

# St. John the Baptist Parish



**January 20 & 21, 2018  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**Office hours:** Monday to Thursday  
9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm

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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Liturgy:** 7:00PM

**Sunday Liturgy:** 10:00AM

**Weekday Liturgy:** Please check the back of a current  
bulletin

**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays 6:00pm-6:45pm

Thursdays & Fridays 8:00am-8:45am

Or by appointment

**Sacrament of Anointing:** contact the pastor

**Pastoral Council highlights:**

The Archdiocesan Priorities are being implemented in our parish. They have been posted on the website. The pastoral council will be participating in a workshop to develop these priorities.

The Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday, March 11th at 11:30 following the 10:00 am mass. Reports are due by January 31st to the parish office.

The Installation of Father Antony and the blessing of the new addition by Archbishop Donald Bolen will be on February 25th at 10:00 am. A meal will follow the celebration.

We are hosting the Deanery Pastoral Council meeting on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 pm.

**On Tuesday, February 13 at the 7pm Mass we will be celebrating the rite of burning the palms from the past year for the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms at home from last year, please drop them off in the basket at the main entrance of the Church by January 31.**



**INVITATION**

All God's creation is very good!

With this theme for World Day of Prayer 2018, a yearly world event, interested women are invited to represent your church at an organizational meeting for this year's service. All materials are provided.

The Women's Inter-church Council of Canada was born in 1918 to bring women from all churches in the world together in prayer and action. Informed prayer and prayerful action are positive, effective tools to help women touched by injustice.

We will gather for this organizational meeting at St. Paul's United Church Room 202 at 10:00 am Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Contact person: Donna Burnard 306-634-9736.

## Ministries for January 27 & 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Cup Ministers

7:00pm (Ann) Gwen Van De Woestyne, Wes Kreklewich, Amber Hilstrom, Deborah Augey, Bev Hickie

10:00am (Ann) Theresa Fernandez, Lynnwood Cundall, Treena Hirsch, Jo Ann Schopf, Gordon Schwab

### Lectors

7:00pm Eden Pacunayen & Maureen Dapust

10:00am Theresa Beck & Carol Cundall

### Hospitality Host

7:00pm Margaret Daoust & Elaine Gedak

10:00am Annette James & Diane Green

### Ushers

7:00pm Brian Miiller

10:00am John Kish

### Altar Servers

7:00pm Christian Quin, John Aaron Elorde, Luke Sliva, Quintin Sliva

10:00am Arvin Baluyut, Doods Derain, Jayden Keating

**First Reading**  
Deuteronomy 18.15-  
20

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 7.32-  
35

**Gospel**  
Mark 1.21-28

### Collection Counters

Elaine Walton, Ron Wilhelm, Darla Wilhelm,  
Theresa Fernandez

### **The Social Justice Committee and Parish**

**Council** would like to thank all parishioners that donated their time to work at the Angel Tree for 3 days at Walmart, to work 2 days at the Toy Store at the New Fire Hall. Thank you everyone that helped deliver 19 Christmas Food Hampers from St. Johns and a very big thank you to everyone that made a cash donation to help offset the cost of the Christmas Food Hampers. Your generosity of time and monetary donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Knights for providing an additional 29 hampers at their organizations expense. Without all of you the Estevan Community Christmas Hamper Association would not be able to help those in need; who would be without a Christmas meal and children without pj's, warm toques, mitts, toys etc. for the Christmas holidays. Thank you to everyone that donated to 'Operation Christmas Child', thank you for donating directly to the Salvation Army and for working the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle. All of you made Christmas very special for so many families!



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, January 20	5pm Holy Mass (Torquay)
<i>St. Sebastian</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 21	8am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
<i>St. Agnes</i>	10am Holy Mass
Monday, January 22	7:30pm RCIA
<i>St. Vincent</i>	
Tuesday, January 23	7pm Mass †Margaret & †Jack Finch
	7:30pm Liturgy Meeting Parish Auditorium
Wednesday, January 24	11am Mass (Hospital) †Wes Walliser; Helen McDonald
<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	7pm Baptism Preparation Class Parish Auditorium
Thursday, January 25	9am Mass † Rodney Veroba; Jean & Family
<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	9:30am Coffee after Mass Parish Auditorium
	10:15am Staff Meeting
	1:30pm Bible Study Parish Auditorium
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
	7pm Bible Study Parish Auditorium
Friday, January 26	9am Mass †Leo & †Gary Wollner; Family
<i>St. Timothy and St. Titus</i>	10am Mass (Creighton Lodge) †Deceased Family; Bella Ganje & Family
Saturday, January 27	9am Finance Workshop Parish auditorium
<i>St. Angela Merici</i>	5pm Holy Mass (Torquay)
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 28	8am Holy Mass (Bienfait)
<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	10am Holy Mass

Hear ye! Hear ye! Serena Saskatchewan, a natural family planning service, invites you to a Medieval Feast fundraiser on Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Saskatoon. Gala includes catered banquet, silent auction, 50/50 draw, entertainment by Collegium Cantorum, wine toss, pay a dime to be first in line (bring pocket change to increase your odds of eating first). Optional dress code = Medieval (awards for best dressed). For more info or to reserve free tickets, visit <https://www.picatic.com/event15126793066570> or email [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Each attendee you invite to the gala gives you a chance to win \$100 in Silent Auction Bucks so the more people you invite, the more chances you have to win! If you are unable to attend, we are still accepting silent auction items or sponsorship donations.



