

# St. John the Baptist Parish

March 30 & 31, 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  
bulletin

**Sacrament of Anointing:** contact the Parish Office

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

Thursdays in Lent 11am - 12pm

Or by appointment

**Office hours:** Monday to Friday

9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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## LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 7PM - PALM SUNDAY HOLY MASS  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT 10AM - PALM SUNDAY HOLY MASS  
 MONDAY, APRIL 15 AT 7PM - HOLY MASS  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7PM - HOLY MASS  
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 AT 11AM - HOLY MASS AT THE HOSPITAL  
 THURSDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:30PM - HOLY THURSDAY MASS  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 12PM - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 3PM - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 3PM - EASTER BASKET BLESSING  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 8:30PM - EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT 10AM - EASTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS

An opportunity for  
**Lenten Reconciliation** will be  
 held following the Tuesday,  
 April 2 Holy Mass at 7pm.

### Holy Week and Easter Services



**Lenten Reflection Readings**


For a Lenten reflection, please read Leviticus Chapter 16 which tells us about the Day of Atonement. Also, Exodus Chapter 12 which gives us the Passover story.

**Incense will be used at the Holy Thursday Mass, Easter Vigil Celebration and Easter Sunday Mass.**

*Holy Incense*



**Easter Triduum**

As Christians, we are obliged to be present during the Easter 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 as they are inter-related (making up one service together) 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.



**Bells for Easter Vigil**

The Church bells will be rung during the Gloria at the Easter Vigil Holy Mass. We also invite you to bring a bell from home to ring.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent you are invited to take some time out of your day to reflect and prepare your heart for Easter. We will begin with Adoration at 6pm, then Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Holy Mass.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Friday, April 5	Pastoral Council
Friday, April 12	K of C

## 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.*

† Jacob R. Dukart

† Fernandez & D'Souza Families

† Duane Foster Sr.

† Dwight & Emily Durr

† Bill DeRoches

† Willamina Sunderland

† Alda Vandenhurk

† Henry Vandenhurk

† Leo Gariepy

† Jane Rose Julie Be

† Elizabeth Fujishiro

† Lolita Rubite



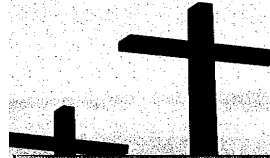
APRIL 15 – 20, 2019

## National Catholic Mission 2019

### SIN, FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

**PART 1**  
The Penitential  
Psalms

**PART 2**  
Conscience &  
Reconciliation



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### National Catholic Mission

*"The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, in fact, like a 'second baptism'...[and] when we go to confess our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession."*

– POPE FRANCIS

**PART 1: THE PENITENTIAL PSALMS**  
**PART 2: CONSCIENCE & RECONCILIATION**

**BROADCAST DATES: April 15 – 20, 2019**  
Check your local listings as times are subject to change

#### Vision TV – Prime Time

Part 1: Monday, April 15 – 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 – 8:00 pm Eastern Time

#### Salt + Light TV – Prime Time

Part 1: Tuesday, April 16 – 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Wednesday, April 17 – 8:00 pm Eastern Time

#### yesTV: Ontario

Part 1: Friday, April 19 – 1:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Saturday, April 20 – 1:00 pm Eastern Time

#### yesTV: Alberta

Part 1: Friday, April 19 – 2:30 pm Mountain Time

Part 2: Saturday, April 20 – 2:30 pm Mountain Time

#### JoyTV – Prime Time

Part 1: Monday, April 15 – 8:30 pm Pacific Time

Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 – 8:30 pm Pacific Time

#### FaithTV – Prime Time

Part 1: Monday, April 15 – 10:30 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 – 10:30 pm Eastern Time

#### REBROADCAST

The mission will be shown during regular Daily TV Mass times. Part 1: Good Friday Part 2: Holy Saturday

## PRODIGAL FATHER'S MERCY

Week four of Lent, one more to go to enter the top most celebrations of our Life, the Holy Week and Easter Triduum. We have been talking about the re-creation of our Image in its fullest Grace. This week the Church is helping us to enjoy God's abundance of Mercy.

When we read the Book of Leviticus Chapter 16, a variety of Sacrifices are asked to offer for the expiation of sins.

Now the importance of Christ's Paschal Mystery is: In reconciling the world to God, Christ stood in no need of reconciliation for himself. Christ shows that he does not need to atone for sin on his own behalf: he is no slave of sin but, as Son of God, is free from all sin. His blood could pay the ransom for all the sins of the whole world. The one who has no debt to pay for himself is the right person to set others free.

