

St. John the Baptist Parish

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Meredith



Year B

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Vacant

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Vacant

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Vacant

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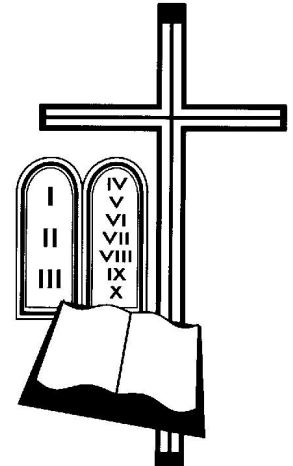
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September 12 & 13, 2015

24th Sunday in OT

“I will walk before the
Lord in the land of the
living”

- Psalm 116



St. John the Baptist Parish Office

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*Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am—12:00noon &
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*After office hours please contact the Rectory
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 7:00PM

Sunday Liturgy: 10:00AM

Weekday Liturgy: Please check the back of a current bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11:00AM

Sacrament of Anointing available at any time

please call 306-634-2190 (After office hours call 306-540-4528)

September 12/13, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of our neighbor. He suggests that faith is demonstrated most acutely in care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?



On Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th our Parish will be holding a Salvation Army Food Bank Drive before each Mass.

The Salvation Army's Ministry exists to share the love of Christ and meet human needs.

Ron & Darla Wilhelm will have their truck parked at the entrance of the church. Please deposit non perishable items in the box of the truck. Please no outdated items. Ron & Darla will be delivering the items to the Salvation Army on the Monday. No one should go hungry.

Please consider making ongoing donations to the Salvation Army throughout the year. Thank you and God Bless you for your donations.

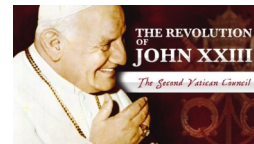


ST. MONICA'S PARISH - BIENFAIT
Please call Mary at 388-2471 for Parish Hall bookings.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Pastor's Series this past week.

Remember to mark you calendar for the next one on **Tuesday, November 3 at 7pm** in the Auditorium. In preparation for the upcoming Year of Mercy we will be watching The Revolution of John XXIII (Second Vatican Council). Everyone is welcome!! We can't wait to see you there!!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are starting soon. If you would like to join, please contact Father Brian at 306-540-4528.



Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish listed below and for all who are not listed, but are in need of prayer:

Payton Sernick, Oliver Kennedy, Jackie Fitzsimmons, Erlinda Balasbas, William Sinclair, Carol Cundall, Wesh Binalla, and Nicole Elliott, may they be comforted with God's abiding love.

For those who have died, may they rest in God's undying love and rise with Christ in glory.



Ministries for September 19 & 20, 25th Sunday in OT

Cup Ministers:

7:00PM Gwen Van De Woestyne, Maureen Daoust, Debbie Augey, Eden Pacunayen, Terry Stefiuk(Ann)
10:00AM Karen Melle, Doreen LeBlanc, Lynwood Cundall, Gil Sotto, Darla Wilhelm(Ann)

Lectors:

7:00PM Virginia Wheeler & Dawn Hengen
10:00AM Joyce Wagner– Bonokoski & Treena Hirsch

Hospitality Hosts:

7:00PM Dorothy Heidinger & Lorraine Schlamp
10:00AM Elaine Walton & Annette James

Ushers:

7:00PM Emmanuel Kuntz 10:00AM Al Wempe

Altar Servers:

7:00PM
10:00AM Taeghen Hack, Mikayla Hack

Collection Counters:

Leondard Ludwig, Anne Dechief, Sylvia Walliser, Rita Walliser, Elizabeth Olson,
Albert Petrash

First Reading:


Wisdom 2.12,17-20

Second Reading:

James 3.16-4.3

Gospel:

Mark 9.30-37

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**
St. John the Baptist Parish celebrates First Reconciliation in Grade 3. Baptism is a prerequisite to Confirmation/First Communion and First Reconciliation. If your child attends a Catholic School, registration forms have been sent home through the schools. If your child does not attend a Catholic School and is in Grade 3 and would like to register for First Reconciliation please call Connie at the Parish Office at 634-2190.

