



**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!*

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

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**October 9 and 10, 2021**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor  
8 months in advance

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## Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18-24, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 128, the second reading was Hebrews 2:9-11 and the Gospel reading was Mark 10:2-16.

We are entering into the beautiful month of October. We started with the Feast of the Guardian Angels on Saturday. God gave each of us a personal guardian angel to protect us and help us. It is very important to acknowledge them, thank them and praise God for them. October is a month of transformation in nature and it can also be an opportunity to transform our lives. Thanksgiving is on October 11, but at St. John the Baptist Parish, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving all month. We will have prayers to help us grow in an attitude of gratitude throughout the month. I encourage you to take some extra time in your daily life to think about who you need to thank intentionally in prayer. By being grateful people, thanking others and thanking God, his blessings will be upon us.

The Opening Prayer says, “Almighty ever-living God, who in abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.” God is ready to give us more than we can even ask for. He will even give us what we can’t ask for. God is ready to provide to prayerful, grateful, reverent people.

In the first reading, we hear the creation narrative. God created everything. He created the human race. He created man and woman to become one flesh. The best love song you will ever hear is what Adam said to Eve, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;”. They are equal. And what God has made, no man should separate.

And in the Gospel, Jesus repeats the eternal truth we heard in the first reading. An eternal truth is something that is created by God, not by man. When you have time, go back and read the first reading and the Gospel reading again. God blesses us with this sacrament of the Holy Spirit. May we continue to live and celebrate the eternal truth, Jesus.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: How can I transform to have an attitude of gratitude? Do I live in the eternal truth?

God Bless!

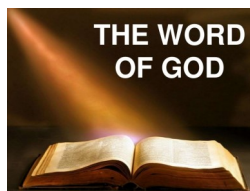
—Father Antony

**Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.**

**Psalm 90**

### Reading for Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33  
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45



## PODCAST FRIDAYS

Join us early for the weekday Holy Masses on Fridays. We will be playing a podcast or video each Friday at 8:30am. Each week there will be a different topic from some dynamic Catholic leaders such as Bishop Robert Barron, Jeff Cavins, Father Mike Schmitz, Father James Mallon and others.

Take some time in your day to reflect and learn more about your Catholic faith.



*Happy Birthday*

Ken Hesketh  
Keeley Stenhouse  
Markiz Daoust  
Beverly Carter

The SJB Fellowship Committee gives gratitude and a special thank you to the hospitality hosts with their cheerful, warm smiles, who helped with the Parish Hall unveiling celebrations on September 25 and 26.

*Thank you*

Also, to the long list of parishioners who were in place to assist and contribute to the Parish Picnic that was planned for October 3. Although everyone was looking forward to coming together as a Parish Family, we recognized the importance of caring for our neighbor and that we will once again, someday, be able to gather as a Family.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. May God bless.

## THANK YOU!!!

**Thank you to everyone who donated pumpkins, wheat, squash, etc. for our Thanksgiving decorations. And thank you to our Decorating Committee. Our Parish Family is truly blessed by everyone's generosity and talents.**



## Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and it is the foundation of all the other sacraments. Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist follow and build upon your baptism. We look forward to journeying with your family as you prepare to baptize your child. Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

**The following is the schedule for the January session:**

*Monday, January 24 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, January 30 at 9am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass*

*Monday, January 31 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Monday, February 7 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration*

**The following is the schedule for the June session:**

*Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, June 5 at 11am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass*

*Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm - Prep Class*

*Sunday, June 12 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration*



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 9	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, October 10 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, October 12	6:30pm Holy Mass †Louis and †Marie Augey 7pm K of C Meeting
Wednesday, October 13	9am Health For Family Members 6:30pm Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Class in the Church (SHSC)
Thursday, October 14 <i>St. Callistus I</i>	9am Holy Mass †Alphonse and †Clara Mehler 1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>	8:30am Podcast Friday 9am Holy Mass †MJ Ovueni
Saturday, October 16	5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, October 17 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass

### Pastoral Care Workshop and Commissioning

Are you currently bringing the Holy Eucharist to someone in your home or family? We are so grateful for those who are providing this life-giving ministry. Are you part of our Pastoral Care Team or would you like to learn more? Please join us on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Father will be showing us, as extraordinary communion ministers, how to receive Jesus during Holy Mass. The ministry of communion for those who cannot participate in Holy Mass will be explained and you will be commissioned as well.

Following the commissioning, we will be working through a model team-presided lay ministry service. If you are curious about this life-giving ministry, please feel free to stay and join us. Contact the office at 306-634-2190 or text Gwen at 306-421-7933 for more information or to confirm your attendance.

See you there!





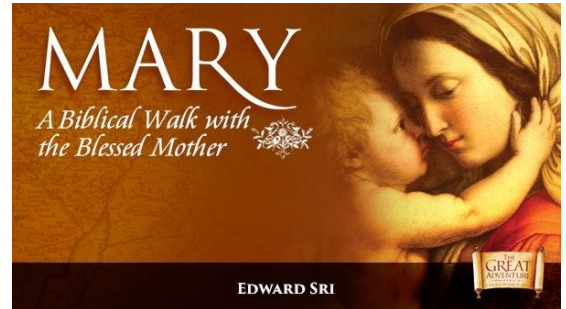
As we embrace the beginning of this Fall season, let us open our hearts and welcome the start of the 22nd Archbishop's Appeal. The theme this year is about love, God's Unbinding Love. More information and gift cards will be sent to your mailboxes soon. While we journey into the Advent Season, we encourage you to reflect on all the things you are grateful for and give thanks to God for His unbinding love, and prayerfully consider a donation that would show your love to His Church.

## ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY

### The Better We Know Mary, The Better We Will Know Her Son

*Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys . . . and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* on Thursdays in the Parish Hall until Thursday, November 25. We will be hosting two sessions each Thursday, one at 1:30pm and one at 7pm. If you would like to join the study, call Connie at 306-634-2190 or [conniesjb@gmail.com](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) and let her know or just come to the next session on Thursday. The registration fee is \$60.



## THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all the faithful of the world, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God.

Our St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the rosary together thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in October.



## Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

We are taking registrations for two sets of Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist classes that will begin in October. If your child is in Grade 2 or 3 or older and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information.



### Important Dates for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep

- Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30pm - Class
- Saturday, October 16 at 5pm - Enrolment Mass
- Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30pm - Class
- Sunday, October 24 at 9am - Enrolment Mass
- Sunday, October 24 at 11am - Enrolment Mass

## Thanksgiving Prayer

**Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family.**

**Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.**

**Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives.**

**Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace.**

**May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.**



“He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation in complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: ‘Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.’”

—St. Bernadine of Siena

## 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. Please



note that the first parking spot in front of the Church is designated for accessible parking. Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

