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St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan

Easter 2023

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Easter Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Easter flowers in thanksgiving for someone in their lives or in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Easter and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

In Memory:

- † Ian Fernandez
- † Jake and † Louise Shell
- † Paul Sylvestre
- † Jack and † Mitch Mclean
- † Richard and † Eva Hagel
- † Albert and † Myles Schopf,
- † LeNouail and † Poirier Family
- † Richard Walter
- † Clara and † Alphonse Mehler
- † Peter and † Michael Bonokoski
- † Russell and † Betty Daniels
- † Nancy Dorwart

In Thanksgiving:

Fr. Antony



Parish Office Hours and Weekday Holy Mass Schedule
St. John the Baptist Parish Office will be closed from Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 14. Regular hours will resume Monday, April 17.
Please note, there will be no Weekday Holy Masses from April 10-14.
Weekday Holy Masses will resume on Tuesday, April 18.



Synodality 2023



Pope Francis launched a two-year global consultation process leading to the October 2023 Synod on Synodality saying that Catholics taking part in the Synod path should strive to “become experts in Encounter...listening to what the Spirit wants to say to the church.”

The word ‘Synod’ means walking together. We as a Parish have worked with the Archdiocese and the world Church to gather the thoughts and concerns of our Church communities. The compiled continental document will be presented this October during the Assembly of Bishops in Synod.

We are filled with hope and anticipation as we journey together in pursuit of becoming the Church that God calls us to be. Your continued prayers for this discernment process are welcome and encouraged.

If you would like more information about the Synodality process or would like to access the documents being developed by the Archdiocese use the following link:

[Synod 2021-2023: Communion, Participation, and Mission in Southern Saskatchewan – Archdiocese of Regina \(archregina.sk.ca\)](https://www.archregina.sk.ca/synod-2021-2023)

Pastoral Care Ministry

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are so grateful for the wonderful opportunities we have to share in the faith journey of our seniors and those who need our support through Home Communion Ministry.

We are blessed with Care Ministers who are committed to sharing the love and joy of Jesus with those who can't join us for Holy Mass in the Church. As part of this Holy Season we will be celebrating Easter Masses in each of our Senior Care Homes in the upcoming weeks. The blessings we receive through this ministry are immeasurable.

If you or anyone you know would like to be included in any of our ministries: Call Ministry, Home Communion Ministry or Senior Care Home Ministry, please contact Gwen at (306)421-7933.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from Thursday, April 6 through Friday, April 14. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin again with our regular hours on Tuesday, April 18.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all our ministers who served during the season of Lent and through Holy Week. Thank you to those who led the Stations of the Cross, our Lectors, our Communion Ministers, our Hospitality Ministers, our Music Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Sound Ministers, PowerPoint Ministers, Incense ministers and Mass Coordinators. Thank you to our Office Volunteers and all who helped set up for the Sacred Triduum. Thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council, our Parish Finance Council and our Liturgy Committee. Thank you to everyone who participated in a Holy Mass and spent some time in Adoration. You are a true example of discipleship and our Parish Family is blessed by your many gifts.

May you and your families will be abundantly blessed
by the Risen Christ!!



May the blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you and be with
you on Easter and always!

From the St. John the Baptist Parish Team: Father Antony, our
Parish Pastoral Council, our Parish Finance Council, Liturgy
Committee, Parish Office Volunteers and Parish Staff.



JOIN US FOR MASS

Our Holy Mass schedule is available on our
Parish Website:

stjohnthebaptost.com

and our Parish Facebook Page

facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistestevan



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. We offer our Baptism Prep sessions three times per year. The next session is on the following dates:

Monday, May 15 at 7pm - Prep Class in the Parish Hall

Monday, May 29 at 7pm - Prep Class in the Parish Hall

Sunday, June 4 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Monday, June 5 at 7pm - Prep Class in the Parish Hall

Thursday, June 15 at 7pm - Baptism Celebration

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.

Ephesians 4:5-6

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John the Baptist Parish is blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration in the Church four days per week.

You might wonder what Eucharistic Adoration is.

Jesus is truly present in the appearance of the Sacred Host, exposed for all of us to see. You can spend time with him in spiritual reading, praying the Rosary, talking to him as you would a friend, or just sitting and enjoying the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God.

Check out our Eucharistic Adoration Pamphlet that is available at all entrances of the Church

Eucharistic Adoration Hours

Tuesdays from 9:30am until 6pm

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



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are newly engaged, please call the Parish Office at least eight months ahead of your proposed wedding date. Wedding dates are only confirmed after your first meeting with the Pastor.





Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament of healing is available for anyone who is suffering in mind, body or soul. Please call the Parish Office to set up a time to receive this sacrament. After office hours, please call 306-421-8447.

Pastoral Council Greetings

On behalf of our entire Pastoral Council, I would like to extend our sincere wishes that we may all experience the true revelation of the gift we receive during this Easter Season. May God's gift of His only Son bring you immeasurable joy and peace. He is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Maureen Daoust, Pastoral Council Chairperson



Let us sing to the Lord Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He is Risen! Alleluia!