Is any man's blood fit to redeem him, seeing that it was Christ who shed his blood for the redemption of all? Is anyone's blood comparable to Christ's? Is anyone great enough to make atonement for himself over and above the atonement which Christ has offered in himself, Christ who alone has reconciled the world to God by his blood? What greater victim, what more excellent sacrifice, what better advocate can there be than he who became the propitiation for the sins of all and gave his life for us as our redemption? Return to me with all your heart and show a spirit of repentance. Return to the Lord your God, from whom you had been alienated by your sins. Do not despair of his mercy, no matter how great your sins, for great mercy will take away great sins. For the Lord is gracious and merciful and prefers the conversion of a sinner rather than his death.

So, friends, let us take a **U** turn like the Prodigal Son to enjoy the Prodigal Father's Abundance of Grace.

Let us Pray: O Merciful and Forgiving God, the sins I have committed are more in number than the sand of the sea; my transgressions are multiplied, O Lord, they are multiplied! I am not worthy to look up and see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. And now I bend the knee of my heart, imploring you for your kindness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge my transgressions. I earnestly implore you, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me!

Do not destroy me with my transgressions! Do not be angry with me forever or store up evil for me; do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, and in me you will manifest your goodness; for, unworthy as I am, you will save me according to your great mercy. Amen. [taken from the Prayer of King Manasseh].





### **The Blessing of Easter Baskets: A Cherished Catholic Easter Tradition**

The blessing of the Easter Basket has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter Baskets to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family would share this blessed food and exchange good wishes.

The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized in the foods used for the Holiday feast. Baskets are lined with a white cloth and decorated with ribbons and greenery to symbolize spring, renewal, and the Resurrection. Traditionally, the baskets would include: decorated hard-boiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection), lamb-shaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), bread (symbolic of Jesus as the "Bread of Life"), ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), sausage (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), smoked bacon (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), some prefer lamb (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God"), salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us "You are the salt of the earth"), cheese (symbolizes the moderation Christians should have at all times), horseradish & pepper (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover). A white candle is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World." Lastly, the basket is cover with linen symbolizing the covering of Christ's shroud.

Children are excited to participate in this heart-warming tradition by helping to prepare and decorate the family basket and later, proudly carry it into church on Holy Saturday for the blessing. Some families with small children have their "little-ones" carry their very own decorated basket filled with fruits, a chocolate bunny or some other treat to be blessed. The foods included within any basket can be easily personalized.

**Please join us with your baskets for a brief 20 minute blessing on Holy Saturday this year, April 20, 3.00P.M. to share in this beloved tradition with our Parish family.**

### **Asking For God's Mercy and Grace**

Almighty and merciful God,  
I pray to you today in the name of your Son  
to receive your mercy and grace in my time of need.  
Open my eyes to see the evil I have done.  
Touch my heart and convert me to yourself.  
Where sin has divided and scattered,  
may your love make one again;  
where sin has brought weakness,  
may your power heal and strengthen;  
where sin has brought death,  
may your Spirit raise to new life.  
Give me a new heart to love you,  
so that my life may reflect the image of your Son.  
May the world see the glory of Christ revealed in your Church,  
and come to know that He is the one whom you have sent,  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives forever and ever.  
Amen.





# St. John the Baptist Parish April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
7 Holy Mass 8am - Biefait Holy Mass 10am CWL Installation 10am 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	8 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm Chrism Mass 7pm - Holy Rosary Cathedral K of C Meeting 7:30pm	9 Finance Meeting 1pm Holy Mass 7pm	10 Holy Mass 8am - St. Mary's Holy Mass 11am - Hospital	11 St. Stanislaus Holy Mass 12pm Choir Practice 7pm	12 Holy Mass 10am - Creighton Lodge Ministerial Lenten Service and Lunch 12:15pm - St. John the Baptist Parish Adoration, Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass 6pm	13 St. Martin I Choir Practice 2pm Holy Mass 7pm Food Bank Drive 7pm	
14 Holy Mass 10am Food Bank Drive 10am PALM SUNDAY	15 Holy Mass 7pm RCIA 7:30pm	16 Holy Mass 7pm	17 Holy Mass 11am - Hospital	18 HOLY THURSDAY Holy Mass 7:30pm	19 GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy 12pm Liturgy 3pm	20 HOLY SATURDAY RCIA Rehearsal 1pm Easter Basket Blessing 3pm Holy Mass 8:30pm Easter Vigil Social 10:30pm	
21 Holy Mass 10am EASTER SUNDAY	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25 Choir Practice 7pm	26 Choir Practice 7pm	27 Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm	
28 Holy Mass 8am - Biefait Holy Mass 10am 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	29 St. Catherine of Siena RCIA Mystagogy 7pm	30 St. Athanasius Holy Mass 7pm	<p><b>Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish</b>            Saturday, May 4 - 2nd and 3rd Degree K of C Installation            Sunday, May 5 at 2pm - Confirmation/First Eucharist Celebration            Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm - Baptism Prep Begins</p>				



