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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

December 7 & 8, 2024

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Dec 7	5pm Estevan; †Anne and †Frank Johner
Sat. Dec 7	7pm Torquay; †Thi Lai Nguyen
Sun. Dec 8	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sun. Dec 8	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Mon. Dec 9	7pm Estevan; Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tues. Dec 10	6:30pm Estevan; †Cathy Wanner
Wed. Dec 11	11am Hospital; †Special Intentions
Thurs. Dec 12	10am Estevan: Father Thuy (10 Year Anniversary) St. Mary's Christmas Mass
Fri. Dec 13	10am Creighton Lodge; †Anna Mary Anwender
Sat. Dec 14	5pm Estevan; †Anne and †Frank Johner
Sat. Dec 14	7pm Torquay; †Thi Lai Nguyen
Sun. Dec 15	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 11:** 1pm Finance Council Meeting
- Dec 11:** 6:00pm Bible Study
- Dec 12:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Dec 12:** 6:30 RCIA Prep Class
- Dec 12:** 7pm Choir practice
- Dec 13:** 6pm First Reconciliation Celebration
- Dec 13:** 7pm Advent Reconciliation for parishioners
- Dec 15:** 2pm Interdenominational Choir Practice
- Dec 17:** 7pm PPC Christmas Supper
- Dec 18:** 6pm Bible Study
- Dec 20:** 6pm Parish Family Christmas Party
- Dec 21:** 2pm SJB Choir Practice
- Dec 22:** 7pm Interdenominational Choir Practice

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled
with joy - Psalm 126

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 Family is truly blessed!



Christmas Flowers

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

In Memory of:

†Casper & †Isabelle Jenish
†Robert & †Dorothy Price
†Reynaldo & †Teodorica Hernandez
†Patricia Piche
†Albert & Evelyn Boire
†Marcus & Evelyn Dukart
†Lillian Fai
Marcel and Donna Gagnon's †Parents



Advent Schedule 2024

Advent Adoration and Reconciliation Evening is on Friday, December 13 at 7pm.



The Christmas Novena is a nine-day prayer period that prepares the heart for the birth of Christ. Please join us for Mass starting on December 14.

Check the Christmas Novena Mass Schedule in the bulletin as the times Vary.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

Philippians 1.3



Prepare the Way of the Lord

As we enter the Second Week of Advent, the voice of John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord. His message is simple yet profound: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, not just externally with decorations and gifts, but inwardly, within the depths of our hearts.

True preparation for Christmas requires us to clear away the spiritual clutter in our lives. John the Baptist challenges us to examine ourselves honestly and courageously. Are there areas where we have grown cold or indifferent to God's love? Are there relationships that need healing or forgiveness? Advent invites us to take a step closer to God by turning away from sin and embracing His mercy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful way to heed John's call to repentance. Through confession, we not only acknowledge our shortcomings but also open our hearts to receive the grace and peace of Christ. This sacrament is not a burden but a gift—a gift of healing and renewal that allows us to walk in the light of God's love.

I invite each of you to live the true spirit of Advent by coming to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On **Friday, December 13, at 7:00 PM**, St. John the Baptist parish will hold an evening of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available to hear confessions, offering you the opportunity to experience God's boundless mercy.

Let this Advent be a time of transformation. Like John the Baptist, let us prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and lives so that, when Christmas comes, we may welcome Jesus with joy and peace. May God bless you and guide you as you journey through this holy season.

In Christ,
Fr. Thuy Nguyen

Dec 8 is the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To send His Son, Jesus to the earth to save humanity from sin, God needed a pure vessel with no sin. This chosen vessel is the Blessed Virgin Mary. That is why we hold the Mother Mary in high esteem. She is the Mother of God the Son, Jesus and on the cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother.

Please join us for Holy Mass on December 9 at 7pm for this Feast Day!



Archbishop's Appeal

As Advent begins, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, preparing our hearts for His coming. This season is a time of hopeful anticipation and active readiness. Contributing to the Archbishop's Appeal is a meaningful way to prepare, supporting ministries that bring Christ's light to others. Our unified generosity ensures that the message of hope reaches those who need it most. By staying awake and attentive through acts of kindness and support, we not only ready ourselves but also help prepare the world to receive the joy of the Savior's birth.



2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10) During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.



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First Reconciliation Important Dates

December 13 - Retreat Day
The celebration of First Reconciliation will be on Friday, December 13 at 6pm.

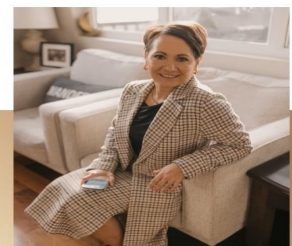
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Christmas Eve-Nativity of the Lord

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

Tuesday, December 24 at 9pm (Bienfait)

Christmas Day-Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25 at 8am (Torquay)

Wednesday, December 25 at 10am (Estevan)

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

Tuesday, December 31 at 7pm (Estevan)

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

Wednesday, January 1 at 10am (Estevan)

The Christmas Novena Masses

Saturday	December 14	6am
Sunday	December 15	7pm
Monday	December 16	7pm
Tuesday	December 17	7pm
Wednesday	December 18	7:30pm
Thursday	December 19	7pm
Friday	December 20	6am
Saturday	December 21	5pm
Sunday	December 22	5pm

**You are invited to our Parish
Christmas Party December 20, 2024**

Kids: bring your tickets for the prize draw!

Major prizes:

Electric Scooter

Nintendo switch lite

Beats by Dr. Dre Headphones

Bluetooth Karaoke Machine

32" TV

**Pot Luck Supper
at 6pm.**

**Bring a dish that is
enough to feed the
people you bring
with you!**

Christmas games!

Carol Singing!

Dancing!

Many More Prizes!

