

St. John the Baptist Parish

November 24 & 25, 2018

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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

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6pm-6:45pm
Thursdays & Fridays 8am-8:45am
Or by appointment

Sacrament of Anointing: contact the pastor

Office hours: Monday to Friday
9:00am -12:00pm & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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Bookkeeper: Susan Mack

Caretaker: Sigfredo Gonzales



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, November 24	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 25	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
<i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	10am Holy Mass
	11am Solemnity of Christ the King Brunch Church Hall
Tuesday, November 27	7pm Holy Mass †Jesse Richards
Wednesday, November 28	9am St. Mary's Retreat Church Hall
	11am (Hospital) †Kathy Trobert & Family
	6:30pm Confirmation/First Eucharist Class Church Hall
Thursday, November 29	9am Holy Mass †Valentine †Mary Dillman; Annette Buchholtz
	9:30am Coffee After Mass
	10:00am Staff Meeting
	1:30pm Bible Study Church Hall
	7pm Bible Study Church Hall
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Saturday, December 1	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 2	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass

Please remember to sign in on the Ministry Sign in sheet when you arrive. It is important that our Mass Coordinator knows that you are here and ready to serve.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Currently our parish has a deficit of **-\$60,330.45**. Sunday Collections for the month of October was **\$31,853.25**.

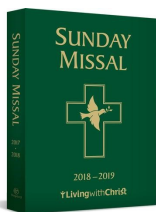
-The Finance Council

Christmas Hamper Delivery will be Friday, December 21st at 3pm. Any volunteers would be appreciated. Please call Katie Dunville 306-461-3177.

Anyone interested in working the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle please call the Salvation Army @306-634-2074 and ask for Ronza. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.



If you know of anyone in the community or immediate surrounding area that is in need of a Christmas Food Hamper and Toys from the Angel Tree Toy Store; please contact the Salvation Army 306-634-2074, before December 7th.



The 2018-2019 Sunday Missals are now available to purchase for \$5 each. You may pick one up at the entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.



CWL News

It's that time of year again for the membership promotion of the CWL. If you have thought about joining the CWL before, but never got around to it, here is some information for you to look at. We ask all the women of our parish to pray and discern what role they can take in this amazing organization.

Who we are:

We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

What we offer:

We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

What we do:

We provide faith based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development and many avenues for service, advocacy and social justice.

Why we do it:

As Catholic women, we are empowered by the Spirit to renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God, one in heart, voice and mission as we work to strengthen family values, create sanctuaries of peace and be the Good News to all.

The effect of the Holy Spirit is to take all that God has given us - our gifts, experiences, passions and knowledge - and set them to work, bringing glory to Christ in the Church and in the world.

For membership information, please visit our website at www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com, the CWL website at www.cwl.ca or contact Anita Kjersem at 306-421-7538, Marj Heidinger at 306-634-6533, Elizabeth Olson at 306-634-4215 or Anne Welch at 306-461-0028.

Registration forms are available in the pamphlets at the entrances of the Church. You may return the completed form to one of the women listed above or put it in the collection basket.

“GO”



And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Who me?”

And he said, “Yes you.”

And I said, “But I’m not ready yet, and there is company coming, and I can’t leave the kids, and you know there’s no one to take my place.”

And he said, “You’re stalling.”

And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “But I don’t want to.”

And he said, “I didn’t ask you if you wanted to.”

And I said, “Listen, I’m not the kind of person to get involved in controversy. Besides, my family won’t like it and what will my neighbors think?”

And he said, “Baloney.”

And yet a third time the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Do I have to?”

And he said, “Do you love me?”

And I said, “Look, I’m scared, people are going to hate me and cut me up in little pieces. I can’t take it all by myself.”

And he said, “Where do you think I’ll be?”

And the Lord said, “GO.”

And I said, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

As you are discerning and praying about your role in the Catholic Women’s League, please remember that you never do anything alone.

God’s love and support will surround you in everything you do.

There will be a Christmas Supper for all CWL members, spouses, guests, and interested persons. It will be held Tuesday, December 11 at 5pm starting with Mass then followed by the supper in the Church Hall. You may obtain tickets for \$10 each from:

Anne Welche 306-461-0028

Deanne Ganje 306-634-7044

Annette James 306-421-8360

Donna Kretsch 306-634-6118

Please pick up tickets before December 6th as there will not be any available at the door. Set up time will be at 11am on Tuesday, December 11.



God of Wisdom,

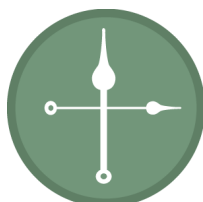
Please give those who are participating and those who are leading our Parish Bible Study hearts of discernment. As they learn about your Wisdom, help them to see your will in all situations. Send the Holy Spirit upon them to give them strength and open hearts to study and live your Word.

Amen.



Ministry Scheduler Pro

The new scheduling software has been working really well. Thank you for your patience while we have been switching over to the new software. If you do have any questions or if you are having trouble logging in to check your schedule, please call Treena Hirsch at 306-421-0252. She is happy to answer any questions.



November 25, 2018 – Feast of Christ the King

“Jesus answered, My kingdom does not belong to this world.” John 18:36
How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

ALL CWL MEMBERS: There will be a vote concerning a special request on Sunday, November 25 @ 1pm. It will be held in the meeting room. Please take the time to attend this meeting.

Advent and Christmas Memorial Flowers

Thank you to the families who have donated for Advent and Christmas flowers in memory of their departed loved ones. May your families be blessed this Christmas and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

† Michael Bonokoski

† Robert Dukart

† Isabelle Dukart



Blessing of Advent Wreaths

Please bring your family Advent Wreath to the Holy Mass on the First Sunday of Advent (December 1 and 2) and place it around the Advent Wreath in front of the ambo. Father will bless all the wreaths when he blesses our Church Advent Wreath. The wreaths will be blessed at both Holy Masses that weekend.



