



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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May 1 and 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc.

Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Jo Ann Schopf

New Adoration Schedule

You are invited to come spend some time with Jesus and pray for yourself, your Parish Family, our community and the whole world. The Church is open on the following days for Adoration and Personal Prayer:

Tuesdays - 9:30am until 6pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Thursdays - 9:30am until 5pm

Fridays - 9:30am until 5pm



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



“Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

—Pope Francis, Patris Corde

Readings for May 8 and 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17



If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide in you for ever.
John 14:15-16



Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.

Sacrament of Anointing

that you might

BE HEALED

The Sacrament of Anointing is for healing of our minds and bodies. This Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.

Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation.
Psalm 22:25

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation session is on Wednesday, May 5 at 7pm. If your family would like to have your child receive this first sacrament, please contact Connie at the Parish Office to register. Seating is limited. After the class is complete, we can choose a day for the celebration.



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

-Ephesians 4:5-6

May is the Month of Mary



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Catholics, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

The St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the Rosary thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass. As we honor the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Mother, please join us to pray for our community and the whole world.



A special thank you from the CWL Prayer Drive.

Thank you to all who participated in the Prayer Parade Monday, April 26, 2021, whether from home, work or in your car. There was such a deep sense of connection to all in prayer and a special grace was given today.

Thanks be to God!

A special thank you to Brenda and Kevin Keating for bringing our CWL statue of Mother Mary along for the ride. To have our Blessed Mother Mary escort us in prayer always makes it special, especially on Our Lady of Good Council's Feast Day. May God pour out an abundance of blessings upon everyone who prayed with us as we drove around our city in prayer. Thank you!

A special note from one of our sisters

"It was so nice to join with the travelling CWL ladies this morning on the Prayer Tour. I decided to pray the rosary and take part with the daily TV Mass too. It was especially touching to watch the Mass celebrated by Monsignor Patrick O'Dea. It was sponsored by the National CWL in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on the 101st Anniversary of the CWL in Canada. The Bishop's homily was on prayer and he remarked that the women of the CWL are women of prayer.....how fitting. Have a nice day."

Marg Breckenridge

May God bless.

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, May 1	5pm Holy Mass
<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	7pm Holy Mass
<i>St. Pius V</i>	
Sunday, May 2	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Athanasius</i>	11am Holy Mass
	3pm Holy Mass - Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, May 4	6:30pm Holy Mass †Angelene Dillman
<i>Blessed Marie-Leonie</i>	
Wednesday, May 5	No Mass
	7pm Baptism Preparation Class
Thursday, May 6	No Mass
<i>St. Francois de Laval</i>	
Friday, May 7	No Mass
Saturday, May 8	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, May 9	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass

Directives for Attending Holy Mass and Adoration

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. If you have any symptoms, even if they are mild, such as a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, please do not come to the Church. 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.
- Masks are mandatory and social distancing will be adhered to. Once you have been seated, please remain in your seat except to go to the washroom or to get a drink of water from the water cooler in the main entrance of the Church. **Also, please do not walk through the pews.**
- Please don't bring anything with you to Church. This includes a purse, bottles of waters, go cups of coffee, etc. One prayer book is allowed.
- If you have been exposed to someone with the virus, please do not come to Church for 14 days after the exposure.
- After the final blessing and dismissal at Holy Mass, please remain in your pew until our hospitality ministers can guide you to leave the Church while maintaining social distance.
- If you would like a copy of all the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

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



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 Easter. The first reading was Acts 4:7-12, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 118, the second reading was 1 John 3:1-2 and the Gospel reading was John 10:11-18.

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday. The Sunday on which we receive the concept of shepherding. Jesus explains to us what a shepherd is and he emphasizes that he is the Good Shepherd.

There are two very important jobs that a good shepherd has. The first is searching for green pastures and fresh springs of water to nourish his flock. A good shepherd feeds his sheep very well. The second job he has is to be a fortress or refuge to his flock. He selflessly protects them from all enemies and makes sure no other animals snatch them away. Shepherds must sacrifice. Their whole lives are dedicated to the care and protection of their flock.

Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd. He sacrificed himself to give us freedom of life and he for the protection of us all. He is our food. He is our drink. He is our refuge. When you have time this week, read John Chapter 10. In it, you will get the whole story of the Good Shepherd. He tells us that he took this role of Good Shepherd voluntarily. He did this so we would have life in abundance and as for him, he has the love of the Father.

We can see voluntary sacrifice in our own lives as parents. Parents nourish, care and protect their children. They happily sacrifice in order to provide everything that their child needs. And our parents did the same thing.

Jesus also tells us in the Gospel that there are other sheep that are not a part of this flock that he must gather so they can listen to his voice. Even though he is happy with the flock he has, he never stops gathering the lost sheep. Often times, we forget about our call to a shepherding life. We received the grace of God at baptism and the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. We took on the responsibility to be a Good Shepherd when we received those sacraments and when we receive the Holy Eucharist, we are revived in our mission to shepherd.

As you spend time in quiet prayer and reflection this week, ask yourself how you are a good shepherd. How are you utilizing the grace and gifts you have received from the Good Shepherd?

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

—Father Antony

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

Save the Date CWL Sisters

There will be a Zoom retreat held on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 from 9:30 to 12:30.

To sign up please email your name, phone number and email address to Beckey Franke at b.coralea@hotmail.com by Monday, May 10th.

There will be a 'Zoom practice' the Thursday and possibly the Friday before we get started on the 15th. This should help anyone new to Zoom and hopefully help us get rid of any bugs prior to the retreat.

Watch your email for updates and more details.



CWL Members and Supporters:

CWL 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now available for sale. Tickets are \$10 each with a maximum jackpot of \$5000. Draw date is October 5, 2021. E-transfers are accepted. To purchase a ticket contactless and for more information, email:



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or call Sherry at 306-421-6371, Brenda at 306-421-1898 or Anita at 306-421-7538.

Everyone likes celebrations and our parish family has much to celebrate. Would you like to add your name or someone in your family to our celebrations ministry? Our pastoral care team is gathering names and dates so we can actively pray for you on your special day during Holy Mass. Please give the parish office a call with the name and date of the celebration with your information. We are so grateful for everyone in our parish family.



Potential Opportunity for Growth in Our Parish

You may be aware that the opportunity now exists for the purchase of the old St. John School, adjacent to the church at 1118 2nd Street. In 2017, St. John School was “traded” for the development of the new office/board room addition to the church and the future plan for the school was for it to be turned into a seniors’ housing development. This project was never completed and the school is now up for sale.

Our intention is to provide our parishioners the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions with regards to the potential acquisition and the future plan for this property.

Some preliminary ideas that we have come up with for possible uses of this space are:

1. Construction of a columbarium - storage of cremations urn
2. Development of a Bible study program and extend an invitation to surrounding parishes to participate.
3. Construction of a facility with a commercial kitchen and event space available for our parish and community to rent, possibly for wedding receptions, reunions, conferences, etc.
4. Create a space for CWL, The Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministries, Seniors groups, etc. to hold meetings, functions and social events.

Or demolish the existing school or part of the school for now with the potential to develop in the future.

A very short survey will be shared through email or paper copies are available at the church office.

We appreciate all your ideas, thoughts and especially your prayers during this information gathering and planning stage.

If you have questions please contact:

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I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.