



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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November 28 & 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

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 have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider whether it is safe for you to come to Church.
- Masks are mandatory and 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!!

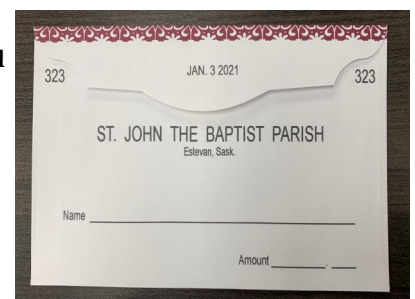
**Don't forget your mask
and hand
sanitizer when
coming to
Church!**



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2021 Donation Envelopes

The 2021 Donation Envelopes are in. We will be placing them in your pew when you attend the Holy Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass and receive your envelopes there, you may contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for your continued generosity with your Parish Family.



Christmas Mass and New Year's Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24 at 5pm – No Incense
Thursday, December 24 at 7pm – Incense will be used
Thursday, December 24 at 9pm – Incense will be used
Thursday, December 24 at 11pm – Incense will be used
Friday, December 25 at 10am
Saturday, December 26 at 8pm
Sunday, December 27 at 9am and 11am
Thursday, December 31 at 5pm
Thursday, December 31 at 7pm
Friday, January 1 at 10am
Saturday, January 2 at 7pm
Sunday, January 3 at 9am and 11am



You must contact Connie or the Parish Office to pre-register to attend one of these Holy Masses. Due to limited seating, contacting Connie or the Parish Office is the only way to guarantee your attendance.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Maureen Daoust

Maleah Daoust



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.

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.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, November 28	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, November 29	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, December 1	6:30pm Holy Mass Ordination Anniversary Holy Mass for Fr. Lucy
Wednesday, December 2	9am Holy Mass †Robert Fichter
Thursday, December 3	9am Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Friday, December 4	9am Holy Mass †Edward Gall <i>St. John Damascene</i>
Saturday, December 5	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, December 6	9am Holy Mass <i>St. Nicholas</i> 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

Pastoral Care

The St. John the Baptist Pastoral Care Team is ready to get started! The ministers are currently being trained and commissioned. Our focus during these challenging times will be to check in with our Parish Family beginning with our seniors to see how they are doing. Our Pastoral Care Team will offer the opportunity to have a minister contact them by phone regularly for a visit. We are very excited to begin this ministry and are looking forward to speaking with you!!

If you would like more information or if you know of someone who would enjoy a phone call, please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral
CARE

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.



FROM
THE
PASTOR



Homily Corner

This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the Feast of Christ the King. The first reading was Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 23, the second reading was 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 25:31-46.

The season of Advent, where we celebrate the incarnation of Christ, begins next week and I encourage you to have an Advent wreath in your home, especially considering of the challenging year we are having. Keeping that wreath on your dining table and lighting the candles once a day while praying together with your family brings the light of Christ into the world. We need to allow Jesus to shine in our homes first so that he shines in our Parish Family, in our community and in the world. He is strengthening us to recreate the world. To support your family, we will be sending out one minute prayers throughout Advent.

The Pastoral Care team is beginning to make phone calls to our Parish Family. Please pray and discern how we can help those who are in need of visitation. Do you know someone who should be called? If you do, please contact the Parish Office.

The Feast of Christ the King started in 1925. After the first world war, the love of God and faith of God was deteriorating and secularism was on the rise. The Holy Church saw the need for us to profess the real king, God and instituted this feast day. How do we bring the light of Christ and proclaim the kingship of God. It is the responsibility of Church leaders and each one of us to profess and proclaim the king, God. And by lighting our Advent wreaths during this season, we bring Jesus the King's light into the world.

I would like you to read the first reading one more time when you are at home. Our shepherd king is searching for us even more than we are searching for him. This is a very good reading to reflect upon throughout the week.

A few weeks ago, I talked about the ten commandments in my homily and the each of those commandments fall under one of the two great commandments: Love your God with you whole heart, your whole soul and our whole mind and love your neighbor as you would love yourself. In this week's Gospel, he asks us some very serious questions with the focus of love your neighbor. He asks us if we have fed the hungry, gave the thirsty a drink, welcomed a stranger, clothed someone, or visited someone. Sometimes in our lives, we justify ourselves and say that we aren't committing sins even though we are doing the omission of good. This is equal to the commission of sin. We need to look out for one another. We are called to respect the laws and directives so we can shine Jesus' light upon others.

Be that light shining for others. Be that light burning for others.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, pray and discern about how you can spread the light of Christ.

See you next week as we reflect on the Second Sunday of Advent.

—Father Antony

Weekly Advent Wreath Prayers

This weekend is the beginning of the season of Advent and one tradition in our Catholic Faith is to have an Advent Wreath on your table at home throughout the season.

Advent Wreaths can be purchased online or at any faith based store.

We are happy to let you know that this year we are sending out Advent wreath prayers. If you have not given your email address to the Parish Office and you would like to receive these prayers, please let the Parish Office know.



We encourage you and your family to light the candles on your wreath and pray together daily.

Daily Advent Reflection From formed.org

Formed.org is an awesome website that the Parish subscribes to for our Parish Family to use. There are numerous movies, documentaries, bible studies, children's programs and other faith resources available once you sign up. And most especially, they have a Daily Advent Devotion you can subscribe to. The following are the steps for signing up:

1. Type formed.org into your web browser. The screen that comes up will ask you to sign in or sign up.
2. Click on Sign Up.
3. Click on Sign Up as a parishioner.
4. Type St. John the Baptist Parish Estevan into the search bar. You will see a list drop down and click on our Parish and then click Next.
5. Enter your name and email address and then click Next. You will be signed up and able to watch the resources. You can also sign up for the Daily Advent Devotion from Formed. They will email you every morning with a video clip.

Church Attendance Update

As you are probably aware, the new directive from the government regarding Church attendance has lowered our number of people who can attend to 30 people per Holy Mass. We are able to use the Parish Hall as a separate space for another group of 30 to gather for Holy Mass. So at each weekend Mass we can accommodate 60 people. The Mass will be streamed from upstairs to the Parish Hall and one of our ministers will bring communion to you. As you call to book for the Holy Mass on the weekends, you will be told which area you will be sitting in and which entrance to enter and exit the Church.

We are also pleased to let you know that we will add a Mass to the weekends in order to accommodate more people. The Holy Mass schedule on the weekend will be Saturdays at 5pm and 7pm and Sundays at 9am and 11am.

Please call Connie or the Parish Office to register for the Holy Masses.



In this Covid time, currently in our second wave, it may be time to put prayer to the road around our city of Estevan. This will be a wonderful way to actively put prayer our city in motion.

On December 7th at 10:00am there will be a CWL driving prayer around Estevan. The plan is to drive around the city and pray together as we follow each other in cars and in prayer, like a prayer parade.

The CWL Sisters invite you to join us in the Prayer part of this Prayer Drive. We ask that you please spend some time in prayer with us at that time from the comfort of your home. The Prayer drive starts at 10 am and ends approximately 33 minutes after that.

What will we pray? Whatever comes gently by memory to each of our hearts. It could be a Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a continued prayer of Our Father's or Hail Mary's or Glory Be's. It could be your hearts phrase or a prayer that beats naturally to you. Pretty much any prayer will do. God's space and time is not the same as ours and He is quite aware of our intention, so we leave the prayer to you and to God.

We look forward to praying with you for the protection of our city from Covid 19, and for strength and compassion for all those who suffer from it in our Province, Country and around the world.