

# St. John the Baptist Parish

December 8 & 9, 2018

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## St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Liturgy:** 7:00PM

**Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00AM

**Weekday Liturgy:** Please check a current  
bulletin

**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays 6pm-6:45pm  
Thursdays & Fridays 8am-8:45am  
Or by appointment

**Sacrament of Anointing:** contact the pastor

**Office hours:** Monday to Friday  
9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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**Bookkeeper:** Susan Mack

**Caretaker:** Sigfredo Gonzales



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, December 8	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 9	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, December 11	5pm Holy Mass †Robert Lee; Ken & Arlene Anderson 5:30pm CWL Supper Parish Hall
Wednesday, December 12	11am Holy Mass (Hospital) In Thanksgiving for Anna Johner 6:30pm Reconciliation Celebration 7pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 13	9am Holy Mass †Catherine Orłowski; Mary Tardef 9:30am Coffee After Mass 10:00am Staff Meeting 7pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, December 14	9am Holy Mass †Anne Schwab; Mary Martin 10am Holy Mass (Creighton Lodge) †Allan Ereth; Arnie & Barb
Saturday, December 15	6am Holy Mass 5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 16	6am Holy Mass 8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass 11am Family Christmas Activities Parish Hall

### Important Dates for the First Reconciliation Celebration

CELEBRATION - Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm in the Church

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We have begun planning our Advent and Christmas celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be used in the Church for the seasons. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available at the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved ones name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during these seasons. Thank you so much!!

### Christmas Mass Times

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

Monday, December 24 7pm & 10pm

Tuesday, December 25, 10am

Monday, December 31 7pm

Tuesday, January 1 10am

#### St. Monica's, Bienfait

Monday, December 24 7pm

#### Sacred Heart, Torquay

Monday, December 24 5pm



## Advent and Christmas Memorial Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Advent and Christmas flowers in memory of their departed loved ones, in thanksgiving, or special intentions. May your families be blessed this Christmas.

In Thanksgiving; The LeNouail Family  
Special Intentions for Raymond Wock



## Advent Reconciliation

An opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided on Wednesday, December 12. The First Reconciliation Prayer Service will begin at 6:30pm with the children going for reconciliation at approximately 6:50pm. All are invited to attend the Prayer Service and then after the children are done, everyone present will be invited to go for reconciliation. Following the Prayer Service, we will all be gathering in the Church Hall for cake and refreshments.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.



## Blue Christmas Service

There will be a Blue Christmas service at the Chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm. This healing service is offered for those who are struggling in any way through this Christmas season. Everyone is welcome.



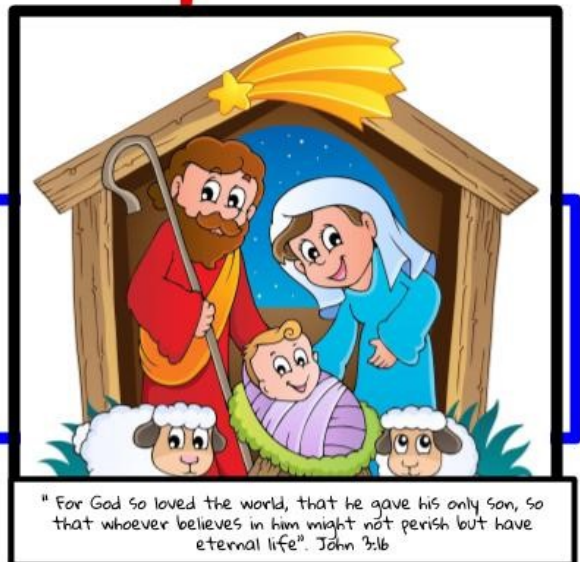
# Early Happy Birthday Jesus!

JOIN US FOR THE PARTY BEFORE THE PARTY!

Celebrate the coming of our Savior! Enjoy a free breakfast and lots of family fun as we prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming Christmas Season!

St John the Baptist Parish  
Auditorium  
December 16th following the 10:00am Youth Mass Led  
By St Mary's and  
Sacred Heart Students

Enjoy a Pancake Bar with a variety of delicious toppings (Silver Collection will be Accepted) and lots of games, activities, crafts and birthday fun!  
All are welcome!



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

## “GO”

And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Who me?”

And he said, “Yes you.”

And I said, “But I’m not ready yet, and there is company coming, and I can’t leave the kids, and you know there’s no one to take my place.”

And he said, “You’re stalling.”

And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “But I don’t want to.”

And he said, “I didn’t ask you if you wanted to.”

And I said, “Listen, I’m not the kind of person to get involved in controversy. Besides, my family won’t like it and what will my neighbors think?”

And he said, “Baloney.”

And yet a third time the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Do I have to?”

And he said, “Do you love me?”

And I said, “Look, I’m scared, people are going to hate me and cut me up in little pieces. I can’t take it all by myself.”

And he said, “Where do you think I’ll be?”

And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

***As you are discerning and praying about your role in the Catholic Women’s League, please remember that you never do anything alone. God’s love and support will surround you in everything you do.***



## CWL News

It’s that time of year again for the membership promotion of the CWL. If you have thought about joining the CWL before, but never got around to it, here is some information for you to look at. We ask all the women of our parish to pray and discern what role they can take in this amazing organization.

### **Who we are:**

We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

### **What we offer:**

We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

### **What we do:**

We provide faith based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development and many avenues for service, advocacy and social justice.

### **Why we do it:**

As Catholic women, we are empowered by the Spirit to renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God, one in heart, voice and mission as we work to strengthen family values, create sanctuaries of peace and be the Good News to all.

*The effect of the Holy Spirit is to take all that God has given us - our gifts, experiences, passions and knowledge - and set them to work, bringing glory to Christ in the Church and in the world.*

For membership information, please visit our website at [www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com](http://www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com), the CWL website at [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) or contact Anita Kjersem at 306-421-7538, Brenda Keating at 306-634-2331, Marj Heindinger at 306-634-6533, Elizabeth Olson at 306-634-4215 or Anne Welch at 306-461-0028.

Registration forms are available in the pamphlets at the entrances of the Church. You may return the completed form to one of the women listed above or put it in the collection basket.



If you currently do not have any donation envelopes, please contact the Parish Office to register for 2019 donation envelopes.



### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from December 25, 2018 to January 1, 2019. Regular office hours will resume January 2, 2019.

Those who are planning on bringing in their annual donation please do so during office hours.

Monday to Friday 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

### New Parish Office Hours

Starting in the new year the Parish Office hours will be **Monday to Friday 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm**. The new hours will take affect on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.



St. John the Baptist Parish encourages our Parish Family to join us for a time of spiritual preparation for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ by attending our "Misa de Gallo" (Rooster's Mass), an Advent tradition of an early morning Mass. We attend the "Misa de Gallo" to show our devotion and faith to the Holy Child. It is an opportunity of preparation for us to receive from God the great gift of Christmas, who is Jesus, the Savior of the world. The nine days of Holy Masses are also recognized as a Novena to the expectant mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us celebrate the advent season with our hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving.

**December 15 to December 23, 2018 at 6:00am at St. John the Baptist Parish.**

Following the Holy Masses, refreshments and snacks will be served in the Parish Hall.

**No regular WEEKDAY Holy Masses during this time.**