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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 28 and 29, 2023



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule Sat. Oct. 28 5pm Estevan; **†**Ian Fernandez Sat. Oct. 28 7pm Torquay; **†**Molly Heier Sun. Oct. 29 10am Estevan; Mass For The People Tues. Oct. 31 6:30pm Estevan; In Thanksgiving Wed. Nov 1 10am Hillview: **†**Jean Davidson Wed. Nov. 1 11am Hospital; †Molly Heier Wed. Nov. 1 7pm Estevan; All Saints Thurs. Nov. 2 7pm Estevan; Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Fri. Nov 3 10:30am Nursing Home; **†** Josephine Hesketh Sat. Nov 4 5pm Estevan; **†**Helen Miller Sat. Nov 4 7pm Torquay; **†**Isabelle Baril Sun. Nov 5 8am Bienfait; **†**Simonne & **†**Allan Brown 10am Estevan; Mass For The People Sun. Nov 5

EVENTS

Oct. 29: 10am First Reconciliation

Enrolment Mass

Oct. 29: 4pm Fall Supper

Oct. 31: 9:15am CWL Executive

Meeting

Nov. 2: 7pm All Souls Mass

Followed by Social

Nov 4: 5:30pm K of C Charity

Appeal Supper and Dance

Nov 6: 1pm Music with Friends

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Nov 6: 1pm Funeral Choir

Practice

Nov. 7: 7pm CWL Meeting

Nov. 8: 1pm Finance Council

Meeting

Nov. 9: 9:30am Coffee In The Hall

Nov. 9: 1:30pm Bible Study

Nov 9: 7pm Bible Study

Nov. 9: 7pm SJB Choir Practice

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Invitation to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament



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For more information or times, please call Bridget at (306)461-4611.



Important First Reconciliation Dates

Sunday, October 29 at 10am - Enrolment Mass in the Church

Wednesday, Nov 8 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

Tradition holds that reciting this prayer releases 1000 souls from purgatory. We encourage you to pray this prayer daily during the month of November.

Eternal Father,

I offer you the most precious blood of your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude, pray for us.



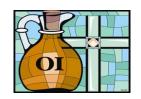


Father Thuy's Installation Mass

Please keep watching the bulletin for the date of Father Thuy's Installation Mass. We are looking forward to the celebration.

Sacrament of Anointing

For those who are in the hospital or unable to come to the Church for the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office to set up a time. After office hours, please contact Father Thuy at 306-570-7306 or if you can't reach Father Thuy, please call Connie at 306-421-8447.



Archbishop's Appeal 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1st Reading: Ex 22.20-26 |

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1.5c-10 | Gospel: Mt 22.34-40

It is easy to say we can love our neighbor well, but it is certainly hard to live out. It is easy for those we find likable but much harder to love the stranger or the one who disagrees with us. Love of neighbor is only possible with an intimate relationship with God, uniting our wills to His, even to the point of emotionally uniting ourselves to God. Then, we can learn to look at others not with our own eyes and feelings but from the perspective of Christ. If we have no contact with God in our lives, we are incapable of seeing the image of God in others. Let us be ready to encounter our neighbors, and to show love makes us sensitive to God as well. Your contribution to the Archbishop's Appeal helps those organizations intended for this exact purpose.



First of all, I want to thank all who led the Holy Rosary before Mass in October. Our Parish Family is truly blessed by your service.

November is marked as a month of remembrance in the Church. We all have loved ones who have passed away and it is really important to remember that they are with us always.

Their life has not ended, it has changed. And it is our responsibility to keep them close to us and to pray for them. It is also our responsibility to pray for those who are deceased and have no one to pray for them.

The most important prayer we can do for them is the Holy Mass. As Catholics, we offer our lost loved ones in Holy Mass to help them make the journey to heaven. We can offer a Mass for someone we know or for all the souls in purgatory.

And it is not just the month of November that we are called to remember, the Church tells us that it should be a part of our daily prayer.