# HOLY FAMILY

Roman Catholic Separate School Division # 140

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Dear Parishioners,

## **Re: Catholic Education Fund Raising Campaign**

My name is Greg Metz. I am a third generation farmer and community member in the Village of Wilcox. I am a former RM Councillor and former School Board Member. I am writing on behalf of Holy Family Roman Catholic School Division.

Beside our parish church in Wilcox is the Tower of God, a building dedicated to the three great religions of the world, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. These religions are united in the belief in the same God. At the centre of the building is a statue depicting mankind struggling to know its God and creator. To search out and learn about our creator is the fundamental purpose of our existence. That yearning inside all of us that asks, "Why are we here?", "What is our purpose?" and "Is there more after death?" This is the struggle!

In our lives we need a balance of physical and spiritual development. In sports we practice and learn the game to be successful. It is no different in our struggle with God. There are gains and losses and improvements as we go along in life. The Separate School System offers that balance and guidance in that struggle to learn about God. Separate Schools have always been open, for all of those who choose to attend, regardless of religion. St. Augustine School in Wilcox, the only school in town, operates this way.

Sadly, if the current Theodore court ruling is not challenged and changed, many of our families will lose the option to attend school in the Separate System, the only school in town.

Ten years ago, the community of Wilcox and surrounding area came together in a united effort, to do what most of the rest of the province thought was impossible. Indeed, the entire educational system in the province was in awe of Wilcox. We should be proud. Now there is a new struggle and again we need to unite and do our part, or risk losing what we have gained for our children.

**Please ask questions, inform yourselves and take part in the struggle. Contact a Board member, your school principal or the Director [gwen.keith@holymfamilyrcssd.ca](mailto:gwen.keith@holymfamilyrcssd.ca).**

Sincerely,

  
Greg Metz



Donations are accepted at any Holy Family RCSSD School. For more information and other options for making a donation go to [https://www.catholicedsprit.ca/?page\\_id=111](https://www.catholicedsprit.ca/?page_id=111)

# Archdiocesan Priorities



ARCHDIOCESE OF *Regina*

*Following a consultation and discernment process in the Spring and Summer of 2017 with lay leaders and staff, consecrated women, and archdiocesan clergy, I have heard, prayed on, and now offer the following priorities for the Archdiocese of Regina for the next 2 to 3 years. I look forward to working alongside Archdiocesan clergy, staff, parish leaders, the lay faithful, Catholic organizations and community partners in reflecting on and setting goals towards these priorities, which our loving God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit - has set upon our hearts.*

Since God has “shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6), we, in the Archdiocese of Regina, feel called to sustain and strengthen a church that is:

## 1. Building vital and viable parish faith communities

A healthy archdiocese and strong parishes are intrinsically bound together. Each of our parishes is unique: rural or urban, large or small, with its own vibrancy and challenges. And each, with its own dynamics, is called to be a genuine community of faith, where those who come feel that they belong, can grow in their Christian discipleship through the Church’s sacramental life and teaching, and are strengthened to live and love well in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Healthy parishes need effective spaces for ministry, with people prepared to serve and effectively live out God’s mercy within and beyond the parish, and with sustainable spiritual, financial, human, and capital resources.

## 2. Living evangelization and discipleship

Jesus, the Word made Flesh, longs to meet us and draw us into love. Our world needs to meet Jesus, and each of us needs to meet Him over and over again. This is the heart of a world transformed by God (cf. Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 1, 3, 8-11).

### a. by facilitating encounters with Jesus

We need to go out to where people are, with strengthened ability to speak about Jesus, to introduce others to Him, to trust God to speak and act powerfully in our lives. Our personal and collective communication should always be an invitation to meet and follow Jesus as disciples.

### b. by equipping disciples to live as authentic witnesses

The world needs witnesses to Jesus, to the changes the Lord makes in our lives, to the hope, peace, forgiveness, love, and true joy that come with faith (cf. Gal 5:22-23). We need to support and seek out continual education, formation, and deep personal growth as the disciples of Jesus, for our own salvation and so that we can be signs of God’s constant loving work in the world.

### c. by forming and supporting strong lay leaders and clergy

We need to foster leadership and grow lay and ordained leaders on a parish and on a diocesan level who can develop new skills, practice effective approaches to discipleship, and build unity among God’s people.

## 3. Listening, engaging in dialogue, and seeking justice and reconciliation

Pope Francis has called us to be a church in dialogue, a reconciled and reconciling community, giving witness in a world that often questions faith’s relevance and credibility. We need to love one another and our neighbours with an openness and humility that invite relationship and engagement in many areas: seeking truth and reconciliation between peoples; working for justice and the common good, and to uphold the dignity of the human person; reaching out to those who have been hurt or alienated by the church; fostering relationships and cooperation with ecumenical partners and other faith communities; engaging the culture in dialogue; and learning to deal with personal and ecclesial conflicts and tensions in a Gospel-informed way.

## 4. Growing in faithful and responsible stewardship

To be able to share the gifts that we have been given (1 Pet. 4:10), we need to work together in planning transparently for our future, in the archdiocese and in our parishes. We need to build on and grow our working together towards generosity and accountability, financial stability and responsible stewardship, trusting always that God will provide what we need in His abundant generosity.