



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
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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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September 19 & 20, 2020

25th 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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Bible Study

We are so excited about the next Bible Study on “Psalms: School of Prayer” beginning on Thursday, September 24th, 2020.



We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance?

The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God’s loving and wondrous deeds for us. *Psalms: The School of Prayer* is an eleven-week Bible study that will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Watch the preview by clicking on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGcCk&feature=emb_logo



Participants of *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a question and answer group discussion. Our *Psalms Bible Study* will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020. There will be two sessions, one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. The sessions will end on December 3, 2020.

The registration will be limited to 30 people per session due to the Covid restrictions, so you’ll want to register early for *Psalms*. It’s going to be great!

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in this bulletin, and on our website. Completed registration forms along with the \$60.00 registration fee can be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office or you may call the Parish Office to make arrangements to register.

Please read the Directives for Attending Bible Study found on the following pages.

If the Covid-19 directives from the Provincial Government change due to a rise in cases, please be assured that we will continue with the Bible Study through some means. We are prayerfully working on a plan if this situation arises.



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Estevan, SK

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Directives For Attending the St. John the Baptist Parish Bible Study

We are excited to be offering this Bible Study and can't wait to see you there!!

All those attending the Bible Study do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.

Before Coming To The Study:

You must do this self-assessment before you come to the Study. The self-assessment is subject to change depending on the current situation and it will be emailed to you each week before the session. When you arrive, you will be asked if you have completed the self-assessment. If you have not, you will be asked the following questions:

- Do you have Covid-19 or do you live with someone with Covid-19?
- Have you been exposed to someone with Covid-19?
- Have you recently travelled outside of Canada?
- Do you have a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Have you been a part of a gathering of more people than the Province of Saskatchewan recommends?
- Have you recently travelled outside of the province? 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 will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- Have you had family visiting your home from other areas of the province or country? If yes, we ask that you seriously consider where your company has travelled from and who they 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 will be required to wear a mask during the 14 days from when you company arrived in your home.

If you answered yes to the first five questions, do not come to the Bible Study. Please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 to let her know you are unable to attend the session.

Entering The Church For Bible Study

- Only the front door of the Church will be unlocked.
- You will receive your workbook and nametag at the first session. Please bring this to every session. Otherwise, please keep what you bring with you from home limited.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the Parish Hall and you are also welcome to bring your own with you.
- All surfaces that are commonly touched will be disinfected after each session.
- Social distancing will be adhered to. The tables for each person will be set up 6 feet apart. Couples and family members can sit at the same table.
- Water bottles will be available as you come in for the session. We will not be offering coffee or tea during the sessions. A few candies will also be on each table.
- The sessions will begin with an introduction and opening prayer. Then we will watch the video followed by a question and answer period.
- **Please touch as little as possible.**

All Directives are subject to change depending on the Covid-19 situation in our area.

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!!

Psalms

The School of Prayer



STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Phone:

Email:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Participant Fee: \$60.00

Total: _____

Cash? _____

Cheque? _____

Checks can be made payable to:

St. John the Baptist Parish

Attending 1:30pm _____

Attending 7:00pm _____

Please drop off your completed registration form, along with the registration fee, at the Parish Office or put in an envelope and place in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

To request financial assistance please email or call Connie at the Parish office at:

conniesjb@gmail.com or 306-634-2190



Visit ascensionpress.com to learn more about
The Great Adventure™ Catholic Bible Study Program.

St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary 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*



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.



Thanksgiving Decorations



The Decorating Committee is looking for pumpkins and gourds to decorate for Thanksgiving. If your garden is full and you have some to spare, please drop them off at the Parish Office by Thursday, October 1.



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.

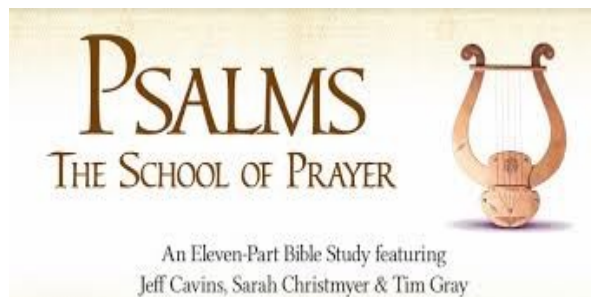
Amen.



