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## *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**January 20 & 21, 2024**

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### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Jan. 20	1pm Estevan; Funeral Mass for Wanda Styre
Sat. Jan. 20	5pm Estevan; †Leo and Marian Stepp
Sat. Jan. 20	7pm Torquay; †Clem Marcotte
Sun. Jan. 21	8am Bienfait; Offering of Thanksgiving
Sun. Jan. 21	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Wed. Jan. 24	11am Hospital; †Anne Johner
Thurs. Jan. 25	9am Estevan; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Fri. Jan. 26	10:30am Nursing Home; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Fri. Jan. 26	11am Estevan; Funeral Mass for Audrey Barreth
Sat. Jan. 27	5pm Estevan; †Antoinette Styre
Sat. Jan. 27	7pm Torquay; †Art Gisi
Sun. Jan. 28	8am Bienfait; Special Intentions
Sun. Jan. 28	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 23:** 6pm Liturgy Meeting
- Jan. 25:** 9am Coffee in the Hall
- Jan. 25:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Jan. 29:** 1pm Make Music with Friends
- Jan. 29:** 7pm Baptism Prep
- Jan. 30:** 6:30pm Youth & Family Events Ministry Planning Meeting
- Jan. 31:** 9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
- Jan. 31:** 6:30pm Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist Parents' Meeting
- Feb. 1:** 9am Coffee in the Hall
- Feb. 1:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Feb. 5:** 1pm SJB Funeral Choir Practice
- Feb. 5:** 7pm Baptism Prep

*Lord, make me know your ways - Psalm 25*



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# Youth and Family Ministry



You are invited!

We are starting a Youth and Family Ministry this year that will host Youth and Family Events each month and we are looking for ministers to join this ministry. Do you feel called to support and work with the young people of our Parish Family? Do you have gifts you would like to share with our young people? We are having an initial meeting to put together a team on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us as you pray and discern about joining this ministry!



## Baptism Prep

Our next Baptism Prep sessions are on the following dates:

Monday, January 29 at 7pm – Class in the Meeting Room

Monday, February 5 at 7pm – Class in the Meeting Room

Monday, February 12 at 7pm – Class in the Meeting Room

Sunday, February 25 at 10am – Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

Please contact the Parish Office for more information and to register.

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*We pray for Father Thuy, may he have a safe, rejuvenating, and joyful holiday. We pray for Father Daris, Father Leonardo and Father Anthony Tran as they serve our Parish Family during Father Thuy's vacation, may they be welcomed and appreciated in their call to lead us in faith.*



### Special Monthly Offering Envelopes

As we continue to grow in faith, our Parish Family is blessed to have many programs and initiatives happening to offer support, education, prayer and fellowship to each of us. With this in mind, we are introducing Special Offering Envelopes that will be placed in the pews. Each month will have a particular theme which will be explained in the bulletin and you are invited to give an offering to support that month's initiative.

We are truly blessed with the generosity you continue to share with your Parish Family and we look forward to continuing to deepen our faith together.



When God saw what they did,  
 how they turned  
 from their evil way,  
**God relented**  
 of the disaster that He had said  
 He would do to them, and He did not do it.  
 Jonah 3:10

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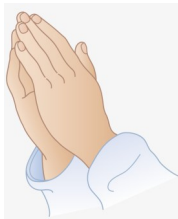
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### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. Amen.



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Please consider temporary or ongoing coverage for Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 2-3pm and Friday 1-2pm. Also, for January only, we are looking for subs for Thursday 12-1 pm and Friday 2-3 pm.

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**Messy Church**

As we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25, St. Giles Anglican Church invites our Parish Family to Messy Church on Sunday, January 21 from 4-6pm. This event is open to all ages and begins with a story or reading, followed by some music, a craft and then supper. St. Giles provides everything, including the supper, and all are welcome! Let us join our brothers and sisters in faith for a time of fellowship and faith building!

**WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024**

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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
 FOR GOD AND CANADA

The CWL General Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 at 2:00pm In the Parish Hall. See you all there!

Also a reminder that your 2024 CWL fees are due.

**CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!**

**Make Music With Friends**

Do you play a musical instrument and like meeting interesting people?  
 Do you like to get together and play along with others?  
 Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration of a Jam Session!


