

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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November 7 & 8, 2020

32nd 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!!

# Parish Hall Update



Due to security concerns, the Parish Hall will be locked throughout the weekdays. From Tuesday - Friday, when you are in the Church for Holy Mass or Adoration, please use the north east staircase to access the washrooms. On weekends, please use the northwest staircase just before you enter the Church or the northeast staircase to access the washrooms. Thank you for

your cooperation and assistance in keeping our facility safe.

# St. John the Baptist Parish

# 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

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.

#### **Financial Update**

2020 Projected Expenses \$450,000.00 2020 Actual Collection Year to Date \$226,782.65

To achieve Budgeted Revenue: \$223,217.35

#### **Month of September 2020**

Monthly Collection Required 37,500.00
September Sunday Collection \$21,904.60

Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Henry Fornwald

Hana Son





Happy Anniversary

Dustin Glocelyn Hall

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



**Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish** 

Saturday, November 7 7pm Holy Mass Sunday, November 8 9am Holy Mass

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9am (Bienfait) Lay Presided Service (Bienfait Parishioners Only)

11am Holy Mass

Tuesday, November 10 No Mass

St. Leo the Great 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 11 No Mass

Thursday, November 12 9am Holy Mass **†**Louise Seipp

St. Josephat 1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall

7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall

Friday, November 13 9am Holy Mass **†**Katie Wock

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

## **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.



# 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 Feast of All Saints. The first reading was Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 24, the second reading was 1 John 3:1-3 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 5:1-12a.

The Feast of All Saints is an amazing and blessed day. Today's Gospel is the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes are the substance of all the Gospels and when we follow them and happily live them, we will become saints. The beatitudes show us what our attitude should be in our daily lives. On All Saints day, we honor the saints who have died—our family members and others who are enjoying the eternal banquet, promised and prepared by God. We also remember ourselves today. We are living our sainthood here on earth, following the beatitudes. And we will continue our sainthood as we join the community of saints in heaven.

We are called to become saints, created in the likeness of God, in his image, his divinity. When we lie, cheat, steal, sin, we are destroying the God given image inside us as well as our sainthood. Today is an opportunity for the saints to intercede for us. Their intercession and mediation helps us to be holy people.

The saints are patrons of many activities, places, and causes. For example, the patron saint of Canada is Saint Joseph, Saint Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes, and Saint Anthony of Padua is the patron saint of lost things. We should each have our own patron saint as well. Who is your patron saint? This is something to seriously consider. Do some research and choose a patron saint. That saint is someone you can talk to and remember in your daily prayer. Sometimes we are struggling because we aren't using the saints' intercession. When we ask for their intercession, we receive the grace of God.

We sent out an article about All Saints Day as well as another article about Blessed Carlo Acutis. His story is very inspiring. At a very young age, he knew that the more he received the Holy Eucharist, the more he would become like Jesus. He created a website that documents the Holy Miracles of the Eucharist. Please share the video and watch it with your children and grandchildren. He lived the life of a regular young person, but at the same time Jesus was his focus. Blessed Carlo is the patron saint of the internet.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, ask yourself: how can I live out my sainthood here on earth? And if you have a patron saint, remember them in your prayers each day. If you don't have a patron saint, research the saints and choose one that is calling out to you.

See you next	week as we	reflect on	32nd Sund	lay in	Ordinary '	Time.
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—Father Antony