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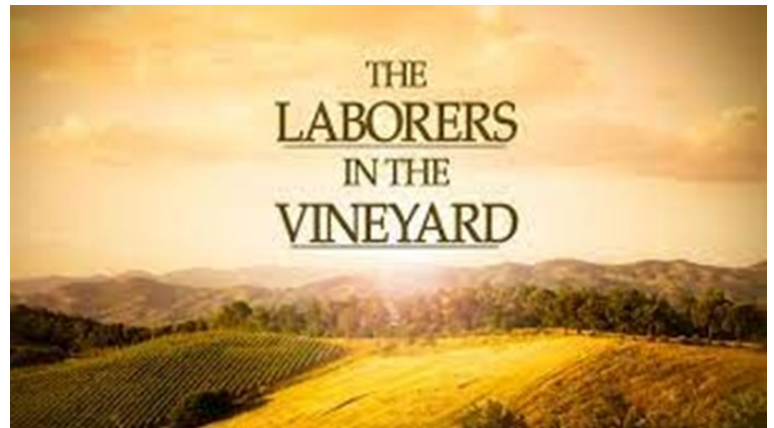
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September 23 and 24 , 2023



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat., Sept. 23	5pm Estevan; †Kyu Sung Lee 7pm Torquay; For the Souls in Purgatory
Sun., Sept. 24	8am Bienfait; †Yvonne & Lawrence Charlebois 10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues., Sept. 26	6:30pm Estevan; †Bertha Thievin
Wed., Sept. 27	11am Hospital; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Thurs., Sept. 28	9am Estevan; †Mannie and †Jillian Mack
Sat, Sept. 30	5pm Estevan; Bill Kirkham 7pm Torquay; Arthur & Beatrice Charlebois
Sat, Oct., 1	8am Bienfait; Simonne & Allan Brown 10am Estevan; Mass for the People

Save the Date! Fall Supper October 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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:** 6:30pm Funeral Altar Server Workshop
- Sept. 27:** 6:30pm First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting
- Sept. 28:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept. 28:** 6:15pm Music Ministry Meeting
- Sept. 28:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Oct. 1:** 10am Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass
- Oct. 2:** 1:30 Funeral Choir Practice

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Children's Reflection

Matthew 20. 1-16

In the Gospel today, Jesus was describing for people what it might be like someday, when He comes back to Earth. He said that he would gather everyone together, and look at how our lives have been lived. Jesus promised to bless those who had served and cared for Him, but he said it would not go well for those who ignored Him when He came. The people listening to this message were confused, since they didn't remember seeing Jesus or giving or denying help to Him. Jesus would tell the people that whatever they had done to help others, they actually did to help Him. We might be a lot more motivated to help people in need if we recognize that in doing so, we were helping Jesus! But what does this mean for us? Does it mean we will get in trouble if we don't do enough to help every needy person we see? Well, of course we can't help everyone that asks. And we know that we are saved by the grace of God and the blood of Christ, not by anything that we do. However, it is important to take care of other people, because it shows that we love God., as God has loved us and given us all we could possibly need. Because of that, we want to share His love with those around us. God lets us be part of His plan to serve people. He sends people our way who need God's care, and then we have opportunities to help them. Sometimes this means giving to people who don't have much. Sometimes it means just showing someone that we are willing to listen if they need to talk , or saying a kind word to someone who is sad. We know that all people are made in God's image, and even His people who might seem hard to love are His. So keep your eyes open! There are many chances around us all the time to love and serve Jesus by loving and serving His Children!



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The Lord is near to all who call on him. Psalm 145



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 on Monday and they are available at the Parish Office and at all the entrances of the Church.

The Parents' Meetings are on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm and Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30pm.

Parents only need to attend one of the meetings. You may choose which one to attend according to your schedule.



Save the date!

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Fall Supper on Oct 29.

We are graciously accepting monetary donations and donations of potatoes. The Fall Supper donation envelopes will be available at all entrances of the church.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

2023 Projected Expenses \$538,013.08

2023 Actual Collection Year to Date \$242,228.99

Month of August 2023

Monthly Collection Required \$41,250.00

August Sunday Collection \$27,852.95



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

Meals on Wheels – October

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.



Pastor's Corner

Our children will be beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a Parents' Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 and October 11 at 6:30pm. As I reflect on this very important time in our children's faith

journey, I want to encourage all parishioners to receive this healing sacrament.

Sometimes we are scared to go for confession because we haven't done it for so long that we aren't sure what to do. I will help you. I will guide you. This sacrament is a loving conversation with God. It is about transforming our hearts and becoming stronger disciples.

And many times I hear people not really understanding the basis of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All the sacraments were instituted by Jesus, and they were then formally carried out by his Apostles and handed on to their successors, the bishops. All of the sacraments have a clear biblical basis.

"All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

"Repent, renounce all your sin." Ezekiel 18:21-23, 30-32

I invite you to receive this holy sacrament, to receive the grace of God as you transform and are renewed!



Attention All CWL Members

The Annual 50/50 Lottery Draw will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm. CWL Diocesan President, Janette Rieger from Regina will be present to select the winner of \$5,000.00. Come enjoy a selection of homemade desserts and a short presentation by Janette as part of the National Unity Outreach Program. See you there!



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.



The Parish Office and Church will be closed on Friday, September 29 as we honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation that is on September 30. There will also not be Adoration or Holy Mass on Friday, September 29.

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