



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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We light the candle of hope
to remind us that we
believe in God's promise to
send Jesus again to this
world to establish his
Kingdom on earth.

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Mass Schedule

Saturday : 7 p.m.

Sunday : 10 a.m.

Weekday : Please check a current bulletin

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 6p.m.- 6:45p.m.

Thursdays & 3rd Fridays 8a.m. - 8:45a.m.

or by appointment

Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the pastor 6 months in advance

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.- 4p.m.

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Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, November 30	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
<i>St. Andrew</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 1	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, December 3	5pm Holy Mass †Robert Cyr; Family
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	5:30pm CWL Christmas Supper
Wednesday, December 4	10am (Hillview Manor) Holy Mass Intentions of the C. Cossette Family; Jay Megan & Family
<i>St. John Damascene</i>	11am (Hospital) Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members; Vernon & Anne McLean & Family
	6:30pm First Reconciliation Celebration and Social
Thursday, December 5	9am Holy Mass †Josephine Cossette; Irene Bourgeois
	9:30am Coffee after Mass
	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Friday, December 6	6am Misa de Gallo Novena & Holy Mass †Brenda King; St. Mary's School Staff
<i>St. Nicholas</i>	1pm SHSC Christmas Holy Mass
Saturday, December 7	6am Misa de Gallo Novena & Holy Mass †Jean Schnitzler
<i>St. Ambrose</i>	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 8	6am Misa de Gallo Novena & Holy Mass †Michael Bonokoski; Gerald & Joyce
	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass
	10am Holy Mass

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

The Word
 Made
 Flesh
 St. John the Baptist
 Adoration
 Chapel
 Spend time
 with Jesus
 this Advent.
 Mon - Fri 10 am – 5 pm
 Every Thursday open to 11 pm
The Best Time You Can Spend on Earth!



COLLECTION REPORT

2019 Projected Expenses \$400,000.00
 Monthly Collection Required \$48,058.44

Month of October 2019

2019 Actual Collection Year to Date \$303,883.12
 October Sunday Collection \$30,590.00
 Amount needed to reach our budget: \$96,116.88

Special Announcement

St. John the Baptist Parish is pleased to announce that we have a new Facilities Manager. We welcome Randy Franke to this position and look forward to working with him. May Randy be blessed in this new ministry!!

-St. John the Baptist Personnel Committee

Advent and Christmas 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 through the Advent and Christmas seasons and may your loved ones rest forever in the loving arms of Jesus.

† Mary Freundl



Advent and Christmas Flowers

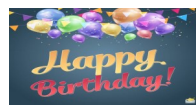
We are graciously accepting donations for the flowers that will decorate the Church during Advent and Christmas. You may donate in gratitude for someone in your life, or in memory of a loved one. Special donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church or at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed throughout the Christmas season and always.



Happy Birthday to

Emma Dunville

Maureen Daoust & Maleah Daoust



First Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30pm in the Church - Celebration and Social



Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule

Misa de Gallo Holy Masses - These will be the regular weekday Holy Masses

December 6 - December 14 at 6am

Christmas Holy Masses

Tuesday, December 24 at 7pm - Incense

Tuesday, December 24 at 10pm - Incense

Wednesday, December 25 at 10am - Incense Free

New Year's Holy Masses - *Please note the special times for these Holy Masses*

Tuesday, December 31 at 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 1 at 11am



Our Advent Reconciliation and Adoration evening is on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:30pm until 8pm.

Please remember that we have a large, beautiful parking lot behind the Church. This parking is available for all Masses.

Truth or Dare

December 2019 – Christmas

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Faith Formation and Evangelization

Faith Formation – to help build personal relationship with the Holy Trinity - God our Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Evangelization – to be a disciple and take God the Father, Jesus Christ our Brother and the Holy Spirit out into the world.

Truth – Sign up for daily videos throughout Advent. The Dynamic Catholic organization makes fabulous 5 – 6 minute videos throughout the Advent season. Try watching them with your morning coffee; it is a great way to start your day.

Step 1 – go to dynamiccatholic.com

Step 2 – click on the dropdown menu “For You”

Step 3 – click of “programs”

Step 4 – click on “Best Advent Ever”

Step 5 – click on “Sign Me Up”

Follow the instructions with your name and email address then click on the box beside sign me up. There is a question “Is your Parish Part of Dynamic Catholic” - click on the box by “No” and there you go. It’s all done. You are ready to try something new this Advent Season. And It’s FREEEE!