Bible Study Testimonial from Dana Skjonsby

"A couple years ago I made a New Year's Resolution to do more things outside of my comfort zone and when it was announced in church that a Bible study was being offered I figured that definitely fit in the category of being out of my comfort zone. The course was on the Book of Wisdom and it was a game changer for me. Every session had series of "A-Ha" moments like pieces of a daunting puzzle that were finally falling into place. Then I signed up for the next Bible study and another. I just couldn't get enough. It amazed me that as a person born and raised in the Catholic faith there was so much I didn't know! I am learning so much about my faith, my relationship with the Trinity, my purpose, about the Mass, and prayer.

I have so much more to learn and I am comforted knowing that I am on the journey that God predestined me to be on. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and join us on a journey through the Book of Psalms."



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 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Sirach 27:30-28:7, the Psalm was Psalm 103, the second reading was Romans 14:7-9 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 18:21-35.

None of us want to be angry or vengeful. We all want to be happy and joyful.

Sirach comes from the Wisdom books of the Bible, which also include the Psalms. This reading gives us clear instructions on how to be happy and joyful. We need wisdom, learning and understanding to be forgiving and to be joyful. How do we get the power of forgiveness? By understanding God's word and by showing mercy and forgiveness. The power of forgiveness comes from reading and praying God's Word. The Psalms are rich with prayers of regret, repentance, and forgiveness.

When we sin, we don't want anyone to know about it and we certainly don't want to be punished. When someone else sins, sometimes even our friends or family, we do tell other people and we want to see them punished. Even if their sin is less than ours. We judge them. Unfortunately, this is human nature. When we hold on to anger and judgment, it is us that is being hurt. We must melt that anger down so we can be happy and joyful. The best way we can do that is to **FORGIVE**. In my prayers, I say, "Lord, bless me with the grace of even just 1% of the forgiveness that you so abundantly give. Still sometimes I hold on to anger, but I continue to pray for a heart made of flesh and not of stone.

I think we are all familiar with Psalm 51. After committing a grave sin, King David was regretting his actions and singing this, which came to be Psalm 51. This Psalm still applies to our lives today.

The Gospel tells us that when we forgive others, we will also be forgiven.

Everyday we pray the Lord's Prayer. Did you know that each time we pray that prayer we make covenant with God? "**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**" Quite often we break that covenant. If we haven't been forgiven by God, that is our problem. We did not forgive someone else. God gives us every opportunity to be forgiven.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, pray for those who you think need your forgiveness. Pray for all those who you hold anger against: "Lord, give me the strength to show forgiveness and kindness to others."

See you next week as we reflect on the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 19 <i>St. Januarius</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 20 <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i>	9am Holy Mass
<i>St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions</i>	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) Good Health for Albert Boire
	11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, September 22	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) † Evelyn Boire
	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Evelyn Sandquist
Wednesday, September 23 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	7pm Pastoral Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall
	9am Holy Mass † Lloyd Smith
Thursday, September 24 <i>Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin</i>	9am Holy Mass † Richard Holzer
Friday, September 25 <i>St Cosmas & St. Damian</i>	9am Holy Mass † Jack & † Margaret Finch
Saturday, September 26 <i>St. John de Brebeuf,</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	<i>St. Issac Jogues & companions</i>
	9am Holy Mass
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) † Jerry Wock
	11am Holy Mass
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only)

Birthdays 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 Weekly Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Wednesdays - Fridays at 9am
Saturday at 7pm
Sunday at 9am and 11am



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9am - 2pm

(Including Lunch Hour)





Form H
[Subsection 66 of the Act]

Notice of Call for Nominations

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

Board Member:

Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140

Number of elected: one (1) member for each Subdivision Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Weyburn School Division Board Office, and during regular business hours on September 22nd to October 6th, 2020, at the Weyburn School Division Board Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

The Board Website: www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca

The Board Office at: Dominic Place #103-433 4th Street N.E., Weyburn

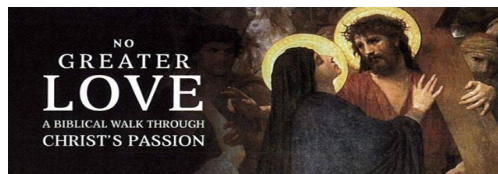
Please note that Calls for Nomination for school board members to represent the subdivisions within the City of Estevan and the City of Weyburn are done in conjunction with those municipalities. If you require further information, please contact the City of Weyburn or the City of Estevan.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2020.

LISA WONSIK
RETURNING OFFICER

Lent 2020 Bible Study

Were you a part of the Lent 2020 Bible Study that was not completed because of Covid-19? We are happy to announce that we will be finishing this study in Lent 2021 for those who were previously registered. Watch for details after Christmas.



Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Marguerite Fornwald

Kasey McIntyre



**REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT
CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO
ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY
MASS.**