



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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!

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

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September 11 & 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

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Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 35:4-7, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 146, the second reading was James 2:1-5 and the Gospel reading was Mark 7:31-37.

Jesus, the Holy One of God, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Redeemer. Sometimes we see Jesus as a social activist. Sometimes he is the defender and protector of the apostles. And we often see Jesus as compassionate and loving.

In the first reading, the prophet says, “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.” The prophet Isaiah is talking about the injustice, the imbalance, of the time and how it would be washed away with the Messiah. What was prophesized in this reading is fulfilled in Jesus, through Jesus, and by Jesus. Last week, we talked about the injustice in the time of Jesus and St. John the Baptist. And as a social activist, Jesus teaches about justice and balance as he proclaims the Kingdom of God. Jesus’ purpose reaches to everyone, especially those who are in need.

As we look at the Gospel, we see Jesus perform another miracle. His miracles are awesome, but today I want to focus on how that miracle came to be. He did not perform magic. The miracles of Jesus always have a purpose. We see him performing rituals on the man in need. The people brought the man to Jesus and asked him to lay his hands on him to heal him. He was deaf and mute. Jesus could easily have done what they asked for, but instead, he took the man away from the crowd. He wanted to do certain rituals so the injustice and transgressions would be touched by the miracle too. In a crowd, there are many conversations going on at the same time. It can be very noisy and sometimes we can’t really hear anything clearly. Taking the man by the hand, away from the crowd was the first ritual he performed. This showed the man that he loved him and that he was there for him. We do this same ritual today when we hold someone’s hand or hug someone. Then Jesus touched the man’s ears and he could hear. Next, he spat and then touched the man’s tongue. The man was released and could talk plainly.

Let’s take a look at the purpose of this miracle. When we read this Gospel, we might wonder about why Jesus spat and then touched the man’s tongue. Spittle is the force of life, the power of life. The full power of Jesus is in his spittle. When you spit, you do another action. You are breathing when you spit and an unclear voice can be heard. When the mute man speaks he cannot be clear. Jesus breathes his life on him so he can be released. That breath of life came into that person through Jesus’ spittle. In the Old Testament we see an example of this as well. In the book of Genesis, the creation narrative, God made a clay image of himself. This image was lifeless. Then the Bible says that God breathed into that clay. The lifeless statue became mankind. That is what Jesus did to the deaf and mute man today. Another example is in the New Testament. After the resurrection, the disciples are in an upper room. The door is locked and they are very frightened. Jesus appeared to them and told them to not be afraid, that it is him, Jesus. Then he breathed on them saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” The disciples went from being afraid to being courageous, strong and powerful as they proclaimed the Kingdom of God.

In our life, sometimes we are like the crowd; talking so much that other people can’t hear. Sometimes we make people speechless. How can we be selfless, allowing others to see and hear the good things so we can also say “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” When we see someone in our family or community who is speechless or deaf, how can we interfere? Our job as disciples is to be a voice for the voiceless, to be hearers for those who can’t hear, to be words for the speechless.

As you reflect on the holy scriptures this week, how are you a voice or word for the speechless. How can we be a people of justice and balance?

—Father Antony

PODCAST FRIDAYS

Join us early for the weekday Holy Masses on Fridays. We will be playing a podcast or video each Friday at 8:30am. Each week there will be a different topic from some dynamic Catholic leaders such as Bishop Robert Barron, Jeff Cavins, Father Mike Schmitz, Father James Mallon and others.

Take some time in your day to reflect and learn more about your Catholic faith.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

“Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

—Pope Francis



St. John the Baptist Parish Picnic In The Park

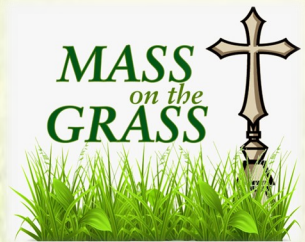
**BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIR!!**

Sunday, October 3, 2021

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, October 2 at 5pm.)**



BBQ Lunch 11:30am

Knights of Columbus at the Grill

CWL Serving Pumpkin Pie

Ice Cream Treats compliments of Dairy Queen



Live Music by the Can't Hardly Playboys



Kid Zone: Bouncy Castles, Crafts, Popcorn, Door Prizes and More!!