I am reminded about quote from Pope Francis, "Each of us is precious, each and every one of us. Each and every one of us is irreplaceable in the eyes of God." I often think about this when I am preparing for a funeral. It is amazing to me that throughout all time and billions of people, there is only one you, one me. Each of us has a purpose and will be missed by someone.

Let us remember in this month of November. Let us spend extra time in prayer for our deceased ancestors, relatives and friends.

—Father Thuy

"Our path is the way of love" Matthew 22.34-40





The Johner Brothers took the Canadian Country music world by storm in 1991 with the release of their single and video "Goodbye for Good". That year the Canadian Country Music Association honoured them with the Award for 'Duo or Group of the Year'. Since then they racked up two more CCMA's, several Western Canadian music awards, four Juno nominations and an unprecedented 56 Saskatchewan Country music awards. In the 90's, the name "The Johner Brothers" was synonymis with dancing, good times and great homegrown country music. Their touring took them to clubs, concert halls and festivals across Canada, overseas to Bosnia, Caribbean Cruise ships, The Netherlands and even to Japan. With 11 music videos, 26 released singles to radio and 6 CD's to their name, the brothers are back together along with three of the Johner Boys to entertain fans across Canada and keep the good times rollin'.

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Parish Retreat

Renewing Our Parish: Praying, Reaching Out, and Welcoming

This Parish Retreat is an opportunity to explore the Mission of the Church and how we as the faith community of St. John the Baptist can carry out that mission in Estevan and the surrounding area. Through the sharing of information, moments of reflection and discussion, sharing and prayerful celebration, we will take time to examine our journey with Jesus Christ and with one another. Sacred Scripture, stories and song will provide us with the opportunity to deepen our faith relationships and express our faith. Wherever we are in our faith journey we are welcome and we rely on the inspiration of St. John the Baptist to help us prepare the way of the Lord. Each parishioner is invited to bring one friend to our gathering. Come and join us!

Father Doug Jeffrey, OMI from St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon will be our Retreat Leader. He was ordained at St. Thomas College, North Battleford, in June 1983. As an Oblate priest he has served his community and the Church in formation ministry, parish ministry, and community leadership. One of Father Doug's gifts is preaching Parish Retreats. He is an awesome, thoughtful, intelligent, compassionate speaker. We are so excited that he will be sharing his God-given talents with us!



The Retreat will be on the weekend of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe (November 24, 25 and 26). On Friday, our first session will be from 7pm until 8:15pm. On Saturday we will have sessions from 10am until noon, 1pm until 2:30pm and 3pm until 4:30pm. Father Doug will be preaching that evening at the 5pm Holy Mass. And on Sunday, Father Doug will also be preaching at the 10am Mass and we will end with our Annual Christ the King brunch following the Holy Mass.



Please join us for our All Saints Holy Mass on Wednesday, November 1 at 7pm.



Eucharistic Adoration Update

There will not be Adoration on Thursday, November 2 due to the time needed to set up for our All Souls Mass at 7pm.



The Solemnity Of The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Thursday, November 2, 2023

The Feast of All Souls is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, we commemorate the poor people in purgatory and gain them indulgences.

Here at St. John the Baptist Parish, we begin preparing for our celebration of All Souls this weekend by having our Memory Books available on the tables in the main entrance of the Church. You are invited to enter the names of your deceased loved ones. These books will be brought forward during the All Souls Mass and left on the altar for the whole month of November. It is important to not just remember our dead on one day, but to remember them through the whole month and every day of our lives.

The All Souls Mass will be on Thursday, November 2 at 7pm. Our families who have had a loved one pass away in the last year are invited to come to the Mass, where their loved ones will be remembered by name and the families will light a candle for them. When these families have all lit their candles, there will be the opportunity for the rest of the congregation to come forward and light candles as well.

Following the Holy Mass there will be a social in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4



Our RCIA program is starting soon! If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about your Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office to receive more information and to register. Classes will start in November.

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