As we sing our praises to God for the precious gift of his Son, Jesus, this Easter, may He continue to bless us all with music in our hearts and minds.

If you love to sing or play an instrument we would love to have you join our Music Ministry.

Please contact Jocelyn at the Parish Office 306-634-2190

Sandra Bazin and Jocelyn Hall

Music Ministry Leadership Team



SACRAMENTS OF CONFORMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

“And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.”

(Acts 2:39)

The sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist are celebrated together in the Archdiocese of Regina for all children in Grade 2 or older. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child’s home.

The children have begun their preparation for this year and are looking forward to receiving these sacraments on Sunday, June 25.

Please keep our Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist families in your prayers.



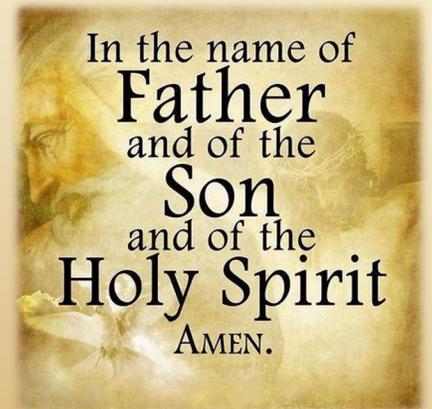
Prayer Before Your Easter Meal

Loving Father, we thank you for bringing us together for this meal: may we continue to live in your friendship and in harmony with one another.

Bless this food, a sign of your loving care for us, and bless us in our daily lives.

Bless your church throughout the world, and all those who seek to do your will today.

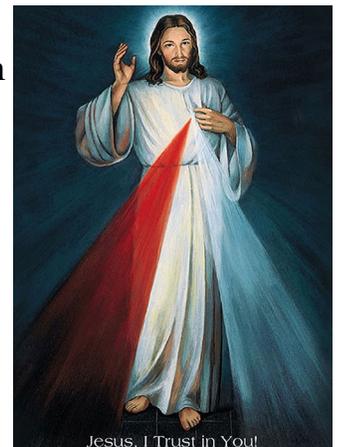
Father of mercy, all praise be to you through Jesus Christ our savior, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Divine Mercy Sunday

You are invited to join us for our Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Masses on Saturday, April 15 at 5pm and Sunday, April 16 at 10am. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Holy Mass.

Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet during your regular prayer time is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. It is especially good to pray it at the three o'clock hour.



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

The Lord Descends Into Hell



Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord

approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him, Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all”. Christ answered him: “And with your spirit”. He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light”.

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a Prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth.

For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.



An Ancient Homily by Early Church Fathers.

http://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010414_omelia-sabato-santo_en.html

For more reading: CCC Article 5 pages 631-637

The Risen Lord Descends into hell

Some reference:

Mathew: 27: 51-53 Tombs were opened for Resurrection.

Ephesians: 4:7-10 He led captivity captive.

Hebrews: 2.14 Conquered Death and devil

Preaching to the Dead: 1Peter: 3:19; 4:6





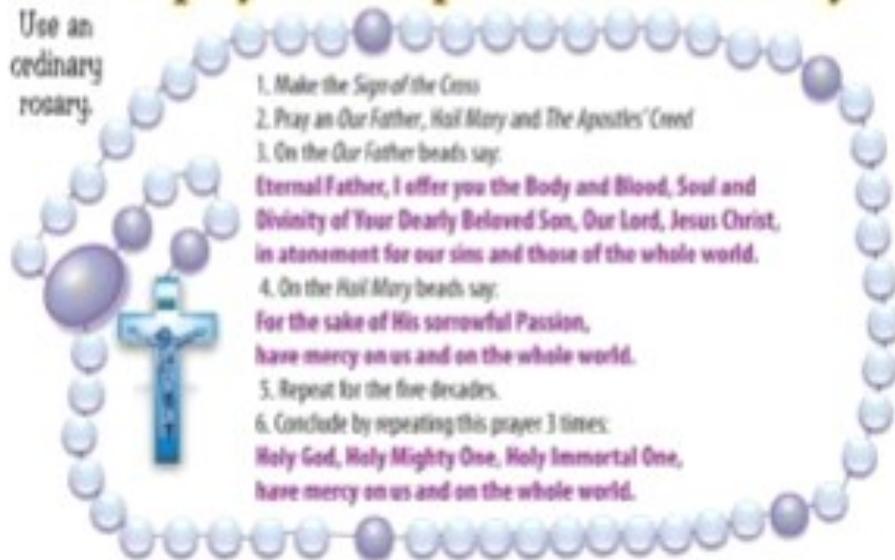
Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Began by a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, in the late 1930s, we are encouraged to place our trust in God's mercy and receive His grace into our lives. Seeing the importance of this message, Sr. Faustina was canonized on April 30th, 2000 by Pope John Paul II who declared that, from that time forward, the second Sunday of Easter

would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us join together praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the second Sunday of Easter this year, to receive forgiveness and mercy from the Risen Lord.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Go to <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/divine-mercy-novena/> to learn more about the Divine Mercy Novena which begins on Good Friday.