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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

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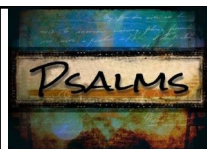


St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Dec. 9	5pm Estevan; †Ralph Bouchard
Sat. Dec. 9	7pm Torquay; Special Intentions of Father Lucey
Sun. Dec. 10	8am Bienfait; †Teresa Lee
Sun. Dec. 10	10am Estevan; Mass For The People
Tues. Dec. 12	9am Estevan; †Lorena Wolensky
Wed. Dec. 13	11am Hospital; †Simonne and †Allan Brown
Thurs. Dec. 14	9am Estevan; Special Intentions for Kendra Fai
Fri. Dec. 15	9am Estevan; †Colette Enmark
Sat. Dec. 16	5pm Estevan; †Michael Bonokoski
Sun. Dec. 17	10am Estevan; Mass For The People

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 11:** 1pm Funeral Choir Practice
- Dec. 12:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Dec. 14:** 9:30am Coffee In The Hall
- Dec. 14:** 7pm Advent Adoration and Reconciliation Evening
- Dec. 19:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Dec. 19:** 7pm PPC Christmas Social
- Dec. 21:** 9:30am Coffee In The Hall
- Dec. 21:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Dec. 22:** 6pm Parish Christmas Party



Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

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We are now entering the Second Week of Advent and the theme is **peace**, which we receive through God's infinite, unfathomable love for us. And as we continue on this journey of waiting and expectation for the coming of Christ, I invite you to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Christmas.

This sacrament is an opportunity for us to feel that unconditional love of God. We all sin. We all move away from God from time to time. But we are blessed to be able to completely heal that relationship. We can go to confession, receive absolution and do penance. We are transformed by this healing sacrament and like all sacraments, we receive God's grace which helps us to be a better version of ourselves going forward.

It is truly fitting to receive this sacrament during Advent, the season of preparation. The most important thing you can do to receive this sacrament is to prepare. Really reflect on what you need to confess. Spend time in prayer asking Jesus to heal you and the Holy Spirit to guide you in making a good confession.

I invite you to take part in this traditional Advent cleansing and healing at our Advent Reconciliation and Adoration evening on Thursday, December 14 from 7-9pm. I have invited a few priests from our deanery to hear confessions. If you can't be there at 7pm, that's ok. Please join us anytime before 9pm. And if you haven't received this sacrament in a long time, maybe even many years, really pray and discern about receiving this sacrament. My prayer is that everyone experiences the healing and grace that is so generously offered to us.

He is waiting for you.

Christmas Eve Masses

We have a unique situation for Holy Mass on Christmas Eve due to the day being on a Sunday.

The 10am Mass that day will be the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is not a Christmas Mass.

Then after sunset that day, we will celebrate the Christmas Masses, the Nativity of the Lord.

Please keep this mind as you make your plans for Christmas. We are blessed to be able to complete the season of Advent and then on that same day be able to celebrate the coming of Christ.



Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the Christmas flowers that will decorate the Church throughout the Christmas season. You may donate in memory of a deceased loved one or in thanksgiving for someone in your life. Their names will be listed in the bulletin so our parishioners can pray for them. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Our Parish



Christmas Flowers

In gratitude for our incredibly generous Parish Family, let us pray for the following:

In Thanksgiving for:
The Bonokoski Family
Marvel Gall

In Memory of:
† Jack Fingler
† Edmund Gervais



Advent Schedule 2023

The Adoration schedule will stay the same except the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Wednesdays at 4pm and Fridays at 12pm.



Advent Adoration and Reconciliation Evening on Thursday, December 14 at 7pm.

Christmas Holy Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 at 10am (Estevan)

Christmas Eve-Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 at 5pm and 7pm (Estevan)

Sunday, December 24 at 9pm (Bienfait)

Christmas Day-Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25 at 8am (Torquay)

Monday, December 25 at 10am (Estevan)

New Year's Eve-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31 at 8am (Bienfait)

Sunday, December 31 at 10am (Estevan)

New Year's Day-Mary the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1 at 10am (Estevan)



CWL Members of SJB Estevan Council

Membership dues in the amount of \$42.00 for 2024 are now being collected. Please make your cheque payable to the Estevan CWL and place it in an envelope for the collection basket at Holy Mass, drop it off at the Parish Office, or call 306-421-7538 for home pick up. E-transfers are also accepted at stjohnthebaptistcwl@gmail.com. Thank you!

