

St. John the Baptist Parish

January 12 & 13, 2019

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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
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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 - 4:00pm

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Caretaker: Sigfredo Gonzales



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.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the united voice of all Catholic women. An invitation is extended to all women 16 years of age and older to become a member of the League. By doing so you will be:

- supporting the efforts of members across Canada who are diligently working to promote the teachings of the Catholic church.
- part of the largest organization of Catholic women in Canada with a tradition of service to others as expressed in its motto "For God and Canada."

The League contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad. While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance!

Included in your membership is a subscription to The Canadian League, which will keep you informed of League business and projects, and in contact with other members across Canada.

For membership information, please visit our website at www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com, the CWL website at www.cwl.ca or contact Anita Kjersem at 306-421-7538 or Brenda Keating at 306-634-2331 or Marj Heidinger at 306-634-6533 or 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.

A CWL Meeting for Election of Officers is on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11:30am in the Parish Hall following the 10:00am Mass. All CWL members are encouraged to attend to declare the elected candidates for the 2019-2020 term of office.



CWL Membership Fee

Did you know that the CWL Membership fees go toward supporting the national, provincial and diocesan councils? This fee helps support all the initiatives that these councils work on, as well as your own local council.

Membership fees of \$27.00 for 2019 are now due. Please submit your cheque made payable to the "Estevan CWL" to the Parish Office or place it in an envelope marked "CWL Membership" in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

The St. John the Baptist CWL council offers sponsorship for the membership fee for those who require it.

St. John the Baptist Parish Baptism Preparation



Our next Baptism Preparation at St. John the Baptist Parish will begin on Wednesday, January 16. You must be a registered parishioner of our parish to attend the Prep sessions. To register with the parish and register for the Prep sessions, please stop in at the Parish Office and ask for Connie. The following is the format for the Prep:

Wednesday, January 16 at 7pm in the Parish Hall: Session 1

Sunday, January 20 at 10am in the Church: Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 23 at 7pm in the Parish Hall: Session 2

Wednesday, January 30 at 7pm in the Parish Hall: Session 3

Sunday, March 3 at 10am in the Church: Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

You must pre-register for the Preparation Sessions!!



Coming Soon!!

**You are invited to join our
Lenten Faith Journey: The Mass
from Word on Fire.**

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beginning Thursday, February 28 at 7pm for six weeks.

Watch for more information!

Everyone is welcome!!



ARE YOU A SUPERHERO FOR CHRIST?

God is calling **YOU** to be a real life superhero and spread the **Good News!** Join us after mass on **January 20th** to learn about some of the incredible **SAINTS** who have answered that call!

When: January 20th at 11:00am

Where: Church Auditorium

What: Muffins, Coffee, Fellowship and Fun Activities for Everyone

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and enjoy breakfast and fellowship!

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish



Saturday, January 12	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
<i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 13	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
<i>St. Hilary</i>	10am Holy Mass
	11:30am CWL Election of Officers in the Parish Hall
Monday, January 14	1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Meeting Room
	7pm RCIA in the Parish Hall
	7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, January 15	7pm †David Kvamme; Carol & Lynwood Cundall
	7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting in the Meeting Room
Wednesday, January 16	11am Holy Mass (Hospital) †Joseph Pele; LaBelle Family
	7pm Baptism Preparation Class in the Parish Hall
Thursday, January 17	9am Holy Mass †Sister Eva Bonokoski; John & Lucille Bonokoski
<i>St. Anthony</i>	9:30am Coffee After Mass in the Parish Hall
	10:00am Staff Meeting
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, January 18	9am Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members; Bella Ganje & Family
Saturday, January 19	10am Funeral Mass for Rita Muirhead
	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, January 20	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
<i>St. Fabian</i>	10am Holy Mass
	11am Winter Wonderland Activities in the Parish Hall

THANK YOU

The Christmas and New Year's Holy Masses at St. John the Baptist Parish were absolutely holy, beautiful experiences. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas and New Year's Holy Masses. It was so good to see our Parish Family joyfully participating in these celebrations. Many, many people came together to make these Holy Masses what they were. Thank you to all our ministers, to those who decorated and cleaned the Church, to the families who helped us prepare during Advent by lighting the Advent candles, to the CWL for donating our Christmas trees, to the K of C for ushering and also decorating the outside of the Church, to the families who carried in baby Jesus and lit the Christmas candles, to our Liturgy Committee for all the planning they did, to our Pastoral Council for all their support, and to the choirs who played beautifully. Our Parish Family is truly blessed by the incredible love and devotion that everyone put into these celebrations. Also a special thank you to those families who gave Christmas gifts to me. May God's continued blessings be upon you all!!

Father Anthony

From a Sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop

(Oratio 39 in Sancta Lumina, 14-16, 20: PG 36, 350-351, 354, 358-359)

The Baptism of Christ

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly, he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: *I ought to be baptized by you*. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. *I ought to be baptized by you*: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open.

The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead.

A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago

announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

