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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9 and 10, 2023

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat., Sept. 9	5pm Estevan; Special Intention for Kendra Fai 7pm Torquay; †Clem Marcotte
Sun., Sept. 10	8am Bienfait; Offering of Thanksgiving 10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues., Sept. 12	10:30am Midale; Word of God Liturgy With Communion 6:30pm Estevan; †Lorena Wolensky
Wed., Sept. 13	11am Hospital; †Larry Staddler
Thurs., Sept. 14	9am Estevan; Kirkham Family
Fri., Sept. 15	9am Estevan; †Molly Heier
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 12:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Sept. 13:** 1pm Finance Meeting
- Sept. 13:** 5:30pm Altar Server workshop
- Sept. 14:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept. 14:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Sept. 14:** 7pm Bienfait PPC Meeting
- 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:** 7pm Baptism Prep
- Sept. 26:** 9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
- Sept. 27:** 6:30pm First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting
- Sept. 28:** 9:30am Coffee in the Hall
- Sept. 28:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice

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Children's Reflection

Matthew 18.15-20



The bible tells us that its important to get along well with others, but its not always easy, in fact, the gospel today mentions how we might have to go through a few steps to fix a conflict we have in relationship. If someone is having trouble or giving us a hard time, we should try to address the problem and restore friendship. If that doesn't work,. Though, sometimes we need to get other people involved. We can ask friends for help, or we can even turn to parents or pastors to try to assist. Sometimes, people might still not want to fix issues. But usually, with prayer and care, we can resolve things and be able to work together.

The point is, God values relationships. He wants us to do everything we can to keep peace and to stick with one another in friendship, he knows that friendships are important in our lives, as well as the life of the Church. He wants us to love and live well with one another and gives us helpers to keep relationships going. Most importantly, we hear that when we are together with others, God is with us. No matter what, He is present with us, and will help us when things get rough. So if you have been having a problem with someone, talk to them about it. If that doesn't work it out, you might bring others in for support, but most importantly, pray.

Closing Prayer



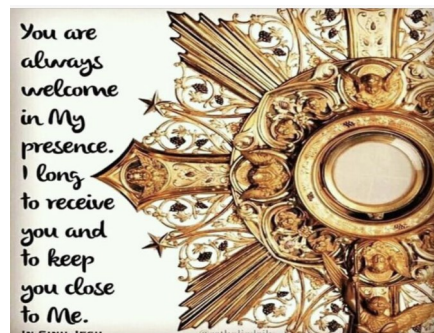
Dear God, help us to resolve our arguments, to remember your grace, and to have good relationships. Thank you for your forgiveness. Help us pass it on to others. Thank you for your love. We love you God! In Jesus' name. Amen!

For where
TWO or **THREE**
are gathered together
in My name,
THERE AM I
in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

Invitation to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Substitutes, temporary, seasonal and committed Adorers needed, especially Tuesday at 1, 3 & 4 pm, Wednesday at 2-3 pm and Friday 10:30 am - Noon.

For more information or times, please call Bridget at (306) 461-4611.



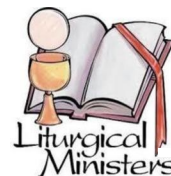
Altar Server Workshop

If you have received the sacrament of Confirmation and would love to be a part of our Altar Server Ministry, please join us for our Altar Server Workshop on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm. We will go through the Altar Server training and then enjoy pizza for supper. Registration forms have been sent out through the schools and will also be available on our website and in the entrances of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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.



Funeral Choir Ministry



We are forming a Funeral Choir and are looking for singers and musicians. If you would like to join the Funeral Choir, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Rosary Donations

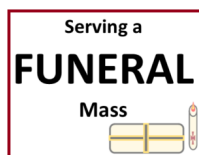
We are actively looking for any extra rosaries that you may want to donate to the Church. They will be redistributed to others in our parish and community who have requested them. A basket has been set out on the table in the main entrance of the Church as a collection site. Thank you for your willingness to support this outreach project.



Funeral Altar Servers

We are rebuilding our Funeral Altar Server team and are asking you to pray and discern about serving in this ministry. Our hope is to have 15 adult servers so that you would not have to serve at every funeral. We will be hosting a Training Workshop soon. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

We are obligated to pray for the dead and when you serve as a Funeral Minister, you will be blessed beyond measure.



Rosary Beading Workshop

Do you have some time that you could use to make rosaries? Have you ever wondered how a rosary is created using wire links? We are fortunate to have a parishioner who is willing to lead us in this intricate ministry. If you are interested in being a part of this workshop, please contact the Parish Office so we can order the appropriate supplies. The workshop will occur in the fall.

Pastoral Care Ministers

Are you looking for a ministry that gives you the opportunity to visit and care for those in our parish who are shut in, are experiencing medical challenges or reside in our four senior care facilities? We would love for you to join our team.

Please text or call Gwen at 306-421-7933.

You will experience incredible blessings in this ministry.



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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON
KIPLING - EVERY 2ND FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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Children's Liturgy

This weekend, Children's Liturgy begins on Sunday at the 10am Holy Mass. All children aged 4-7 years old are invited to learn about God and the readings for the day through games, crafts, videos, prayers and fun.

We are also looking for teachers and helpers. If your child is attending Children's Liturgy, it would be awesome if you could be a helper once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Billesberger at billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com.



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.

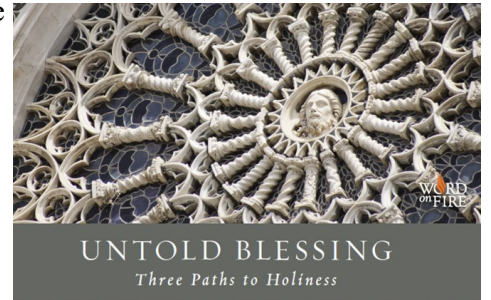
Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what our Creator desires for us. Bishop Robert Baron paints the beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the Center, Knowing You are a Sinner, and 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>

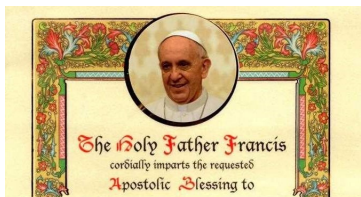
We are hosting two sessions each Thursday (1:30pm and 7pm) and you may attend either session depending on your schedule. We will begin this 7 week study on Thursday, October 5 and conclude on Thursday, November 23. Registration forms are available at all the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office 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.



Papal Blessings

Do you know someone who is celebrating their 80th, 90th or 100th birthday? Or a couple who are celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th wedding anniversary? You can request an Apostolic Blessing for them by contacting the Parish Office. We would be honoured to celebrate these important dates in such a special way.



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.



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.



Holy Mass Transportation

Do you or someone you know need a ride to attend Holy Mass? Or are you able to drive our parishioners who want to attend our weekday or weekend Holy Masses?

If you are interested, please contact Gwen.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND LOTTERY

We are happy to announce that we are planning a Christmas Party in December for all the children of our Parish and the mission Parishes of Bienfait and Torquay. There will be awesome prizes that the children can enter their names for by collecting tickets from Father Thuy. One ticket will be given to each child when they attend Holy Mass, one ticket will be given to the children who can answer one of Father Thuy's questions, and



two tickets will be given to children who serve in a ministry during Holy Mass. These ministries include altar servers, choir members, hospitality ministers, etc. So get ready! Save your tickets up and enter the lottery at the Christmas Party!



St. John the Baptist Parish
Christmas Lottery Ticket

Pastor's Corner

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

• What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships. Don't brood over an offense – speak directly and privately. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Through all of our trials, Jesus is with us. He promises us that where two or more are gathered in his name, he is there. He is there helping us, guiding us and loving us. May we be transformed, revitalized, healed and restored by his promise to always be with us.