



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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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.

Welcome! We are so glad you joined us today!

*Wishing you a Merry
Christmas and a Blessed
New Year in 2023*



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, December 24	5pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass 5pm (Torquay) Christmas Eve Holy Mass 7:30pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass (Incense will be used) 7:30pm (Bienfait) Christmas Eve Holy Mass 10pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass (Incense will be used)
Sunday, December 25	10am Christmas Holy Mass
Saturday, December 31	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 1	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait) 10am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass (Torquay)
Tuesday, January 3	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions 7pm C.W.L. Meeting
Wednesday, January 4	10am Holy Mass (Hillview Manor - Residents Only) †Domingo Gomez 11am Holy Mass (Hospital - Residents Only) Special Intentions
Thursday, January 5	9am Holy Mass †Rose Ehrmantraut
Friday, January 6	9am Holy Mass †Manny Mack
Saturday, January 7	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 8	9am Holy Mass (Bienfait) 10am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass (Torquay) †Domingo Gomez

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24 at 5pm

Saturday, December 24 at 7:30pm - Incense will be used.

Saturday, December 24 at 10pm - Incense will be used.

Sunday, December 25 at 10am

*“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:11*

New Years

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 at 5pm

Sunday, January 1 at 10am (Incense will be used)

“But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:19

Finance Council

On behalf of the Finance Council, we wish to extend our gratitude to our parishioners for their unconditional support to our Parish throughout this past year. Sharing your Time, Treasures and Talents have enabled your church to successfully meet the needs of your Parish Family and all its ministries.

We offer to you, our continued prayers throughout this Christmas season and the coming New Year. Let Christmas be for each of us, an opportunity to be grateful for the Lord's presence among us and let His light fill our hearts this Holy season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy at the Parish Office at financesjb@sasktel.net.

Merry Christmas and have a Blessed 2023!

Pastoral Care Ministry

Our team has grown to include many ministers. We vary in age and gifts but together we are so grateful for the blessings we receive through our Pastoral Care Ministry. We offer regular training workshops and welcome any one who feels a call to serve our parish in this way.

Senior Care Ministry

We have been blessed with the opportunity to provide ministry in all of our senior care facilities. Communion services are celebrated every week in each home with Holy Mass returning to the chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital on a weekly basis. We celebrate Holy Mass in each care home once a month. In the spring we were invited to begin a Care Ministry at the Midale Senior Care Home twice a month. We have made new friends and are enjoying the gift that each of our seniors give us through their unfailing faith. We truly receive more than we give .

Home Communion Ministry

We are working to expand our Pastoral Care Ministry to serve all in need. Our ministry team is available to provide home communion to those who are not able to attend mass due to physical or other limitations. Offering Holy Communion in our senior parishioners homes is a key piece to our goal of serving everyone in our Parish Family. If you or someone in your family would like a minister to provide home communion please let us know.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are fortunate to have gifted ministers who are willing to give their time to pray as they knit or crochet beautiful prayer shawls. These shawls are filled with the love of faithful people and are available to anyone experiencing sickness or preparing for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office if you are experiencing a prolonged illness or recovering from surgery or treatment. We can arrange a visit.

For more information about our Pastoral Care Ministry, please contact Gwen Van De Woestyne at gwenvandewoestyne@gmail.com or the Parish Office.



Sacraments At St. John the Baptist Parish

Sacrament of Baptism

We look forward to celebrating this first sacrament for your child with your family. Baptism Prep is held three times per year in our Parish.

Sacraments of Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

These sacraments are celebrated together in May or June each year. Registration for the sacrament prep for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist happens in January. This is open to children in Grade 2 and up.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Holy Mass is celebrated throughout the week and on the weekends. Please check a current bulletin for the schedule.

Sacrament First Reconciliation

The Prep for this Sacrament of healing begins in the Fall of each year and is open to children in Grade 3 and up.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated 30 minutes before each weekday Holy Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Pastor by calling the Parish Office eight months prior to your wedding. Please note that the Church will not be reserved for you until you have had the initial meeting with Father Antony.

Sacrament of Anointing

The sacrament of anointing is offered after each Holy Mass during the seasons of Lent and Advent. For anointing in your home, please contact the Parish Office to set up a date and time. In the case of emergency, the sacrament of Anointing is available at any time. During Office hours, please contact the Parish Office. After Office hours, please contact Connie at 306-421-8447.

