



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 9:00am –3:00pm (open during lunch)

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They were utterly
astonished, saying,
"He has done all things well;
He makes even the deaf to
hear and the mute to speak."
Mark 7:37

September 4 & 5, 2021

23rd 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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 15, the second reading was James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 and the Gospel reading was Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

After five weeks of reflecting on the Eucharistic Discourse (John Chapter 6), we are back into the Gospel of Mark. And today is the Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. We are so honoured that we can celebrate our parish father today as he blesses us, intercedes for us and mediates for us all through the year.

When St. John was born, he came to be a way-maker, preparing the WAY. The people would ask him if he was the WAY, but he always replied that he was not the WAY, the one who was coming would be the WAY. Of course, we know from the Gospels that Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH and the Life. St. John was here to fill the potholes and make the path to Jesus straight. John lived in a time when injustice was prevalent. He talked about injustice, imbalance and immorality. He urged the people to prepare themselves and to repent. He was the way-maker for the real, true WAY.

St. John the Baptist is also a history bridge. The Old Testament ends with the arrival of St. John and the New Testament begins with the story of St. John. We see many prophets in the Old Testament and we see that stop with St. John. He is the last prophet of the Old Testament and the only prophet of the New Testament. St. John's mission was to introduce Jesus to the world.

Today's scripture relate so well to this Feast day. In the first reading, Moses is talking to the people of Israel. He is reminding them that God is going to give them the Promised Land and they will be a great nation. He also reminds them that in order for this to happen, they must follow the commandments. "Now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you." If they follow the law, their families would be blessed for generations to come. He reminded the people that this was not a burden, but a gift. When we give advice to our children, sometimes they don't want to listen. They feel that our rules are a burden. But we share our wisdom and ask them to abide by rules because we so passionately love them. And so it is with God, our Father. He passionately loves each one of us and his commandments are a true gift, a blessing to live a discipleship life.

In the Gospel, Jesus is criticized for breaking the tradition of the ancestors, not a commandment from God. The disciples were eating without washing their hands. The Pharisees and scribes would cheat people in the market. They made the path crooked. When they went home from the market they would wash their hands because they may have touched a lower class person or they exploited someone. They thought if they washed their hands, they would be clear of those transgressions. Jesus told them that they have to cleanse not their hands and feet, but their heart. We also see an example of this in the story of Pontius Pilate. He knew and verified that Jesus was just. So he had two things in his balance: justice and friendship. He was told that if he released Jesus, he would never be a friend of the emperor. Unfortunately he chose friendship. And the defiling part was what he did next. He washed his hands. He did the tradition thinking that he would not be responsible for the crucifixion. But, of course, this is not true. He needed to cleanse his heart.

As you reflect on the holy scriptures this week, ask the Lord to give you strength to not defile the heart and soul that the Spirit gave you. Cleanse your heart so you live forever with St. John the Baptist and Jesus.

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Weekday Holy Masses

Join us early for the weekday Holy Masses on Fridays. We will be playing a podcast or video each Friday at 8:20am. Each week there will be a different topic from some dynamic Catholic leaders such as Bishop Robert Baron, 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.



The Pope's Prayer Intention

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle:
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



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 4	5pm Holy Mass
<i>Blessed Dina Belanger</i>	7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, September 5	9am Holy Mass
	11am Holy Mass
Tuesday, September 7	6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Ken & Arlene Anderson
	7pm CWL Meeting - Parish Hall
Wednesday, September 8	10am Holy Mass (Hillview Manor - Residents Only)
<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7pm Holy Mass Special Intentions for Barry & Cathy Wittal
Thursday, September 9	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions for Ian Fernandez
Friday, September 10	9am Holy Mass †Neil Himmelspack
Saturday, September 11	5pm Holy Mass
	7pm Holy Mass (Bienfait)
Sunday, September 12	9am Holy Mass
<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	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.



Happy
Birthday

Doris Trobert
Cole Dunville
David Meekler
Maisy Daoust
Marizanna Bonokoski

David and Regina Rooks
Lewis and Gail Durr
Ken and Casey McIntyre

Happy
Anniversary

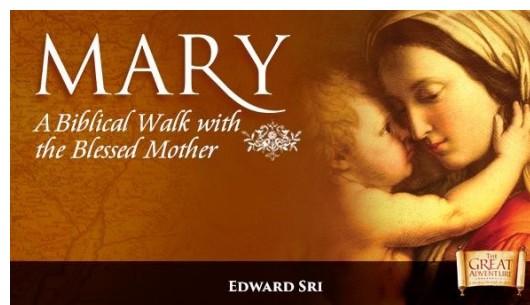
BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING IN OCTOBER!!

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!

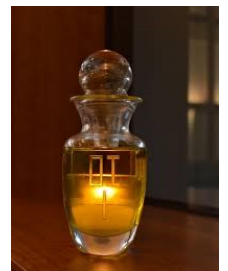
**CHURCH
NEWS**



Join us for Holy Mass on Wednesday, September 8 at 7pm as we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.



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.

Weekday Holy Mass and Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Wednesdays at 9am

Thursdays at 9am

Fridays at 9am

Adoration will be on Tuesdays from 9:30am until 6pm and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am until 5pm.



“St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.”

—Pope John Paul II

New Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9am - 3pm

(open during lunch)

