

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.



We are so glad you joined us today!

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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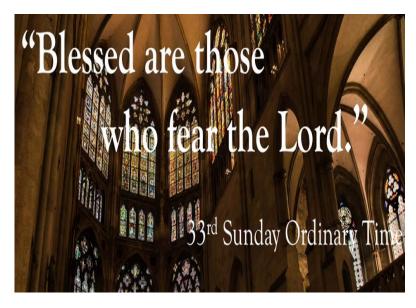
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November 14 & 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Schedule** 

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

**Sacraments** 

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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## **Holy Mass Updates**

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. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you are required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, you are required to wear a mask to church.
- Social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

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

Don't forget your hand sanitizer when coming to Church!



## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Watch the bulletin next week for our Christmas Mass schedule!!





# Sacrament of Baptism



After much prayer and discernment, we are pleased to announce we have a new plan in place for those families seeking to baptize their children. For more information and to set up a time for the Baptism Prep, please contact Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

# APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

## Prayer for the dead

32. The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and in the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. (101) A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory (cf. *Rom* 5:2; *Tit* 2:13).

# A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self-Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.

## Angel Tree Volunteers Needed

Looking for Volunteers for Tuesday,
December 1. It will be 2 hour shifts from
12pm - 8pm. One or two people from
the same household. If you are
interested in helping please contact
Larry Johnstone at 306-461-4015.





## **Sacrament of Anointing**

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.

# Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Dylan Ravanera!



# **Feast of Christ the King Holy Masses**

We will be using incense at both Masses for the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22. If you are sensitive to incense, be assured that we will not be using incense at the Saturday, November 21 Holy Mass at 7pm.

## **Financial Update**

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00

2020 Actual Collection Year to Date \$255,232.95

To achieve Budgeted Revenue: \$194767.05

### **Month of October 2020**

Monthly Collection Required 37,500.00

October Sunday Collection \$32,015.60

**Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish** Saturday, November 14 7pm Holy Mass Sunday, November 15 9am Holy Mass St. Albert the Great 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †Bella Ganje 6:30pm Holy Mass Good health for Cathy Wanner Tuesday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, November 18 9am Holy Mass **†**Joe Mack Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul Thursday, November 19 9am Holy Mass **†**Roland Lagasse 1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall

9am Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members

Saturday, November 21 7pm Holy Mass

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 20

Sunday, November 22 9am Holy Mass

St. Ccilia 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)

11am Holy Mass

11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

# We have Good News!!

Gwen Van De Woestyne will be coordinating the Pastoral Care ministry. We are excited to welcome her to this position. She will be working with the Pastoral Care Team to make sure all of our Parish Family members are cared for. We believe that all our Family members should be able to receive the sacraments, most importantly the Holy Eucharist, and that when they are struggling, they should be lifted up with prayer. The team will be visiting the homebound and the nursing homes as Covid-19 directives allow as well as phoning to check in with our parishioners who are unable to go out at this time. May God abundantly bless Gwen and the Pastoral Care team.

If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office and ask for Gwen.



## **Homily Corner**



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Wisdom 6:12-16, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 63, the second reading was 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 25:1-13.

We had a beautiful celebration for All Souls on November 2 and I want to thank you for your faith. So many of you came out to remember your deceased loved ones and light a candle for them. We remembered the saints and those who are on their way to become saints, the souls in purgatory. Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to All Souls. In this month of special graces and blessings, we will be lifting up our loved ones in prayer, remembering them and thanking God for them. Our prayers, especially offering a Holy Mass, help purify our deceased loved ones.

When Paul wrote the second reading, he and many Christians expected the imminent return of the risen Christ. When members of the community die before this event, others worry about what happens to them. Paul reassures these mourners that their beloved dead are with the Lord, who will bring them back when he returns. The death of their brothers and sisters provides an opportunity for Christians to display their certain hope to those around them. The comfort that the baptized have to offer each other is their deep conviction that the bond they share with and in Christ is so strong that death cannot separate them. Our responsibility as Christians living our earthly life is to pray for our deceased loved ones. We know that they are with Christ and we know that with our prayers they will be purified and enjoy the eternal banquet of heaven. We are living saints and the grace of God will fall onto us for looking after our Parish Family, which includes our deceased family members.

The first reading is from the book of Wisdom and tells us that we need to be wise. We need to follow what Jesus tell us to do so we won't be shut out of the gate. If we don't follow what Jesus tells us to do, we can't blame him later. It is our decision and it comes with consequences.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, pray for your deceased loved ones and meditate on how you can be wise and follow Jesus.

See you next week as we reflect on 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

#### Month of November

You are invited to light a candle in remembrance of your deceased loved one before any of the Holy Masses in November. The candles are in front of the baptism font. Please use a disinfecting wipe to clean the lighter after you light your candle.



# 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.