OR

Dare – Dare to prepare for Jesus’s birth...What do you think Jesus is asking you to do this Christmas season to prepare for His arrival? ... Step outside of your normal preparations (for a little while), talk to Him and listen attentively to what He is asking of you – Can you Dare to follow His request – can you share in Mary’s ‘yes’ no matter what?

Advent Reconciliation and Adoration

Advent is fast approaching and during that busy season St. John the Baptist Parish is pleased to invite you to a time to be quiet and still to prepare your heart for the upcoming Christmas season. We will be hosting an Advent Reconciliation and Adoration evening on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:30pm until 8pm. Please join us for this evening of reflection and prayer.

Let us use this opportunity to cleanse our hearts and minds that the Lord will come into our hearts.



Misa de Gallo

Misa de Gallo is Spanish for Rooster’s Mass. These Holy Masses are traditionally celebrated for nine days leading up to Christmas.

St. John the Baptist is hosting our annual Misa de Gallo Masses from Friday, December 6 until Saturday, December 14 at 6am. Following the Holy Mass each morning, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for breakfast. See you there!!



Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins, which is a new journey of faith for the People of God. And as always, we begin with Advent. The passage of the Gospel introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: the visit of the Lord to humanity. The first visit we all know occurred with the Incarnation, Jesus' birth in the cave of Bethlehem; the second takes place in the present: the Lord visits us constantly, each day, walking alongside us and being a consoling presence; in the end, there will be the third, the last visit, which we proclaim each time that we recite the Creed: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time, and he tells us where we will arrive on our journey.

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday routine, and the unexpected coming of the Lord, Jesus says: "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away" so says Jesus. It always strikes a cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to another, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God who comes to visit us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.

From this perspective there also comes an invitation to sobriety, to not be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them. If, by contrast, we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important. That encounter. And everyday matters must have this horizon and must be directed to that horizon. This encounter with the Lord who comes for us. In that moment, as the Gospel says, "Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left". It is an invitation to be vigilant, because in not knowing when he will come, we need to be ever ready to leave.

In this season of Advent, we are called to expand the horizons of our hearts, to be amazed by the life which presents itself each day with newness. In order to do this, we must learn to not depend on our own certainties, on our own established strategies, because the Lord comes at a time that we do not image. He comes to bring us into a more beautiful and grand dimension.

May Our Lady, the Virgin of Advent, help us not to consider ourselves proprietors of our life, not to resist when the Lord comes to change it, but to be ready to let ourselves be visited by him, the awaited and welcome guests, even if it disturbs our plans.

-Pope Francis Sermon

Anyone who would be interested in volunteering for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle, please contact the Salvation Army @ 306-634-2074 and ask for Jane Ann.





St. John the Baptist Parish December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Holy Mass 8am - <i>Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 1st Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest Holy Mass 5pm CWL Christmas Supper 5:30pm</p>	<p>4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Holy Mass 10am - <i>Hillview Manor</i> Holy Mass 11am - Hospital First Reconciliation Celebration 6:30pm</p>	<p>5 Holy Mass 9am Coffee After Mass 9:30am Choir Practice 7pm</p>	<p>6 St. Nicholas, Bishop Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am SHSC Christmas Mass 1pm</p>	<p>7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Holy Mass 5pm - Torquay Holy Mass 7pm</p>
<p>8 Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Holy Mass 8am - <i>Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 2nd Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am</p>	<p>10 Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am K of C Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>11 St. Damasus I, Pope Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Holy Mass 11am - Hospital Advent Reconciliation and Adoration 6:30pm</p>	<p>12 Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Choir Practice 7pm</p>	<p>13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Holy Mass 10am - Creighton Lodge</p>	<p>14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Misa de Gallo Novena and Holy Mass 6am Altar Server Workshop 10am Holy Mass 5pm - <i>Torquay</i></p>
<p>15 Holy Mass 8am - <i>Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 10am 3rd Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Lay Presided Service 9am Coffee and Fellowship 9:30am Choir Practice 7pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 St. Peter Cantinus, Priest and Doctor of the Church Holy Mass 5pm - <i>Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 7pm</p>
<p>22 Holy Mass 10am 4th Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23 St. John of Kanly, Priest</p>	<p>24 OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON Christmas Eve Masses: 7pm & 10pm</p>	<p>25 Nativity of the Lord CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Mass 10am</p>	<p>26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr BOXING DAY</p>	<p>27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Holy Mass 5pm - <i>Bienfait</i> Holy Mass 7pm</p>
<p>29 Holy Mass 10am Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 St. Sylvester I, Pope OFFICE CLOSED Holy Mass 7:30pm</p>				