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



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 11	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Dina Belanger</i>	7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, September 12	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, September 14	6:30pm Holy Mass Health of Darlene Geisel
<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, September 15	9am Holy Mass †Cecile Smith
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	7pm Baptism Preparation in the Parish Hall
Thursday, September 16	9am Holy Mass †Ray Stepp
<i>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	7pm Music Ministry Meeting in the Church
Friday, September 17	9am Holy Mass †Clem Marcotte
Saturday, September 18	5pm Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, September 19	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass

Sacrament of Baptism



Our Baptism Prep classes are starting soon! If you would like to register for the classes, please contact Connie at the Parish Office.

The following is the schedule for this session:

Wednesday, September 15 at 7pm - Prep Class

Saturday, September 18 at 5pm - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Wednesday, September 22 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, September 26 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

We are taking registrations for two sets of Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist classes that will begin in October. If your child is in Grade 2 or 3 or older and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information. Our Parents' Information Meetings are on the following dates (you will need to attend one of these meetings):

Thursday, September 23 at 7pm

Monday, September 27 at 7pm

Information will also be going out through the Catholic schools.





Don Cowan
Logan Dalziel

New Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9am - 12pm
1pm - 3pm



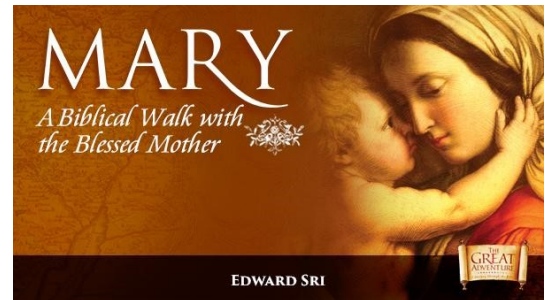
BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING IN OCTOBER!!

The Better We Know Mary, The Better We Will Know Her Son

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys . . . and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* on Thursdays in the Parish Hall beginning on Thursday, October 7 and ending on Thursday, November 25. We will be hosting two sessions each Thursday, one at 1:30pm and one at 7pm. You must pre-register by calling or stopping by the Parish Office. The early bird registration fee is \$50 for those who register by Thursday, September 30 at 3pm. The registration fee for those registering after September 30 is \$60.

If you would like more information or if you would like to be sponsored for the study, please contact Connie at conniesjb@gmail.com or 306-634-2190.



OUR PARISH HALL RENOVATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE!!

Please join us for Holy Mass on the weekend of September 25 and 26 for the unveiling of the newly refreshed space. Coffee and snacks will be served after each Holy Mass. Come, take a look at the new space and enjoy some coffee and fellowship!



Birthday and Wedding 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 date. 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.





ARCHDIOCESE OF Regina

We are aware of a recent email scam that we want to update/advise you about. You may receive an email that appears to be from one of our clergy members. There will probably be no text in the email, but it will have an HTML attachment.

These are coming from fake email accounts, that have the person's name, but if you look at the from line, the email address will not match.

Please note:

- If you receive a message of this kind, simply ignore it. Do not reply or engage in dialogue with these individuals.
- Never transfer funds or share banking or financial information from suspicious emails like this.
- At no time will our bishop, priests, deacons, religious or diocesan staff contact you seeking information via email messages.
- If you or someone you know is a victim of a text or email fraud, contact the Regina Police Service to report this crime at 306-777-6500.

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 or when you come to Holy Mass, let Connie know that you want to receive an anointing. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.



Weekday Holy Mass and Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Wednesdays at 9am

Thursdays at 9am

Fridays at 9am

Adoration will be on Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30am until 5pm.



Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc. Please note that the first parking spot in front of the Church is designated for accessible parking. Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.