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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16 and 17, 2023

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat., Sept. 16	5pm Estevan; †Colette Enmark, †Russell & †Betty Daniels 7pm Torquay; Offering of Thanksgiving
Sun., Sept. 17	8am Bienfait; †Simonne and †Allan Brown 10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues., Sept. 19	6:30pm Estevan; †Ian Fernandez
Wed., Sept. 20	11am Hospital; †Marion Jenish-Sunstrum
Thurs., Sept. 21	9am Estevan; †Molly Heier
Fri., Sept. 22	1pm Estevan; Healing of Darrel Tessier SHSC Bible Mass
Sat, Sept. 23	5pm Estevan; †Kyu Sung Lee 7pm Torquay; For the Souls in Purgatory
Sun, Sept. 24	8am Bienfait; †Ervin Huber 10am Estevan; Mass for the People

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 18:** 1:30pm Funeral Choir Practice
- Sept. 18:** 7pm Baptism Prep
- Sept. 20:** 6:30pm Ministry Workshop
- Sept. 21:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept. 21:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Sept. 25:** 1:30pm Funeral Choir Practice
- Sept. 25:** 7pm Baptism Prep
- Sept. 25:** 7pm Fall supper Committee Meeting
- Sept. 26:** 9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
- Sept. 26:** 7pm Funeral Altar Server Workshop
- Sept. 27:** 6:30pm First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting
- Sept. 28:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept. 28:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice

Bless the Lord, O my Soul – Psalm 103

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Children's Reflection

Matthew 18.21-35

In the Gospel today, there was a man who owed his king a huge debt. He couldn't re-pay it, but the king erased it and said it was okay! However, that man turned around to a friend who owed him just a little bit of money, and got so mad he had the guy thrown into jail! The king was angry that his servant had not treated his friend with the same forgiveness he was shown. Jesus told this parable to remind us that God has given us a huge amount of mercy. That means we deserve to be punished for our sins, and instead He wipes our slate clean!

We can't be thankful for that, and in return, God wants us to pass that along. He wants us to forgive one another when the people do things against us. This is what we say in the Lord's prayer, after all! Now, forgiving others doesn't mean we let them hurt us or walk all over us. But it does mean recognizing God's mercy, and out of gratitude for that passing it along. Our forgiveness to others is never "perfect".

We struggle, and we need God's help even to show other people mercy. But we can take comfort in knowing that His forgiveness wipes away our sins, things we've done and even things we don't know we were going to do yet! God will always renew and restore us. Why don't we thank Him for that, and we can ask for His help as we show mercy to those around us?

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for granting us Mercy and forgiveness. Help us to forgive one another. Give us peace and not bitterness. Thank you for erasing our sins. Thank you for your love. We love you, God! In Jesus name, Amen!



Funeral Altar Server Workshop

If you would like to serve as an Altar Server for Funeral Masses or you are currently serving in this ministry, you are encouraged to attend the Funeral Altar Server Workshop on Tuesday, September 26 at 7pm. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

First Reconciliation

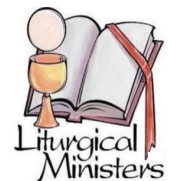
Our First Reconciliation Preparation will begin soon. If your child is in Grade 3 or older and you would like them to receive this important sacrament, please contact Connie at the Parish Office. Registration forms will be sent out through the schools soon and will also be available on our website, at the Parish Office and at all the entrances of the Church.

More information will follow, but you are encouraged to mark your calendar for the Parents' Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm.



Ministry Workshop

We are hosting a Ministry Workshop on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm. Father Thuy will be leading us through our roles as ministers, answering any questions and commissioning all ministers. If you are interested in a ministry, this is a great opportunity to learn more about that ministry. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Meals on Wheels – October



Meals on Wheels plays a vital role in our community by providing hot nutritious meals to Estevan's seniors and shut-ins five days a week, 52 weeks of the year, enabling them to maintain their health and independence at home as long as possible. Meals are picked up at the hospital at 11:15 am and take less than an hour to deliver.

Thank you to all the MOW drivers who helped deliver meals in the summer. If you are available to help out in October, please contact Debbie Augey, Volunteer Coordinator at Estevan Home Care (306) 637-3630 to sign up for a shift. New volunteers welcome. Deborah.Augey@saskhealthauthority.ca

Fall Bible Study - Untold Blessing by Bishop Robert Baron

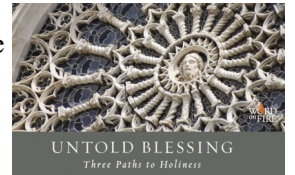
You are invited to join our Fall Bible Study. We are happy to be using the Untold Blessing resource by Bishop Robert Baron.

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what our Creator desires for us. Bishop Robert Baron paints the beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the Center, Knowing You are a Sinner, and Realizing Your Life Is Not About You. He also shares the practical approaches to enhance the journey along these three paths.

Check out the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzPymnEIMQ4>

We are hosting two sessions each Thursday (1:30pm and 7pm) and you may attend either session depending on your schedule. We will begin this 7 week study on Thursday, October 5 and conclude on Thursday, November 23. Registration forms are available at all the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website. Completed registration forms with the \$25 registration fee can be dropped off at the Parish Office or put in the collection basket (make sure you mark it "Bible Study"). If you are unable to make it into the office, you can also register by phone or email (stjohnthebaptistparish@sasktel.net).



For more information please contact Colinda Doerr at 306-421-0607.



FUNERAL CHOIR REHEARSAL is on Monday, September 18, September 25 and October 2 at 1:30pm
All are welcome!

Pastor's Corner

As disciples of Christ, we are called to serve. This service can take many forms, such as sharing our time with someone who needs encouragement, reaching out to those who are in need and serving in a ministry for the Holy Mass. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith. Every Sunday we are invited to take part in a miracle: Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Serving at Holy Mass is truly a blessing for you and your family. This week the Liturgy Committee is hosting a Ministry Workshop on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are discerning about joining a ministry. You are welcome to come and hear about each ministry and if one feels right for you, we would be happy to have you sign up. It is also a time for our existing ministers to refresh their call and as we continue to grow in our faith, our ministers are always learning more.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation is beginning in September. Please contact the Parish Office to register. The session dates are:

Monday, September 18 at 7pm - Prep Class
Monday, September 25 at 7pm - Prep Class
Sunday, October 1 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents

Monday, October 2 at 7pm - Prep Class
Sunday, October 15 at 10am -

Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

Please note that you are required to attend all of the above schedule.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Don Cowan
Don Yuzak

Thanksgiving Decorations

We are getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving and our Decorating Committee needs your help.

We are looking for pumpkins, squash, gourds, etc. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office.



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