



**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 16 and 17, 2021**

**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



## Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Wisdom 7:7-11, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 90, the second reading was Hebrews 4:12-13 and the Gospel reading was Mark 10:17-30.

We have been enjoying the eternal truth proclamation of God through Jesus for the past few weeks. The truth that is everlasting, for all time. Sometimes we might find the eternal truth offensive or harsh until we come to **know it and live it**.

Today's Gospel is the eternal truth, as well. And we know that sometimes it is hard to hear. I want to look at a few words that are used in the Gospel and explain how we should go forward with this message in our lives.

A man comes to Jesus because he wants "to inherit eternal life." Though he keeps the commandments, he still longs for a deeper experience of God. Recognizing the man's sincerity, Jesus looks at him with love and gives him three more commands: Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor. Jesus teaches that discipleship entails more than keeping rules. His followers must not value and work for what most people do. Rather, they seek what will last beyond the grave. Here we come to the first word I want to talk about, shocked. The man was shocked by Jesus' words and he thinks Jesus demands too much, because the man has many possessions. This is the second word I want to talk about, possessions. The man was immersed in the possession of wealth. That evil devil Satan was on that person. He was possessed by the accumulation of wealth. We too can be possessed by wealth. We even justify it by saying, "I worked hard for what I have. It is mine." But we need to remember that God gives us the gift of being hard working. He gives us the gifts of wealth. God knows we work hard. He sees us. He knows us.

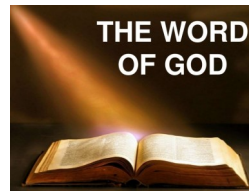
When the grace of God is with us, we celebrate our gifts with praise and thanksgiving. Our joy and celebration is a gift of gratitude to God. Are you possessed by wealth? All that wealth came to you by God and it must be shared. How do you share with your family, your community, your Church? Coming out of the possession of wealth and sharing our gifts with others brings us to eternal life. Jesus is our example. He shared everything with the disciples. When we are holding onto our gifts, we are heavy. When we share, that weight on our soul is lifted. Our wealth will stay the same when we share, because we will always be rewarded.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: God gives us everything and more, are you sharing and utilizing your God-given gifts? What can you do now so you can enter into the eternal life perfectly and easily?

God Bless!

### Reading for Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126  
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10.46-52



*Thank God for the small and the ordinary things.*

*—Jeff Cavins*

## 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 Baron, 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

Razlie Stenhouse  
Armand Hoffort

Happy  
Anniversary

Paul and Bertha  
Thiengen



The Catholic Women's League, Estevan Council, is very grateful to it's members, friends, families and the community for supporting their 50/50 raffle ticket fundraiser.

The winner of \$5000 is Mary Jukes of Moose Jaw, SK.

## 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 16	4:30pm Rosary 5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, October 17 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am Rosary 9am Holy Mass 10:30am Rosary 11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, October 19 <i>St. Paul of the Cross</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass †Cody Ward 7pm Parish Pastoral Council in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 20 <i>St. Hedwig</i>	9am Holy Mass †Raymond Stepp 6:30pm Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Class in the Church (St. Mary's)
Thursday, October 21	9am Holy Mass †Gerry Glasser 1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall 7pm Choir Practice in the Church
Friday, October 22 <i>St. John Paul II</i>	8:30am Podcast Friday 9am Holy Mass Special Intentions For My Family
Saturday, October 23 <i>St. John of Capistrano</i>	4:30pm Rosary 5pm Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, October 24 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am Rosary 9am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment) 10:30am Rosary 11am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment)

### 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

- Saturday, October 16 at 5pm - Enrolment During Holy Mass
- Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30pm - Class (Session One) in the Church (St. Mary's)
- Sunday, October 24 at 9am - Enrolment During Holy Mass
- Sunday, October 24 at 11am - Enrolment During Holy Mass
- Monday, October 25 at 6:30pm - Class (Session One) in the Church



## Pastoral Care Workshop and Commissioning

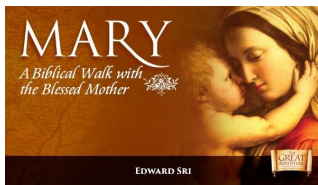
Are you currently bringing the Holy Eucharist to someone in your home or family? We are so grateful for those who are providing this life-giving ministry. Are you part of our Pastoral Care Team or would you like to learn more? Please join us on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Father will be showing 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!

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### Bible Study

Please pray for our Bible Study participants and leaders. May our Parish Family be blessed as we seek to grow in love for our Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus.



**“I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: ‘Pray for this problem!’”**

**—Pope Francis**

St. John the Baptist Parish will be offering an All Souls' Day Holy Mass on

Tuesday, November 2 at 7pm.

We will be remembering all our loved ones who have passed away and especially honoring those who passed away this past year. As we prepare for this celebration, you are invited to call the Parish Office to have your loved one's name written in one of our Memory Books. These books will be placed on the altar during the All Souls' Holy Mass and we will continue to pray for deceased family and friends through the month of November.



*And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*

*Revelation 21:4*

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

### COLLECTION REPORT

2021 Projected Expenses \$490,989.00

2021 Actual Collection Year to Date \$245,837.41

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### Month of September 2021

Monthly Collection Required \$33,740.00

September Sunday Collection \$30,996.25

## 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.



## October is the Month of Thanksgiving at St. John the Baptist Parish

As our Parish Family continues to celebrate Thanksgiving, this week we are focusing on a tip from Jeff Cavins for cultivating gratitude in our lives.

Remember thankfulness is a holy discipline independent of feelings.

From a biblical perspective giving thanks to God is independent of feelings. We don't just wait until we have the feeling to thank God. We thank him whether we feel like it or not. Ephesians 5:19-20 says, "addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." Notice St. Paul says "always and for everything". There are days we don't feel like praising God but Paul says always and for everything give thanks in the name of the Lord. So giving thanks is independent of feelings. Colossians 3:17 tells us, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." A mature believer sees the hand of God in every circumstance in their life. Are you a mature believer? We challenge you to give thanks to God in your daily life no matter if you are struggling or celebrating. You might want to journal your reasons for thanksgiving, keeping track of where you have been and where you are going on your faith journey.