To register for sacrament prep, you must be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish. Please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information.

THE SACRAMENTS



Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Our CWL is a creative, active and vibrant group of women. If you would like more information about the St. John the Baptist CWL, please contact Brenda Keating at 306-634-2331.



Knights of Columbus



The Mission of the Knights of Columbus is to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. The K of C at St. John the Baptist is a strong, involved group. If you would like more information about joining this great group of men, please call Sheldon Spilchuck at 306-634-6852

Eucharistic Adoration

A Holy Hour is a perfect way to give thanks to God and ask for his help. Everyone is welcome to come and spend time in prayer with Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration schedule is:

Tuesdays from 9:30am until 6pm

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am until 5pm

Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in the Church on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:30am.



Parking Update

All the doors of the Church will be open for the Christmas season Holy Masses. We have a large, open parking lot behind the Church and encourage you to park there during this season. And, as always, please make sure to leave the spots closest to the doors open for those of our Parish Family with mobility issues, young families, etc. May God bless you and your family this Holy Season.



Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 26, 2022 to Thursday, December 29, 2022. We will be open on Friday, December 30 from 9am-12pm & 1pm- 4pm. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, January 3, 2023. There will be no Weekday Holy Masses from December 26, 2022 to December 30, 2022.



Donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal must be made by Friday, December 30th. Donations can be placed in the collection basket, brought to the Parish office, or mailed to the Archdiocesan office. Any donations received after December 30th will go towards the 2023 appeal.

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Bible Study

Every fall, we host a 6-8 week Bible Study. We are blessed to have awesome resources from great catholic speakers. Watch the bulletin for more information in September 2023.

Lenten Study

Each year during the season of Lent, we host a Lenten Study. This is a 6 week program that gives you time for contemplation, reflection and transformation during the season of Lent. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper And Holy Mass With The Rite Of Burning Palms

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. Join us for a traditional pancake feast followed by Holy Mass where we burn the palms from the past year creating the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Join us on Fridays during Lent as we journey with Jesus through the Paschal mystery.

Pentecost Brunch

You are invited to our celebration of Pentecost, beginning with Holy Mass and followed by a delicious brunch.

Parish Picnic

In the fall of each year, we host our Annual Parish Picnic. We start the day with Mass on the Grass followed by a bbq lunch, live music, games for the kids and lots of fellowship.

All Souls Holy Mass

Each November 2 we honor our deceased loved ones with a special Holy Mass. You are invited to join us to light a candle for your departed loved one.

Christ the King Brunch

To celebrate the end of the liturgical year and give thanks for all our blessings, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday with Holy Mass followed by brunch.

Explore Great Catholic Websites:

Formed has a wealth of the best videos, programs, books and resources. They also have an incredible selection of programming for children. Go to <https://formed.org/> to register at no cost and start watching!

Ascension Press is the Formation Leader. This is the home of Bible In A Year. They have many resources, some at no cost and some that require purchasing. Check out the site at <https://ascensionpress.com/> and sign up for their new free program, Catechism In A Year.

Dynamic Catholic is a website that was created to be a community, a movement, a group of people much like us who are trying to make sense of life and live the best life they can. Check out <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/> for wonderful Advent and Lenten resources, as well as great books and videos.

Word on Fire harnesses beauty, goodness and truth to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith. You can access articles, videos and their bookstore. Some resources are at not cost. Take a look at Bishop Robert Barron's site at <https://www.wordonfire.org/>

At the Augustine Institute, they joyfully embrace and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through graduate classes, video productions, short courses, study programs, books, talks, and multimedia resources. Check out their website at <https://www.augustineinstitute.org/>

Misa de Gallo

This 9 Day Novena Mass is celebrated before Christmas. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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Blanche Keating
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Advent and Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the flowers that are decorating the Church this Christmas season. You may donate in memory of a deceased loved one or in thanksgiving for someone in your life. Special donation envelopes are available in the main entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed throughout the Christmas season and always.





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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON
KIPLING - EVERY 2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours; and may the coming year be filled with happiness.

Merry Christmas

*Father Antony, Connie,
Karla, Gwen, Cindy,
Sifgredo, Jocelyn and
Joseph*

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.

- †Peter Kuntz
- †Edmond Gervais
- †Cody Ward
- †Michael Bonokoski
- †Exaltacion
- †Matias
- †Juliana
- †Casiano

