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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.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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**November 25 and 26, 2023**



### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Nov. 25	5pm Estevan; †Scott Friess
Sat. Nov. 25	7pm Torquay; †Simonne and †Allan Brown
Sun. Nov. 26	8am Bienfait; †Helen Miller
Sun. Nov. 26	10am Estevan; Special Intentions
Tues. Nov. 28	6:30pm Estevan; †Ian Fernandez
Tues. Nov. 28	10:30am Midale; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Wed. Nov. 29	11am Hospital; †Bernadette Shaner
Thurs. Nov. 30	9am Estevan; †Anton and †Nympha Mack
Fri. Dec. 1	9am Estevan; †Raymond Cossette
Sat. Dec. 2	5pm Estevan; †Cody Ward
Sat. Dec. 2	7pm Torquay; Special Intentions
Sun. Dec. 3	8am Bienfait; †Delores Kuechle
Sun. Dec. 3	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

**SEE YOU AT THE PARISH RETREAT ON  
NOVEMBER 24, 25 AND 26!**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 24:** 7pm Parish Retreat
- Nov. 24:** 8:15pm Reconciliation
- Nov. 25:** 10am Parish Retreat
- Nov. 26:** Christ the King Brunch
- Nov. 28:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Nov. 29:** 9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
- Nov. 29:** First Reconciliation Class
- Nov. 30:** Coffee in the Hall
- Dec. 4:** 1pm Music with Friends
- Dec. 5:** 5:30pm CWL and K of C Christmas Gala
- Dec. 6:** 6:30pm First Reconciliation Celebration
- Dec. 11:** 1pm Funeral Choir Practice
- Dec. 12:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Dec. 14:** 7pm Advent Adoration and Reconciliation Evening
- Dec. 19:** 7pm PPC Christmas Social



### Pastor's Corner

This weekend we are blessed to have Father Doug Jeffrey, OMI, here to lead us in a Spiritual Renewal Retreat. As we gather this weekend for fellowship, reflection and spiritual growth, I want to touch on what you can do when you have completed a retreat to make sure you take what you have experienced into your faith journey.

1. Spend time in prayer, especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank God for your experience, for the retreat leaders and the fellowship with your Parish Family.
2. Really spend some time in reflection. How did you feel during the retreat? What did you learn? What did you find challenging?
3. Discern about how you can bring what you learned or what really moved you into your daily life. Can you be more welcoming? Can you reach out to others more than you do now? What can you as a member of our Parish Family do to keep it healthy?
4. Evangelize! Share your experience with your friends and family. Use your actions and words to make everyone aware that you are a disciple of Christ.

God bless,  
Father Thuy



#### It Is I, The Great I Am

Just as he forgave the lepers and made them whole, clean and full of joy, let us be the one who returns to offer Thanksgiving. We are all invited to spend one

hour during the week in Thanksgiving for the great gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Adoration is Tuesday-Friday 9:30-

5pm. Please consider substituting or signing up for one hour per week for a month, a season or a year.

Adorers needed for Fridays at 11am and 1pm. Everyone is welcome anytime to spend time with Jesus, physically present.



### Christmas Cookie Parade

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**Estevan Market Mall (Nutter's Entrance)**

**Cookie Sale starts at 10am.**  
**Drop off your beautiful Christmas Cookies & Baking**  
**between 8:30am and 10am.**

**\$15 & \$25 containers.**  
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**to volunteer.**



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**Maureen Daoust**  
**Maleah Daoust**



**Important First Reconciliation**  
**Dates**

**Wednesday, November 29 at**  
**6:30pm - Class**



## Archbishop's Appeal 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe And World Day of Youth:

1st Reading: Ez 34.11-12, 15-17

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 15.20-26, 28 Gospel: Mt 25: 31-46



Today is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe. Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth. In 2020, Pope Francis also declared this day World Day of Youth. Saint John Paul the Great had this to say to young people: "It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." Your support of the Archbishop's Appeal contributes to the office of youth and young adult ministry so that through the programming, retreats, and work of the staff, all the you of our archdiocese may come to experience and believe these words.

# PARISH RETREAT RENEWING OUR PARISH: PRAYING, REACHING OUT & WELCOMING

## WHEN

**November 24-26**

Attend All Or Any Sessions

## WHERE

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

The Retreat will be held in the Church.



ALL ARE WELCOME • Bring a Friend • Refreshments Provided During Breaks • Reconciliation • Personal Reflection • Dynamic Speaker • Grow In Your Faith • Father Doug Preaching At Both Weekend Masses • Free Will Offering Accepted For Christ The King Brunch

For More Information Contact the Parish Office at 306.634.2190

**GET READY FOR ADVENT!!**

**SPEAKER:  
FATHER DOUG  
JEFFREY FROM  
ST. PHILIP NERI  
PARISH IN  
SASKATOON**



## FRIDAY

7pm - 8:15pm Session #1:  
What Does A Healthy  
Parish Do?

8:15pm Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

## SATURDAY

10am - 12pm Session #2:  
Welcoming, Learning &  
Teaching, Proclaiming

1pm - 2:30pm Session #3:  
Encountering God In  
Prayer and Building A  
Community Of Life And Of  
Love

3pm - 4:30pm Session #4  
Outreach And Service  
5pm Holy Mass

## SUNDAY

10am Holy Mass

11am Christ The King  
Brunch

## Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the Christmas flowers that will decorate the Church throughout the Christmas season. You may donate in memory of a deceased loved one or in thanksgiving for someone in your life. Their names will be listed in the bulletin so our parishioners can pray for them. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Our Parish Family is truly blessed!



## Advent Schedule 2023

The Adoration schedule will stay the same except the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Wednesdays at 4pm and Fridays at 12pm.

Advent Adoration and  
Reconciliation Evening on  
Thursday, December 14 at 7pm.



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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING  
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
KIPLING - EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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# You are invited to our Parish Christmas Party! Friday, December 22

Kids: Bring your tickets  
for the prize draw!

Christmas

Major Prizes:

Games!

43" Samsung TV

Carol Singing!

Nintendo Switch Lite  
Bundle

Dancing!

Beats by Dr. Dre  
Headphones

Many, Many

Fujifilm Instax Mini

More Prizes!

Camera Bundle

Bluetooth Karaoke  
Machine

Potluck Supper  
at 6pm.

Bring a dish  
that is enough  
to feed the  
people you  
bring with you.



Must be present to win prizes.

## Advent Wreath Blessing

Having an Advent Wreath is a very important tradition that we encourage all families to make a part of their preparations for Christmas. Please bring your Advent Wreath to one of the weekend Masses on Saturday, December 2 or Sunday, December 3. Place it under the Parish Advent Wreath and Father will bless it as he blesses our Parish Wreath. May your season of Advent be a time of hope, peace, joy and love.



*Thank You!*

We have completed another awesome Bible Study! Thank you to all of you who attended, to our Bible Study Team and especially to Colinda Doerr, our Bible Study Team Leader!

Watch the bulletin after Christmas for more information about our Lenten Study!

*Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness."*

*Ezekiel 34:11-12*



## Christmas Holy Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 at 10am (Estevan)

### Christmas Eve-Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 at 5pm and 7pm (Estevan)

Sunday, December 24 at 9pm (Bienfait)

### Christmas Day-Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25 at 8am (Torquay)

Monday, December 25 at 10am (Estevan)

### New Year's Eve-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 31 at 8am (Bienfait)

Sunday, December 31 at 10am (Estevan)

### New Year's Day-Mary the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1 at 10am (Estevan)