Monday, January 29 from 1-4pm in the Parish Hall  
 Musicians, dancers, singers, and guests welcome to attend. Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear!





**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 our Hospitality Hosts know that



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## Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday, February 13 and we are celebrating our Annual Shrove Tuesday Supper from 5pm - 6pm.

Pancakes and sausages will be served as we observe the tradition of using up our rich foods such as eggs, milk and sugar before we fast during Lent.



Following the supper, we will burn the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. **Please bring your palms from home and place them in the basket in the main entrance of the Church.**

We will conclude the evening with a Word of God Liturgy with Communion beginning at approximately 6:30pm.



**Everyone is welcome!**

**Bring your family and friends!**

*A free will offering will be collected for the supper.*

## Great Catholic Entertainment

Formed has a wealth of the best videos (movies and documentaries), programs, books and resources, including awesome weekly videos about the readings of the week. They also have an incredible selection of programming for children. Our Parish pays for this subscription to be able to offer this faith formation tool to all of you! Go to <https://formed.org/> to register at no cost and start watching!

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## Lenten Bible Study

We are excited to announce that our Lenten Bible Study will be The Pivotal Players Volume 1 by Bishop Robert Barron.

Bishop Barron is on a journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

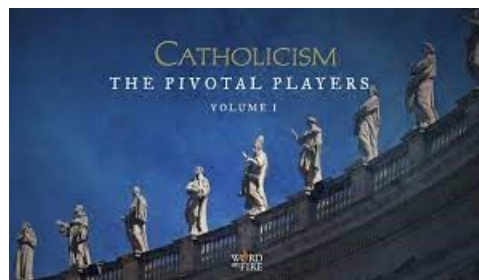
The sessions will be held on Thursdays beginning on February 15 and ending on March 21. Each session will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm and include an introduction, video and small group discussion as well as time for questions and answers.

Registration forms are available at all the entrances of the Church as well as on our website. You can place your completed registration form along with your donation to cover the cost for the study in the collection basket at Holy Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office. You can also call or email the Parish Office to register.

Please note that the approximate cost of the study per person is \$50.00. All donations will be used to cover the cost of the study and if there is any extra, that money will stay in the Bible Study fund for the next study.

*This is an amazing opportunity to add to your Lenten prayer and reflection.*

*See you there!*



## SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

“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. Registration forms have been sent out through the Catholic schools and they are also available at the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website ([stjohnthebaptistestevan.com](http://stjohnthebaptistestevan.com)).

On Wednesday, January 31, there will be a Parents’ Meeting at 6:30pm. And Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm we will be hosting another Parents’ Meeting. You must attend one of these Parent Meetings. The children do not attend these meetings, it is only for the parents. Both meetings will be held in the Parish Hall. This meeting will give you an outline of the sacrament preparation.

If your child is older than Grade 2 and has not received the sacrament of Baptism, and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office to discuss a plan.



The Santo Niño de Cebú : is a Roman Catholic title of child Jesus Christ is popularly considered the official patron of Cebu, associated with a religious vested statue of the infant Child Jesus venerated by many Filipino Catholics believing it to be miraculous. It is the oldest religious christian image in the Philippines, that was originally given in 1521 as a baptismal gift by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan to native Cebu chieftain.

He introduced Christianity to natives and presented the image of the Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus) as a baptismal gift to Hara Amihan, a wife of Cebu’s Rajah Humabon who was later named Queen Juana as a symbol of their new alliance.

The Santo Niño image has many replicas, a various copied version from the original old one from Cebu which kept and encased within bulletproof glass in a chapel at the Basílica Menor del Santo Niño.

The Holy Child's feast is liturgically celebrated every third Sunday of January, during which devotees carry a portable Santo Niño image onto the street fiesta dancing celebrations.

Nowadays. this Image normally seen in many Filipino homes and business establishments, public transport, and even some offices making it as one of the beloved & recognizable cultural icons in the Philippines, found in both religious and secular areas.

You are invited to celebrate Santo Niño de Cebú with us on Saturday, January 20 with a blessing at the 5pm Holy Mass followed by a social in the Parish Hall.



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