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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 22nd & 23rd, 2025

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

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| Sat. Mar 22 | 5pm Estevan; CWL Member Intentions |
| Sat. Mar 22 | 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. Mar 23 | 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. Mar 23 | 10am Estevan; Mass for the People |
| Tues. Mar 25 | 6:30pm Estevan; †Romeo Melanson |
| Wed. Mar 26 | 11am Hospital; Special Intentions |
| Thurs. Mar 27 | 12:10pm Estevan; †Mannie Mack |
| Fri. Mar 28 | 10:30am Nursing Home; †Maureen Sandrock |
| Fri. Mar 28 | 7pm Estevan; †Michael Weinrauch |
| Sat. Mar 29 | 5pm Estevan; †Rick Ganje |
| Sat. Mar 29 | 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. Mar 30 | 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention |
| Sun. Mar 30 | 10am Estevan; Mass for the People |



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 25:** 9:45am CWL Executive Meeting
- Mar 25:** 11:45am Sacrament Prep at Sacred Heart School
- Mar 26:** 11:50am Sacrament Prep at St. Mary's School
- Mar 25:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Mar 26:** 5:30pm Bible Study
- Mar 26:** 7pm Guided Holy Hour
- Mar 27:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Mar 28:** 12:10pm Lenten Lunch St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- Mar 28:** 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar 29:** 9:30am Lenten Retreat
- Mar 31:** 6pm Baptism Prep Class
- April 1:** 2pm CWL Meeting
- April 1:** 6:15pm Benediction
- April 2:** 5:30pm Bible Study
- April 2:** 7pm Guided Holy Hour

Did you know?

The Jubilee is a special year of grace

During the Jubilee, the Catholic Church allows people to ask for a plenary indulgence, which means forgiveness of sins for themselves or their deceased loved ones.

It Happens once every 25 years

The Catholic Church started the Holy Year tradition in 1300 with Pope Boniface VIII, who planned for Jubilees to happen every century. The interval was later changed to every 33 years (reflecting Jesus' life), and since 1450, Jubilees have occurred every 25 years so that each generation can take part in at least one Holy Year.

2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



Archdiocese of Regina RENEW Lent

RENEW your Lent with weekly reflections, music, prayer resources, and other Lenten activities to enhance your Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Sign up at archregina.sk.ca/news or email communications@archregina.sk.ca.



The Sacrament of Anointing is available after every Holy Mass during Lent. Parishioners may receive this Sacrament once during this season.

Ecumenical Events During Lent and Holy Week Lenten Service and Lunch Fridays

Services begin at 12pm followed by a soup and bread lunch. Everything is finished by 1pm so people who are working can attend. A free-will offering is accepted at the lunch with each Church donating it to a charity of their choice. People returning to work will be given priority in the lunch line.

Friday, March 28 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Friday, April 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church

Friday, April 11 at St. Paul's United Church

Walk of the Cross

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday) at 1pm beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church

First Reconciliation/First Holy Eucharist/Confirmation Important Upcoming Dates

Class 4

Tuesday, March 25, Sacred Heart Students at 11:45am - Sacred Heart School (Child only)

Wednesday, March 26 St. Mary's Students at 11:50am - St. Mary's School (Child only)

Class 5

Tuesday, April 15 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 16 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Class 6

Tuesday, April 29 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 30 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Getting Ready

Tuesday, May 13 Sacred Heart Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall
(Parent and Child)

Wednesday, May 14 St. Mary's Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall
(Parent and Child)

First Reconciliation Celebration

To Be Announced

Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Retreat

To Be Announced



March 22 & 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now, I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, but we are also called to develop and nurture our gifts and return them with an increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



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Baptism Prep Class

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be held in the Church on Monday, March 31 at 6pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 to register

The Baptism Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 6 following the 10am Holy Mass.



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Free Guided Lenten Retreat

At St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

On March 29, 2025

9:30am—3:00pm

Looking For Musical Instruments!

Each weekend, the children are so excited to come forward at the end of the Holy Mass to play their musical instruments during the final song. We are looking for more instruments so that we have enough for all the children. If you have some simple instruments at home that you can donate, please bring them to the Church.



Chrism Mass

You are invited to the Chrism Mass on Friday, April 11 at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 3pm.

Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration Evening

Thursday, April 3 from 7pm until 9pm
Priests from the Estevan Deanery will be here to confer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You are invited to come spend some time with Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist as we journey towards Holy Week.
May our hearts be transformed and cleansed.

Easter Flower Donations



We are accepting donations for the flowers that will decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone. Your loved ones name will be published in the bulletin so our Parish Family can pray for them. Through your generosity, may our Parish Family be blessed with the joy and beauty of Easter.



"Return to Me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12)

As we journey deeper into this Lenten season, the Church reminds us of God's great mercy and His invitation to be reconciled with Him. Lent is not only a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving but also a sacred opportunity to examine our hearts and seek healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Coming **Thursday, April 3**, our parish will hold a **Lenten Confession Day** for our Catholic schools and all parishioners. Our children preparing for their **First Reconciliation** will take this important step in their faith journey, encountering God's mercy for the first time in this sacrament. Let us keep them in our prayers as they experience the joy of being forgiven and renewed.

For all parishioners, I warmly invite you to join us for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00 pm** on the same day. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Whether you go to confession regularly or it has been a while, this is a beautiful moment to come back to God, lay down the burdens we carry, and prepare our hearts for the great celebration of Easter.

Confession is not about judgment or shame — it is about healing. It is about hearing the words of Christ spoken through the priest: *"I absolve you of your sins"* and knowing that God's mercy is bigger than our mistakes. When we confess, we receive a fresh start, a clean heart, and the grace to live our faith more fully.

As we reflect on the Gospel this weekend, where Jesus calls us to repent or perish, may we respond not out of fear, but out of love — trusting that God is always ready to forgive and renew us. Let this Lenten season be a time of true conversion, so that together we may celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed hearts.

See you on April 3. Come, receive God's mercy. He is waiting for you.

In Christ
Fr. Thuy Nguyen

St. John the Baptist Parish 2025 Lent Schedule

Tuesdays During Lent

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

Wednesdays During Lent

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm
- Holy Mass at 11am at the Hospital
- Bible Study at 5:30pm
- Guided Holy Hour from 7pm until 8pm (with music on March 12, 26 and April 9)

Thursdays During Lent

- Holy Rosary at 11:50am
- Holy Mass at 12:10pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 1pm until 5pm

Fridays During Lent

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm (from 1pm- 5pm on March 21 for Lenten Lunch)
- Ecumenical Lenten Service and Lunch 12:10pm at various Churches
- Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm

Saturdays During Lent

- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:40pm
- Holy Mass at 5pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm in Torquay

Sundays During Lent

- Holy Mass at 8am in Bienfait
- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9:40am
- Holy Mass at 10am

St. John the Baptist Parish Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 12

- Holy Mass at 5pm

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13

- Holy Mass at 10am

Monday, April 14

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 15

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 16

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at the Hospital at 11am
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass 6:30pm

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 17

- Holy Mass at 7:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30pm until midnight

Good Friday - Friday, April 18

- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19

- Holy Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 20

- Holy Mass at 8am Torquay
- Holy Mass at 10am