



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH**  
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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.

*Welcome*

*We are so glad you joined us today!*

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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**March 20 & 21, 2021**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesdays 9am, Thursdays 12:10pm

Friday: 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed  
by Holy Mass

**Sacraments**

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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## **Easter Flowers**

We have begun planning our Easter celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be in the Church throughout the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available in the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved one's name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during this season.

Thank you so much!!

## *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***

†D'Souza & †Fernandez Families  
†JoAnn Gedak, †Bob Kvamme & †David Kvamme  
†Wolos & †Hahn Families  
†Laurence Leptich, †Nancy & †Jim  
†Edmond  
†Nancy Dorwart  
†Steve & †Louise Pylypuk  
†Marshall & †Kathleen Anderson  
†Robert & †Dorothy Price  
†Jacob & †Elizabeth Kuntz  
†Richard Hagel  
†Ava Trobert  
†Kathy Trobert



### ***In Thanksgiving***

Eva Hagel  
Wade, Tracy, & Shandey Miller  
Riley Eva Miller  
Kelsey Dawn Miller  
Amanda, Ryan, Merv & Val Hagel  
Arlo Mievre

## FROM THE PASTOR



### Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The first reading was 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 137, the second reading was Ephesians 2:4-10 and the Gospel reading was John 3:14-21.

As we have been doing during Lent, my homily was sent out to you by email to read and reflect on. I hope you are enjoying the time for reflection as we journey through this holiest of seasons. This week, the readings are about the light of Christ. May the light of Christ, lifted up for our salvation, shine brightly in us so that all we do may be done in God and be a witness to the power of God's love.

At the beginning of the Holy Mass today, we were blessed with a few announcements from our Parish Pastoral Council. Usually we would have our Annual General Meeting in the Parish Hall after a Holy Mass and go through the Annual Report, discussing and sharing our ideas, but this year we are doing our meeting a bit differently.

Last week, you received a copy of the Annual Report, either by email or in your pew at Holy Mass. Our Parish Family is growing and especially in these times, we are praying, discerning and journeying together in many ways, always reflecting on our Mission Statement and Vision.

I praise and thank God for the members of our Pastoral Council who dedicated many years to serving our community. We have a few people retiring from their ministry. They served in their ministry in good times and bad, when it was joyful and when it was challenging. Many thanks to Joan Fingler, Bev Hickie, Debbie Augey and Jackie Phillips. Even though they are leaving their current ministry on Pastoral Council, they are all continuing in other ministries. We are also blessed to have new ministers join our Pastoral Council. Kim and Dana Skjonsby will be our new Finance Council chairpersons. Also new to our Pastoral Council are Dave and Anita Kjersem, Patrick and Jessica Fisher and Larry Johnstone. There are still a few positions open, so please pray and discern, and if you are called to share your gifts with our Pastoral Council and our Parish Family, contact me or Maureen Daoust.

I also want to express my gratitude for all the ministers who serve each week at our Holy Masses. The dedication and acts of service of our ministers have allowed us to come together to celebrate Mass throughout the pandemic. And as I look forward to everything returning to normal, I ask you to pray and discern about serving in a ministry. We will need many more ministers when we can again gather without restrictions. As part of our Parish Family, it is our responsibility to share our God-given gifts in gratitude, returning them to him in a greater way. I think of King David and King Solomon. They both said that God had been immensely great to them and they hadn't done anything in return. They both wondered what they could do. God helped King Solomon to build the greatest temple. It took forty-six years. Solomon and David returned the grace of God in a worthy way. They are examples to us of how to give gratitude to our Father, who has blessed us tremendously. Just like the outside of the Church is built of bricks, when we serve in a ministry, we are the bricks of the body of Christ, His Holy Church.

As you spend time in quiet prayer and reflection this week, ask yourself how you can return God's blessings in a worthy way? How can you help to build up the Church?

See you next week as we reflect on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

—Father Antony

## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 20	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 21	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, March 23	6:30pm Holy Mass †Bernard Jesse & †Jim Mack
Wednesday, March 24	9am Holy Mass †Jake & †Louise Schell 7pm Baptism Preparation Class held in the Parish Hall
Thursday, March 25	10am Parish Staff Meeting 12:10pm Holy Mass †Louis & †Marie & †Deceased Augey Family Members
Friday, March 26	6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Holy Mass †Edith Weiss
Saturday, March 27	4:30pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 28	8:30am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

**Don't forget to bring your mask and hand sanitizer when coming to Church!**

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

#### COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date \$52,634.91

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#### Month of February 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

February Sunday Collection \$27,122.00

### Triduum

This season in the Church begins with Holy Thursday and continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ends on Easter Sunday. These services flow into one another and are full of beautiful rites and traditions. Following the Mass on Holy Thursday, we are all asked to leave the Church in silence. Adoration will be taking place in the Church until midnight that night. When we come to the Church for the Good Friday Liturgy, we are asked to come in silence and to leave in silence again that day. We also begin the Easter Vigil in quiet and in the dark. These periods of silence are very meaningful in our journey through the Triduum.



## Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 27 at 4:30pm & 7pm - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Sunday, March 28 at 8:30am and 11am - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Monday, March 29 at 9am - Holy Mass

Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30pm - Holy Mass

Wednesday, March 31 at 9am - Holy Mass

Thursday, April 1 at 7:30pm - Holy Thursday Mass (Incense will be used)

Friday, April 2 at 12pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, April 2 at 3pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 3 at 8:30pm - Easter Vigil Celebration (Incense will be used)

Sunday, April 4 at 9am and 11am - Easter Sunday Holy Mass

(Incense will be used at the 11am Holy Mass)

\* Please note the Holy Mass change for Palm Sunday weekend, March 27 & 28.

**Please contact Connie at 306-421-8447 or [conniesjb@gmail.com](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) to register for any of these Holy Masses.**



## Octave of Easter

**We will be celebrating Holy Mass throughout the Octave of Easter. The Holy Mass schedule is:**

**Monday, April 5 at 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30pm**

**Wednesday, April 7 at 9am**

**Thursday, April 8 at 9am**

**Friday, April 9 at 9am**



**We are blessed to be celebrating these Holy Masses that continue the Resurrection story. If you would like to join us for any of these Masses, please let Connie know.**

**Please note that there won't be Holy Mass from Monday, April 12 - Friday, April 16.**

## Baptism Preparation

We are so excited to start our next Baptism Prep sessions. If your family would like to have your child receive this first sacrament, you must complete one of the following preparation classes:

Wednesday, March 24 at 7pm or Wednesday, April 28 at 7pm

After the class is complete, we can choose a day for the celebration. Please contact Connie to register.

Seating is limited at each session.

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

*-Ephesians 4:5-6*





Thank you to all of you for joining us in praying the 9 Day Novena of St. Joseph, whether it was in the Church or at home. Our Parish Family is continually blessed and we are grateful for each one of you!!

*“Joseph is a ‘protector’ because he is able to hear God’s voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God’s call, readily and willingly. Here I would add one more thing: caring, protecting, demands goodness, it calls for certain tenderness. In the Gospels, Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!”*

—Pope Francis

### Holy Mass Updates

We are truly blessed that our Church is open and we are grateful for all of our Parish Family who are looking out for each other and abiding by the directives that are in place. Please remember:

- You must sign up to attend a weekday or weekend Holy Mass. Please call, text or email Connie at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com.
- You must do the self-assessment before you arrive at the Church and have no symptoms of cough, cold, flu, or allergies. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- It is mandatory that you self-isolate for 14 days when you return from travelling internationally.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- If you have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!

**Incense will be used on Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil  
and Easter Sunday at 11am.**