A First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm in the Church Auditorium. This is an information meeting for all parents with children in Grade 3 who are wishing to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office.

The Rite of Enrollment Masses for First Reconciliation are:

Sacred Heart School - Saturday, October 3 at 7pm
St. Mary's School - Sunday, October 4 at 10am

St. John the Baptist Parish is pleased to start a new session of our Book Club.

This time we are studying "The Reluctant Disciple—Daring To Believe" by David Wells. The first reading assignment will need to be completed for the first meeting.

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 21 at 7pm in the Formation Room in the Community Center. Just come in the front door and the Formation Room is directly to your left.

You may pick up your complimentary copy of the book at the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Connie at the Parish Office.



**Everyone is welcome!
God Bless and Happy**

Would you like to be an altar server?

If you are in **grade 5 or older**, altar serving is a wonderful way to serve the Lord and your Church. Please seriously consider serving in this important ministry. New servers as well as previous servers who attend a **public school** and wish to continue serving should contact Connie at the Parish Office or by email (youthstj@sasktel.net). If you are a server and **do not** wish to continue, please let Connie know at the Parish Office (634-2190).

****Registration forms will be sent out through the Catholic schools as well.****



**We are having an Altar Server Workshop.
Only new altar servers are required to attend.
Thursday, September 24 at 7pm in the Church.**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St. John the Baptist Parish, Estevan, SK.

Sat.	September	12	7:00pm	Estevan	†Charles Walter; Clara Weinrauch
Sun.	September	13	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners
Mon.	September	14		Estevan	No Mass
Tues.	September	15	9:00am	Estevan	†Bert Parent; Pat & Family
Wed.	September	16	10:00am	Hillview Manor	†June Kraus; Pat Parent
Wed.	September	16	11:00am	Hospital	†Roger Bezaire; Family
Thurs.	September	17	9:00am	Estevan	†Jacob Wanner; Kay & Stan Mickelshen
Fri.	September	18	10:00am	Nursing Home	No Mass
Sat.	September	19	7:00pm	Estevan	†Edna Deland; CWL
Sun.	September	20	10:00am	Estevan	Mass For Parishioners

St. Monica's, Bienfait Mass

Sun.	September	13	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Albert Schopf; CWL
Sun.	September	20	5:00pm	Bienfait	†Peter Wock; The Bath Family

Up Coming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

CWL Fall Funfair Set- up	Saturday, September 12	9am	Auditorium
CWL Fall Funfair	Sunday, September 13	11am	Auditorium
K of C Meeting	Monday, September 14	7:30pm	K of C Room
Pastoral Council	Tuesday, September 15	5pm	Boardroom
Coffee After Mass	Thursday, September 17	9:30am	Auditorium
Baptism Preparation	Thursday, September 17	7pm	Auditorium
Community Baptism	Sunday, September 20	2pm	Church
Book Club	Monday, September 21	7pm	Formation Room
First Parents Reconciliation Meeting	Tuesday, September 22	6:30pm	Auditorium
Good News Mass-All Schools	Thursday, September 24	10am	Church
Altar Server Workshop	Thursday, September 24	7pm	Church
Food Bank Drive	Saturday, September 26	7pm	Church
Food Bank Drive	Sunday, September 27	10am	Church
Confirmation Parents	Monday, September 28	6:30pm	Auditorium

THE WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOW BE ON SATURDAYS AT 7PM AND SUNDAYS AT 10AM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

GRADE TWO CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION

“And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:39)

The Archdiocese of Regina has restored the order of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The Sacraments of Initiation are:

- Baptism - we share in his death and resurrection.
- Confirmation - we share in the gift of the Pentecost.
- Communion - we share in the food of life.



