



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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October 17 & 18, 2020

29th 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!!



Happy Anniversary to
Paul and Bertha Theiven

Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.



Birthday and Anniversary Announcements

If you would like your birthday or anniversary announced in the bulletin and offered in the Prayers of the Faithful during the weekend Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office to supply your dates. For your wedding anniversary, you are also invited to have your marriage blessed at a weekend Mass. Again, please let the Parish Office know before the weekend Holy Mass.



St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Matthew 25:36

Pastoral
CARE

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.

that you might

BE HEALED

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.



THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all the faithful of the world to pray the Rosary everyday, 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.

Keeping Updated

If you would like to receive updates and faith resources from St. John the Baptist Parish during this time, please contact the Parish Office to give us your email address by emailing stjohthebaptist@sasktel.net or by phoning at 306-634-2190.

Also, if you need assistance or have any questions for us, please call the Parish Office at the number above.

Messages will be checked regularly.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 17	6:30pm Holy Rosary
<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 18	8:30am Holy Rosary
<i>St. Luke</i>	9am Holy Mass
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	10:30am Holy Rosary
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)
Tuesday, October 20	6:30pm Holy Mass †Lloyd Smith
<i>St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	7pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 21	9am Holy Mass †Evelyn Boire
Thursday, October 22	9am Holy Mass †Deceased Family Members
<i>St. John Paul II</i>	1:30pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
<i>Dedication of Consecrated Churches</i>	7pm Bible Study held in the Parish Hall
Friday, October 23	9am Holy Mass †Katie Wock
Saturday, October 24	6:30pm Holy Rosary
<i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 25	8:30am Holy Rosary
	9am Holy Mass
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only)
	10:30am Holy Rosary
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

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Bulletin Reflection - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 | 1Thess. 1:1-5a | Matt.22:15-21

We have been gifted with so much in our lives. Jobs, homes, family, friends, and all of the material trappings of our modern lifestyles. These things in and of themselves cannot bring us the fulfillment and purpose our hearts seek. Jesus tells us this week what really matters in all the gifts we are privileged to receive, is that we appropriately give what is due *“to God what belongs to God.”* For we all belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. It is only in *“Giving to God what is God’s”*, that we will find true happiness and fulfillment. Let your support of the Archbishop’s Appeal be a well-discerned and responsible act of sacrificial praise, service, and worship.

Homily Corner

FROM
THE
PASTOR



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 25:6-10a, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 23, the second reading was Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 22:1-14.

The first reading today assures us that God is always generous. He doesn't just give us what we need, but more than enough. How do we receive everything that is promised in the first reading? Through the sacraments. Growing in our faith and receiving the sacraments throughout our lives.

The parable in the Gospel today falls into two parts. The first and longest part describes a series of invitations to the King's wedding banquet for his son and the reactions they set off and the second part is a judgment scene.

In the first part, the wedding banquet is ready and he sends his slaves to call everyone that was invited. The people ignore the slaves and when the king sent other slaves to call his invitees again, some of them killed the slaves. The king then tells his slaves to go to streets of the city and invite everyone they can find. When the guests were gathered at the banquet, the king came in to see them and noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding robe. When I was young and I heard this Gospel at Mass, I always wondered why the man was kicked out of the banquet when he was invited. I have also been asked this question many times throughout the years. When you are invited somewhere, you receive an invitation and anything else the celebration requires. In Jesus' time, wedding robes would have been supplied to you as you arrived at the banquet as an invited guest. This man was certainly invited, but he didn't go through the right door to get the wedding robe.

In our world, the wedding banquet is the heavenly Kingdom and the wedding robe is the sacraments, especially baptism. When we are baptized, we are given a white garment while a prayer is said that tells us this garment is our assurance of salvation. We are clothed in Christ. We are told to keep this garment unstained. It is our invitation to the heavenly banquet. Our robe was cleansed by the blood of the lamb and this let us enter into the King's heavenly banquet.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, ask yourself, how am I generous? Do I share the gifts God has given me? How am I preparing myself for the heavenly banquet?

See you next week as we reflect on the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony