biographer writes that all those present were filled with an "indescribable joy."



Now 800 years later, Pope Francis has offered a meditation on nativity scenes, speaking of them as being "a living Gospel" that draws us into the mystery of the Incarnation - God born in human flesh, coming to dwell with us. Setting up a Christmas crèche helps us to imagine the scene. From the manger, God, eternal one, enters into the poverty of our human lives, the brokenness of our world, launching what the Pope refers to as a "revolution of tenderness." The source from which all life comes, became life. As the letter of John relates, in Jesus, this life was revealed, this life appeared (cf. 1 Jn 1:2).

Christ comes quietly into our noisy world.

Mary is there in the nativity scene, the mother "who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor;" Joseph too, the guardian who protects his family as he ponders the mystery; also the cast of characters found in most every crèche - the angels heralding good news, the shepherds who are privileged witnesses, the sheep, the donkey; eventually too the magi, who teach us that people "come to Christ by a very long route."

Pope Francis goes on to note that children, and adults too, love to add other figures to the nativity scene - each bringing their lives, bearing their burdens, carrying their treasures - poor though they be. Each, he says, "show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human, and for all God's creatures." "They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus: no one can evict them or send them away..."

Into this quiet place, before the Christ child, we too are invited to come: to learn to walk with each other in our woundedness; to learn to be vulnerable, and to show tenderness; to let ourselves be made small so that we can reflect a little of the light that comes when God embraces powerlessness. And in that quiet place we hear God say: *I am with you. To stay. It is your world I have come to dwell in. Your broken heart and wounded soul I have taken for my home. My love will light the darkness. So, friends, light the candles, and open your hearts. It is Christmas.*

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! Merry Christmas, everyone!

✠ Donald Bolen

Archbishop of Regina