The next Confirmation/First Eucharist class is on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Please bring your workbook.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We have begun planning our Advent and Christmas celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be used in the Church for the seasons. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available at the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved ones name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during these seasons. Thank you so much!!



St. Joseph's Hospital is celebrating their 80th Anniversary on Monday, November 26 beginning with

Holy Mass at 10am in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome!! Please keep the staff in your prayers.

Congratulations!

Important Dates for the First Reconciliation Celebration

RETREAT - Wednesday, December 5 at 9am in the Church Hall

CELEBRATION - Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm in the Church



Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus on having twenty-six new members join this year! Our parish is blessed by the support and prayers of this important organization. Please keep them all in your prayers!!



Advent Reconciliation

An opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided on Wednesday, December 12. The First Reconciliation Prayer Service will begin at 6:30pm with the children going for reconciliation at approximately 6:50pm. All are invited to attend the Prayer Service and then after the children are done, everyone present will be invited to go for reconciliation. Following the Prayer Service, we will all be gathering in the Church Hall for cake and refreshments.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.



St. Giles Anglican Church Caroling

Everyone is welcome to attend the an ecumenical gathering of music on Saturday, December 8th. Caroling will start around 2:30pm. Please meet at St. Giles Anglican Church and then everyone will carpool to the venues. At 4pm, the group will meet back at the Anglican Church to share music and caroling, followed by a potluck supper at around 6pm. If you would like to perform a song at the 4pm gathering (choir, solo, duet, singers, instrumentalists, and combinations), please contact Heather Woodhouse at 306-421-2457 or Margaret Duncan at 306-421-0243.

A silver collection will be taken at the 4pm performance with the funds given to the Estevan Christmas Hamper Committee.

A night of fellowship will be enjoyed while sharing everyone's talents.

See you there!!



Prayer for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Lord Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega,
as we come to the final days of the liturgical year,
recall to our minds the blessings of the seasons that have passed,
and prepare us to enter once again
into the beauty of the divine mysteries we celebrate.
You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Blue Christmas Service

There will be a Blue Christmas service at the Chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital on Thursday, December 13 at 7pm. This healing service is offered for those who are struggling in any way through this Christmas season. Everyone is welcome.



St. Josephs Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea & Bake Sale & Silent Auction

Date: December 5th

Place: St. Joseph's Hospital Auditorium

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Cost: \$3.00 at the door

Thank you for supporting our Auxiliary. All the funds we raise are going towards our project.

Everyone is welcome to come!

St. Joseph's Health Care Auxiliary



Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Tuesday, December 4th

Estevan Co-op

12pm-1pm Ray Audet

1pm-2pm Greg Morias

2pm-3pm Bill Baryluk

3pm-4pm Bill Baryluk

4pm-5pm Ray Cossette

5pm-6pm Ed Moreau

6pm-7pm Al Wempe

7pm-8pm Peter Melle

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Wednesday, December 12th

No Frills

12pm-1pm Bev Hickie

1pm-2pm Gerald Bonokoski

2pm-3pm Paul Radomski

3pm-4pm Dennis Zimmerman

4pm-5pm Lynwood Cundall

5pm-6pm Albert Petrash

6pm-7pm Albert Petrash

7pm-8pm Ian Fernandez

Angel Tree

Friday, December 7th

Wal-Mart

10am-12pm Paul Radomski

12pm-2pm Ray Audet

2pm-4pm Pat Glasser

4pm-6pm Lynwood Cundall

6pm-8pm Albert Petrash



St. John the Baptist Parish December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Holy Mass 8am - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm	4 <i>St. John Damascene</i> First Reconciliation Retreat 9am Holy Mass 10am - Hillview Manor Holy Mass 11am - Hospital	5 First Reconciliation Retreat 9am Holy Mass 10am - Hillview Manor Holy Mass 11am - Hospital	6 <i>St. Nicholas</i> Holy Mass 9am Coffee After Mass 9:30am	7 <i>St. Ambrose</i> <i>Holy Mass 9am</i> SHSC Christmas Mass 1:15pm <i>First Friday Holy Hour 7pm</i>	1 Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm
9 <i>Holy Mass 8am - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10 K of C Meeting 7:30pm	11 <i>St. Damasus I</i> <i>Finance Meeting 1pm</i> Holy Mass 5pm CWL Christmas Supper 5:30pm	12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>Holy Mass 11am - Hospital</i> First Reconciliation Celebration 6:30pm <i>Advent Reconciliation 7pm</i>	13 <i>St. Lucy</i> <i>Holy Mass 9am</i> Coffee After Mass 9:30am <i>Blue Christmas Service 7pm - Hospital</i>	14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i> <i>Holy Mass 9am</i> Holy Mass 10am - Creighton Lodge	15 Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm
16 <i>Holy Mass 8am - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass (All Schools Youth Mass) 10am <i>Family Christmas Activities 11:30am</i> 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	17 <i>Pope Francis' Birthday</i>	18 Holy Mass 7pm	19 Holy Mass 11am - Hospital	20 Holy Mass 9am Coffee After Mass 9:30am	21 <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> Holy Mass 9am	22 Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm
23 <i>Holy Mass 8am - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	24 CHRISTMAS EVE <i>Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay</i> <i>Holy Mass 7pm - Estevan</i> <i>Holy Mass 7pm - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10pm - Estevan	25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Mass 10am	26 <i>St. Stephen</i> BOXING DAY	27 <i>St. John</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i> Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm
30 <i>Holy Mass 8am - Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Holy Mass 7pm					