Once again this year at St. John the Baptist Parish, Grade Two candidates will receive both the sacrament of Confirmation and the sacrament of First Communion at the same celebration. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child's home. Preparation will begin in the fall and continue throughout the school year. *(Over the past few years, Archbishop Daniel Bohan has clearly stated that the practice of celebrating First Communion before Confirmation is no longer an option in the Archdiocese of Regina.)*

Registration forms will be sent through the Catholic schools in early September. If your child attends a public school, please call Connie at the Parish Office to register. **There will be a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm in the Church Auditorium.** This meeting will give you an outline of the year of preparation ahead.



In his homily on March 15, 2015, Pope Francis announced, “Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an *extraordinary Jubilee* that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)’”

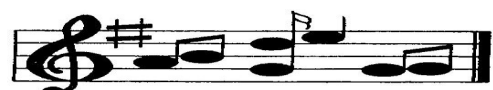
This Holy Year of Mercy will begin on Sunday, December 8, 2015 and continue to Sunday, November 20, 2016.



If you are new to the parish and have questions, would like to register, or would like parish envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190. We would be happy to help you!!



“Discussion on Music Ministry: All who are involved in music ministry, as well as all who are interested in getting involved in the music ministry, are invited to a general meeting at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, September 19th from 1pm until 2:30pm. Discussions will include scheduling, updates on copyright, needs of the music groups, and suggestions on how we could move forward in the area of music ministry. We hope you will be able to attend and participate in this important discussion!”



On October 7th we will be celebrating a very special Anniversary for our Church. On December 4, 1915, the Diocese of Regina was elevated to the status of Archdiocese. By becoming an Archdiocese, Regina became the Metropolitan Archdiocese of the ecclesiastical Province of Regina in Saskatchewan.



Years of Families of Faith

The purpose of bringing dioceses together to form an ecclesiastical province is to foster cooperation and common pastoral action within a region. The Archdiocese is headed by the Archbishop who is then the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province. The Ecclesiastical Province of Regina is made up of the Archdiocese of Regina and the Dioceses of Saskatoon and Prince Albert. The Archbishop has specific responsibilities towards the dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province.

The elevation was then both a special honour to the Church in Regina and a conferral of a special ministry of Jesus serving the Universal Church. We have chosen to celebrate the anniversary of this special event by focusing on the way we live and foster our Catholic Faith in Jesus Christ in our homes and with our families. Our motto for this year is "Celebrating 100 Years of Family Faith."

As a way of thanking God for these years of God's blessings that our faith has brought to us, there will be a special Mass celebrated on **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral**. The faithful throughout the Archdiocese are warmly invited to take part in this Mass.

In marking the specialness of this occasion, the Mass will be celebrated by the Pope's representative in Canada, His Excellency Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada. After the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. There will be no charge for the reception, but we would like to know the numbers attending to advise our caterer. Please call Bernadette at 306-352-1651 ext. 227 to RSVP before October 1, 2015.

The Northwest/Southeast Chorus is looking for new singers as they begin rehearsals for the 45th Annual concerts to be performed on the first weekend of December. This is an international choir made up of Canadians from Estevan and area and Americans from Crosby and area. The first rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00pm at the Crosby ND elementary school. For carpooling, meet outside St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 5 pm each Tuesday until the time change, and 6 pm after the time change. (For more information, contact Andrea Leatherdale at 306-634-6145 or 306-421-2885.)

ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA Annual Appeal Kickoff

will be held on **September 23rd** at Our Lady of Peace Parish (Formerly Good Samaritan) 425 Broad St. N. Regina. All Priests, Parish Administrators, Parish Annual Appeal Representatives, Volunteers & Friends are invited! You will hear from the Very Rev. Lorne Crozon Vicar General, Pastoral Ministry Staff, The Annual Appeal Committee and special guest, a man of faith, John Chick from our *Saskatchewan Roughriders*. Doors open at 3:15 for the Appeal Operations talk and Parish kit pick-ups, the program begins at 4:00 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m. To Register *include parish name, attendee's names and who is attending the Operations Talk from* 3:30 – 4:00 to: jfellingner@archregina.sk.ca 306-352-1651