**St. John the Baptist CWL  
Invites all parishioners to witness the  
Installation of New Executive and Reception of New Members  
Sunday, April 7, 2019; 10:00am Holy Mass  
Special Guest: Regina Diocesan President, Marilyn Schuck †**

For further information, please phone 306-421-7538 or email: [adjkjersem@sasktel.net](mailto:adjkjersem@sasktel.net)

**RCIA**

Taking part in our RCIA program this year, we have four catechumens, Catherine Kroeker, Savanna Kuntz, Morgan Petersen and Anne Kim, and two candidates, Kristina Muhr and Chantel Cossette.

*God of Love,*

*Let us surround them with prayer as we accompany and lead them to encounter Christ. And may they find in our community, compelling signs of unity and generous love. Amen.*



**Chrism Mass**

The Archdiocese invites you to attend the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 8 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina. At this Holy Mass, the Archbishop blesses the oils and each parish of the Archdiocese will receive their oils that will be used for sacraments throughout the year.

These oils will be presented to our parish family at the Holy Thursday Mass. All attending the Chrism Mass will renew their baptismal promises and the clergy will reaffirm their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination. The Chrism Mass is a wonderful opportunity



to participate in the reception of the oils as we journey toward the Easter Triduum.

**Readings for April 6 and 7, 2019**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21  
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14  
Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

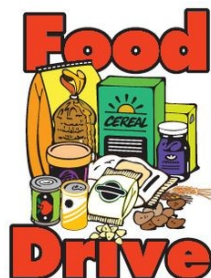


Mercy is always a gratuitous act of our heavenly Father, an unconditional and unmerited act of love.

— Pope Francis

The Parish will be doing a Food Bank Drive again this Spring. We will have the food drive on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> before Mass. Your food donation will help the Salvation Army to make food available for those in need before the Easter Weekend. Katie & Ron Dunville will have their blue Traverse parked at the main Church Entrance to receive your packages. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and to Darla and Ron Wilhelm for their commitment to this project!

Katie Dunville Social Justice



**Knights of Columbus Council 3165**

The Knights of Columbus dues were mailed out for 2019. This is a reminder to return payment as soon as possible in a sealed envelope marked K of C Dues. Please place it in the Church collection basket or deliver to the Parish Office at 109 12th Avenue, or mail to Box 196 Estevan SK S4A 2A3.

Thank you,  
Albert Petrash  
Financial Secretary





## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 30	2pm SJB Choir Practice 5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 31	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass 11:30am Annual General Meeting held in the Parish Hall 7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday, April 1	7pm RCIA in the Parish Hall
Tuesday, April 2	11am Funeral Mass for Joseph Heidinger 7pm Holy Mass and Lenten Reconciliation †Judy Harcourt; Family 7:30pm Lenten Reconciliation 7:30pm CWL Meeting
Wednesday, April 3	10am (Hillview Manor) Holy Mass †Louis Bourgeois; Emelia Lalonde 11am (Hospital) Holy Mass Health of Darlene Geisel; Geisel Family 6:30pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Class in the Parish Hall
Thursday, April 4	10am Staff Meeting 12:10pm Holy Mass †Susan Sands; Shiela (Melanson) Zanidean 7pm Lenten Faith Journey in the Parish Hall 8pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, April 5	12:10 pm Lenten Service and Lunch at St. Paul's United Church 6pm Adoration followed by Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass 7:30pm †Rev. Cyril Lambertus; Genest LaBelle & Family
Saturday, April 6	2pm SJB Choir Practice 5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, April 7	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass



### Lenten Lunch Schedule - Who wants Jesus to die?

April 5th	St. Paul's United Church The High Priest wants Jesus to Die - John 18:12-14
April 12th	St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church Satan wants Jesus to Die - Matthew 4:1-11

