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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.

## *July 2025*

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### Holy Mass Schedule

**Tuesdays: 6:30pm St. John the Baptist Parish**

**1st Wednesday: 10am Hillview Manor**

**All Wednesdays: 11am Hospital**

**Thursdays: 9am St. John the Baptist Parish**

**1st Friday: 7pm St. John the Baptist Parish**

**2nd Friday: 10am Creighton Lodge**

**3rd Friday: 9am St. John the Baptist Parish**

**4th Friday: 10:30am Regional Nursing Home**

**Saturday Liturgy: 5pm**

**Sunday Liturgy: 10am**

**Reconciliation: half hour before weekday**

**Holy Mass**

**Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the Pastor**

### **Summer office hours**



**Monday to Friday**  
**9am - 12pm**

## St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 5	10:30am Funeral Mass for Teresa deBoth
Saturday, July 5	5pm Estevan; †Romeo Melanson
Saturday, July 5	7pm Torquay; Rene and Lorraine Marotte †Deceased family members
Sunday, July 6	8am Bienfait; †Joan Derosier
Sunday, July 6	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 8	6:30pm Estevan; †Beatrice Olheiser
Wednesday, July 9	11am Hospital; †Fran Semchuk
Thursday, July 10	9am Estevan; †Wylie Thompson
Friday, July 11	10am Creighton Lodge; No Mass Intention
Saturday, July 12	5pm Estevan; †Scott Friess and †Helen Persson
Saturday, July 12	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 13	8am Bienfait; †Joan Derosier
Sunday, July 13	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 15	6:30pm Estevan; †Lorna Foster
Wednesday, July 16	11am Hospital; †Frank and †Chris
Thursday, July 17	9am Estevan; †Beatrice Olheiser
Friday, July 18	9am Estevan; †Lucas Bittman
Saturday, July 19	5pm Estevan; †Richard and †Eva Hagel
Saturday, July 19	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 20	8am Bienfait; †Richard Mann
Sunday, July 20	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 22	6:30pm Estevan; †Beatrice Olheiser
Wednesday, July 23	11am Hospital; †Wylie Thompson
Thursday, July 24	9am Estevan; †Marlene (Winter) Finstad
Friday, July 25	10:30am Regional Nursing Home; †Joan DeRosier
Saturday, July 26	5pm Estevan; †Ted Fai
Saturday, July 26	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 27	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 27	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 29	6:30pm Estevan; †Beatrice Olheiser
Wednesday, July 30	11am Hospital; For living relatives
Thursday, July 31	9am Estevan; †Cathy Wanner

Mass schedule is subject to change due to possible Funeral Masses

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Mary Mack  
Arnie Zimmerman  
Lawrence Mack  
CJ Kessler  
Katherine Kaweckí  
Grace Hall  
Anita Le Nouail  
Sandra Bazin*

*Tim and Marliss Gallipeau  
Lawrence and Eleanor Mack  
Walter and Marlene Shurygalo  
Andre and Anita Le Nouail  
Dave and Karen Meckler*



COFFEE TIME

Please join us every  
Thursday for coffee in the  
Parish Hall following the  
9am Holy Mass.

## SUMMER Office Hours

Beginning on July 2, our summer office hours will be Monday to Friday from 9am-12pm. Our regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY UPDATE



We had an awesome Children's Liturgy year and are so blessed to have our youngest parishioners participating in this ministry! A huge thank you to our Children's Liturgy Leaders. Thank you for sharing your faith and inspiring our shining stars. Children's Liturgy will begin again in September.



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## Altar Servers

We would like to invite all of our Altar Servers and their siblings for a pool party to celebrate the wonderful job you do to serve our Parish.

**When:** August 9

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Where:** Estevan Leisure Center Pool

After Swimming we will have a BBQ lunch.

Parents are welcome to stay for lunch

**Please RSVP by August 5.**

Email [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net)

or call the Parish Office at 306-634-2190

**\*\*Please RSVP with the number of Children Swimming and also the number of people staying for the BBQ lunch\*\***



### Pastor's Corner – July 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends in Christ,

As we enter the heart of summer, a season of warmth and rest, many of our usual routines slow down. We travel, spend more time outdoors, and reconnect with family and nature. But even as we take a break from the busyness of school and ministry, our spiritual life continues. Summer offers a beautiful opportunity to rediscover silence, to be renewed in prayer, and to find God in the simple joys of each day.

This summer, however, also brings a significant transition for our parish family.

As many of you already know, beginning **August 1**, our beloved **St. Monica's Church in Bienfait** will officially team up with **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Lampman**. This change comes at the direction of our Bishop and the Diocese as part of a pastoral restructuring to strengthen the presence of the Church across our region.

For many years, the faithful of Bienfait have shared deeply in the life and growth of St. John the Baptist Parish. We have laughed together, wept together, worshiped side by side, and carried the mission of the Gospel through highs and lows. Your presence, your faith, and your service have enriched us beyond words.

**On behalf of the entire parish of St. John the Baptist**, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the people of Bienfait. Thank you for your tireless efforts, your generous collaboration, and above all, your unwavering fidelity to Christ and His Church. Though our regular gatherings may change, our bonds of faith and friendship remain. You will always have a home in our hearts and in our prayers.

Let this moment be not a goodbye, but a new chapter in the ongoing story of faith in southeast Saskatchewan. May the Holy Spirit guide this transition with peace and unity, and may Our Lady of Sorrows, your new patroness, intercede for you as a mother who knows both suffering and hope.

Wishing you all a restful, blessed, and faith-filled summer. May we find Christ not only in the church pew but also in the garden, the field, the lake, the campfire, and the quiet evening sky.

With gratitude and prayer,

**Fr. Thuy Nguyen**



**More Blessings of Keeping Jesus Company in the Blessed Sacrament:  
given to Catalina Imprimatur**

- \* Jesus blesses every place where His Sacred Heart image is exposed and honored
- \* He gives priests the gift of touching hardened hearts
- \* He writes our names in His heart who promote devotion to His Sacred Heart.
- \* Eucharistic Adoration helps build a community of love and can transform the world.
- \* Jesus promises to look after the needs of the persons for whom we pray.
- \* We'll have the intercession of the Saints and Angels at the hour of our death to diminish temporal punishment
- \* Jesus' love causes Holy vocations consecrated to God among our loved ones and friends
- \* To priests and nuns who promote Adoration, I'll grant special graces, the recognition of their sins and the grace to amend them. I'll help them form communities of devout and holy faithful and will attain many privileges.

Jesus promises these things under 2 conditions:

1. Strive to preserve the dignity of Jesus' altar.
2. Be merciful to others.

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### WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A Mass Intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass Intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person—for example, the healing of someone who is sick, to commemorate a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or to give thanks for someone special in your life. A Mass can be offered in thanksgiving for prayers answered. Or the Holy Mass can be offered for the soul of a departed loved one.



### OFFERING A MASS INTENTION FOR A LIVING PERSON

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for someone living brings them infinite grace which benefit one's soul.

### OFFERING A MASS INTENTION FOR THE DECEASED

Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." As Catholics, we believe souls who die in a state of sin go through a purification process before entering heaven. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones to aid them in their journeys to heaven. We pray with hope that the graces imparted by the Mass usher them further towards eternity with God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032). The graces that come with having a Mass said for a special intention are immeasurable. The Mass unites the Church on earth to the Church in heaven. The intentions of the Mass are lifted by the Body of Christ in its entirety. These graces are especially important for the dead, as they can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering the celebration of the Eucharist for the dead "is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones."