



**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!*

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Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm

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**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10 & 11, 2022**

**Holy Mass Schedule**

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Thursday: 9am

1st & 3rd Friday: 9am

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 10am

Reconciliation: half hour before weekday Holy Mass

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor  
8 months in advance

## Homily Corner

This past weekend we celebrated the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and the first reading was Wisdom 9:13-18, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 90, the second reading was Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 and the Gospel reading was Luke 14:25-33.

Last weekend I explained the difference between humility and the **Virtue** of humility. The top tier or the premiere version of humility is the **Virtue of Humility**. It is looking after others more than looking after ourselves. When we practice the virtue of humility, we are investing in the kingdom of heaven.

This weekend our reflection continues. Jesus challenges us again. When we heard the readings just now, we may have thought that it is not practical to give up everything to follow Jesus. When we really look at the Gospel reading, we see that Jesus is speaking about the **Economy of Salvation**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church talks about the Economy of Salvation throughout the area about the seven sacraments. The household management of God's gifts is the Economy of Salvation. As I was praying and preparing this homily, I was thinking about this Economy of Salvation. Imagine we are going to live 100 years on earth. We work hard, have daily tasks, we constantly learn. We invest so much in these 100 years. But then imagine God's Kingdom, where will live for 100 000 years (Eternal Life). How much more should we be working, growing in our faith, to gain that Eternal Life? It is easy to have no virtues, no humility, to not invest in the kingdom. We can just live our daily lives but that will bring us unhappiness. Our challenge is to be a disciple of Christ and live our lives investing in order to gain the 100 000 years (Eternal Life).

How are we going to invest to give up our evil possessions? Does God say he doesn't want us to be happy? No. He wants us to go from **IDOL WORSHIP to IDEAL WORSHIP**.

Often times, we think God only speaks about heavenly things, but really God gives us everything. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus gives us his vision by telling two stories about planning. When there is no vision, no strategy, we are living our lives like fools. We need to have a **Vision and Mission** in our personal life. Who would not sit down and plan in order to be successful in getting to their destination? We must have a very clear Mission and Vision; for us, our families, the organizations we belong to, and for our retirement. We need this certain investment to receive the 100 000 years. Father James Mallon, a great Canadian Catholic evangelist, says, "**Failure to plan is a plan to fail.**" This is so true. Jesus is teaching us to plan strategically. We need to begin by getting a Mission and Vision for ourselves and then we can help our families.

Pray that you will be enlightened to have a vision to invest enough to live a life of 100 000 years.

This week as you spend time in quiet prayer, contemplate the economy of salvation. Read this Gospel passage again and begin to find your Vision and Mission.

Blessings,

Father Antony





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*"That each of you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place of worship...." Deuteronomy 26:2-4*

## **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP 2022**

On behalf of the entire parish, we thank you for your contributions so far this year. We wholeheartedly appreciate all that you give to your parish throughout the year, be it your time, your talents or your treasures.

You will see detailed information on the following pages that we had planned to receive \$450,000.00 in contributions this year. This amount is required to cover our operating costs. As you are all aware, expenses are on the rise and our church is no exception. However, in order to remain financially viable, we require the commitment of our parishioners. This allows us to continue to maintain our church and offer services that make us a spiritual home for our Parish family.

To be able to cover day-to-day expenses, we require an average contribution of \$100 per family per month. This comes to less than \$4 a day, which is likely less than what you spend on a cup of coffee each day.

We encourage each of you to take the time to review the financials in this insert along with the page describing the different ways to contribute. Then, take the time to evaluate if you are contributing in accordance with the importance of St John the Baptist Parish to your family's well-being? Are you able to increase your contributions this year and in the coming years to help your church?

Your church is always here for you and your contributions should reflect that.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours in Christ,

Father Sathiadas Antony & The Finance Council

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Thank you for being an active and valued member of the church. Being an active member shows your commitment to the Lord and your Parish Family.

An important tenet of our faith is giving and generosity. When you give, you invite abundance and blessings back into your life. However, we need your continued generosity to grow. We would like you to give some thought to when was the last time you increased your contribution. Was it possibly 5 to 10 years ago? Have you always given the same amount? Perhaps now is a good time to sit down with your family and come up with an updated plan on how you can help support your Parish.

There are many different ways that we offer for you to make a contribution to the parish.

- 1) Currently out of our 1000 parishioners, only 360 families have envelopes assigned to them. There is no cost to get these envelopes and we always have extras ready to go in the office. If you would like to start regular envelope contributions, please contact Cindy at the Parish office.
- 2) Sending money via e-transfer. From the comfort of your home you can make your weekly contribution by sending it electronically to the Parish office. The email address to use is [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net).
- 3) We would also encourage parishioners to utilize the AFT (Automatic Funds Transfer) for weekly/monthly/bi-weekly contributions. This is a simple process which ensures funds are consistently available to cover parish expenses. This way, you are still able to help support your parish, even if you are away or unable to attend Holy Mass.

You can receive more information about any of these options by contacting Cindy at the Parish office at 306-634-2190 or [financesjb@sasktel.net](mailto:financesjb@sasktel.net).

With your help, the church will be able to thrive and provide for our community in so many important ways. It is a wonderful way to invite God's blessings into your life by contributing to the Lord's mission. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

The Finance Council



## PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE 2022

We had budgeted our 2022 Sunday Collections to be \$450,000.00. At the end of **August** our collections total was \$251,411.15. To reach our budgeted goal we will need an additional \$198,588.85 which totals over \$49,000.00 /month for the next 4 months.

These are the monthly collection amounts for 2022 so far:

	<b>Env. Offering</b>	<b>Loose Collection</b>
<b>January</b>	\$21,839.25	\$847.05
<b>February</b>	\$25,840.25	\$863.80
<b>March</b>	\$25,480.24	\$1,235.80
<b>April</b>	\$26,516.95	\$2,142.75
<b>May</b>	\$27,668.85	\$2,915.76
<b>June</b>	\$57,020.25	\$1,168.69
<b>July</b>	\$32,070.25	\$1,289.60
<b>August</b>	\$18,648.10	\$1,287.35

### Yearly Sunday Collections for the past 5 years:

<b>2017</b>	\$378,443.53
<b>2018</b>	\$422,100.95
<b>2019</b>	\$391,566.98
<b>2020</b>	\$387,264.47
<b>2021</b>	\$366,169.55
<b>2022</b>	?

Currently, our Parish has a deficit of **-\$46,635.80**.

We ask that each of us look prayerfully into our resources to see how we can collectively help to reach our goals. With your help and generosity, St John the Baptist Parish can continue to do God's work.





## ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL REVITALIZATION PROJECT

We are very excited to announce our St. John's School Revitalization Project. We have several options on the future use of the building and as such need your continued generosity to make these plans a reality.

The building was purchased with the generous help of interim financing by a parishioner. The cost of the building and plans for future development totals \$250,000.00. We were very lucky to be able to acquire the property for less than half the amount of taxes owing on it. As such, this is where we are looking to you, our generous parishioners, to help us make these plans a reality!

We would like you all to prayerfully consider the financial needs of your church. Our parish exists to provide a spiritual home for all of our parishioners and with this new property, we will soon be able to provide even more facilities and services to benefit you, our parishioners.

You can make directed contributions with the envelopes you will find in your pews and at the back of the church. As well, you can always contact Cindy at the Parish office to make any additional donations at 306-634-2190 or via email at [financesjb@sasktel.net](mailto:financesjb@sasktel.net).

Thank you again for your continued support of St John the Baptist Parish.

### New Opportunity To Serve!

St. John the Baptist Parish is seeking creative, fun-loving people for its **FUN**draising Committee to organize events that promote fellowship, fun and fundraising. Please contact Dana Skjonsby 306-461-9601 if you are interested or would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity to be engaged in our Parish and our community.





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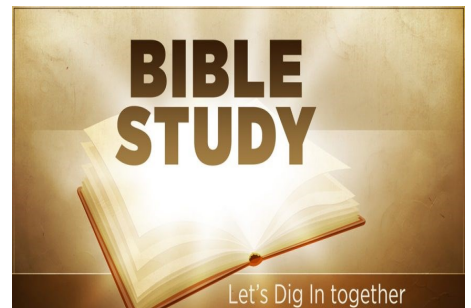
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STOUGHTON - TUESDAY MORNING  
OXBOW - TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
KIPLING - EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY!!!!**

We are excited to start our Fall Bible Study! We have chosen an awesome study and can't wait to announce it soon. The sessions will run for eight weeks beginning on Thursday, October 6 and ending on Thursday, November 24. Each Thursday, the one and a half hour sessions will be held at 1:30pm and 7pm. Each session will include a video, small group discussion, opportunity for Q & A, and prayer. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Add these dates to your calendar and watch the bulletin for more info!!!!



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Paul & Josie Radomski



Happy Birthday  
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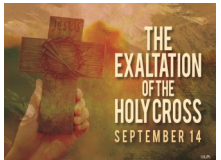
**CWL 50/50 Tickets**  
 It's time to hand in your 50/50 tickets!!! Please have them in by Sunday, September 18th. You may contact Cec @ 306-421-5656, Sherry @ 306-421-6371, or Brenda @ 306-421-1898 for pick up or place in an envelope in the collection basket at Holy Mass marked "CWL Tickets". Thank you!



**Decorating for Thanksgiving**  
 We are looking for pumpkins, squash, etc. for our Thanksgiving decorations. If you have some to spare, please drop them off at the Parish Office. With your help, our Parish Family will be blessed as we celebrate gratitude.



**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 We are celebrating this feast day on Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm with Holy Mass. This feast commemorates both the dedication of the original Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 and Christ's victory over death.





## St. John the Baptist Holy Mass and Event Schedule

Saturday, September 10	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 11	10am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass (Torquay) †Clem Marcotte
Tuesday, September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass †Jillian Mack 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, September 14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	7pm Holy Mass †Genevieve Janssen
Thursday, September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9am Holy Mass †Soul of Purgatory
Friday, September 16 <i>St. Cornelius &amp; St. Cyprian</i>	9am Holy Mass †Ian Fernandez
Saturday, September 17 <i>Sts. Robert Bellarmine &amp; Hildegard of Bingen</i>	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 18	10am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass (Torquay) †Gerald & †Agnes Seipp

### WE ARE UPDATING OUR PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!!

Our Parish Family is growing and is blessed in many ways. To capture the moment, we will have IPC Canada Photo Services Inc booked to prepare a new Parish Pictorial Directory for us. The photo sessions will begin in October. Watch the bulletin for more information!



### “Child Care Available!”

We are happy to announce that we have trained some of our youth to provide child care during our conferences and events. Our Committee Members are asked to contact Yolita Stead at 306-421-9043 when they are hosting an event that child care would be needed at. She will contact our team and arrange for our certified babysitters to be there. We are grateful to God and to Yolita for making this ministry a new part of our Parish Family.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!!!!!!!

Our youngest parishioners are invited to take part in Children's Liturgy at each Holy Mass on Sundays at 10am, beginning on Sunday, September 11. They will learn about our God and the readings for the day through games, crafts, video, prayer and fun. All children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Billesberger at [billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com](mailto:billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com) or Cindy Dalziel at [financesjb@sasktel.net](mailto:financesjb@sasktel.net)



# St. John the Baptist PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 25, 2022

**BRING YOUR  
LAWN CHAIR!!**

**Rotary Park, Estevan  
Holy Mass 10am**



(Please note that this will be the only Holy Mass this Sunday.  
Holy Mass will be in the Church on  
Saturday, September 24 at 5pm.)

**DOOR  
PRIZES!**



**BBQ Lunch 11:30am**



**Knights of Columbus at the Grill**



**CWL Serving Homemade Pie for Dessert**



**Live Music by the  
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**Dilly Bars Sponsored by**



**Kid Zone: Crafts, Face Painting, Bouncy  
Castles and More!!**



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**Scavenger Hunt!**



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**GAMES**

**NO PARK PASS REQUIRED!**

**The main gate and the Mets Stadium gate on the north  
side of the river will be open to access parking.**

**This is a cost free event organized by the  
St. John the Baptist Parish Fellowship Committee.**



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our First Reconciliation Preparation is offered to our children who are in grade 3 or older. The sessions will begin in September with a Parents' Meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7pm and Wednesday, September 28 at 7pm. You may choose which meeting you will attend. The Preparation for the year consists of four classes which will be held on Wednesdays evenings beginning in October, a retreat held during school hours and an evening celebration.

You are required to attend all the Prep Sessions. If you would like to register your child to receive this sacrament, please call the Parish Office.



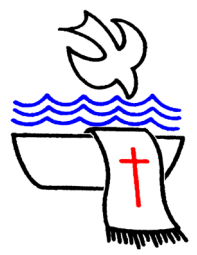
## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. We offer our Baptism Prep sessions three times per year. This year's sessions are on the following dates:

### Session One

- Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7pm - Class
- Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7pm - Class
- Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 10am - Presentation of the Parents
- Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7pm - Class
- Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 10am - Baptism Celebration

*\*Sessions will also be held in January and May\**



*Please call the Parish Office to register for one of the Baptism Preparation Sessions. And remember you must attend all classes and Holy Masses during the session you choose.*