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and **LIVING IT!**

2024 Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the main entrance of the Church. If you don't already have envelopes and would like some, please contact the Parish Office.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December

For Persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Effective Immediately, Holy Masses at Creighton Lodge will be for residents only until further notice.

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

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You are invited to our Annual Parish Christmas Party!!

Join us on Friday, December 22 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

We will begin with a Potluck Supper followed by Christmas games, fellowship, and the draws for the Children's Prizes. There are 5 major prizes and many, many other prizes!

The children should make sure they have their tickets from Holy Mass filled out and bring them to the party.

They must be present to win a prize.

This is a time for our whole Parish Family to come together during the busyness of the season and enjoy an awesome Potluck Supper and Christmas Fun.

All are welcome!

MAJOR PRIZES:

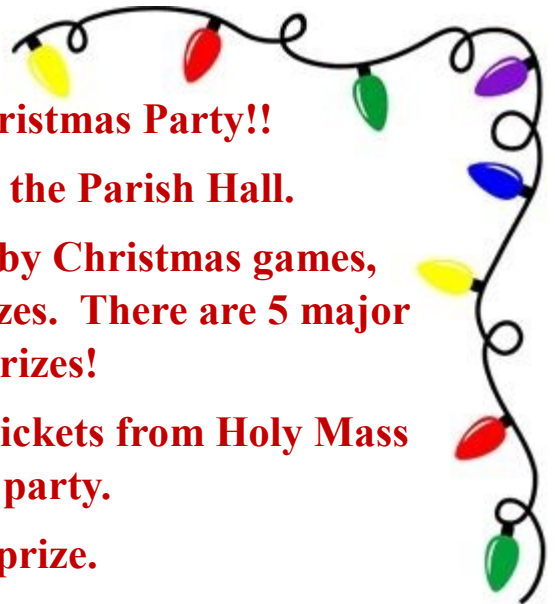
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The Voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins

Father Thuy's Installation Mass

Please join us for Father Thuy's Installation Mass on Sunday, December 17 at 10am. Archbishop Donald Bolen will be celebrating the Rite of Installation. This Rite is truly beautiful to behold and our whole Parish Family has a role to play in it. As Father moves to his ministry stations throughout the Church, we are asked to support and pray for him in his ministry. May we come together in love and gratitude to God for calling Father Thuy to our Parish.

In respect to those who are sensitive to scents, incense will not be used and we ask that you refrain from using any perfume or cologne that day.

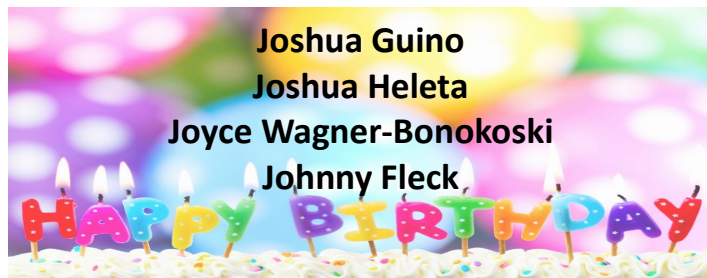


Pastoral CARE

If you or a family member is in the Hospital please contact Gwen at 306- 421-7933 or the Parish Office at 306 -634-2190 to arrange for Spiritual Care Visits.


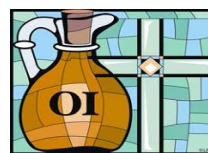
Do you follow a gluten-free diet?

We have low gluten hosts available for communion at Holy Mass. Before the Holy Mass begins, please let Connie know that you would like one.



Sacrament of Anointing

For those who are in the hospital or unable to come to the Church for the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office to set up a time. After office hours, please contact Father Thuy at 306-570-7306 or if you can't reach Father Thuy, please call Connie at 306-421-8447.



This Christmas season, St. Joseph's Hospital would like to invite you to A Celebration of Life

A celebration to remember all of our loved ones who have passed away into a new life.
A moment in time to find silence in the scurry, and light on our path.

Please join us in remembrance and prayer
7:00pm, Monday, December 11th, 2023
St. Joseph's Hospital Chapel

Refreshments will be served following the celebration