



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!

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm

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September 5 & 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

Sacraments

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

Address: 109 12th Avenue, Estevan SK S4A 1C9 Phone: (306) 634-2190 Fax: (306) 634-6845

Bible Study

We are so excited about the next Bible Study on “Psalms: School of Prayer” beginning on Thursday, September 24th, 2020.



We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance?

The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God’s loving and wondrous deeds for us. *Psalms: The School of Prayer* is an eleven-week Bible study that will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Watch the preview by clicking on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGcCk&feature=emb_logo



Participants of *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a question and answer group discussion. Our *Psalms Bible Study* will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020. There will be two sessions, one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. The sessions will end on December 3, 2020.

The registration will be limited to 30 people per session due to the Covid restrictions, so you’ll want to register early for *Psalms*. It’s going to be great!

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in this bulletin, and on our website. Completed registration forms along with the \$60.00 registration fee can be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office or you may call the Parish Office to make arrangements to register.

Please read the Directives for Attending Bible Study found on the following pages.

If the Covid-19 directives from the Provincial Government change due to a rise in cases, please be assured that we will continue with the Bible Study through some means. We are prayerfully working on a plan if this situation arises.



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Estevan, SK

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Directives For Attending the St. John the Baptist Parish Bible Study

We are excited to be offering this Bible Study and can't wait to see you there!!

All those attending the Bible Study do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.

Before Coming To The Study:

You must do this self-assessment before you come to the Study. The self-assessment is subject to change depending on the current situation and it will be emailed to you each week before the session. When you arrive, you will be asked if you have completed the self-assessment. If you have not, you will be asked the following questions:

- Do you have Covid-19 or do you live with someone with Covid-19?
- Have you been exposed to someone with Covid-19?
- Have you recently travelled outside of Canada?
- Do you have a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Have you been a part of a gathering of more people than the Province of Saskatchewan recommends?
- Have you recently travelled outside of the province? The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- Have you had family visiting your home from other areas of the province or country? If yes, we ask that you seriously consider where your company has travelled from and who they have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during the 14 days from when you company arrived in your home.

If you answered yes to the first five questions, do not come to the Bible Study. Please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 to let her know you are unable to attend the session.

Entering The Church For Bible Study

- Only the front door of the Church will be unlocked.
- You will receive your workbook and nametag at the first session. Please bring this to every session. Otherwise, please keep what you bring with you from home limited.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the Parish Hall and you are also welcome to bring your own with you.
- All surfaces that are commonly touched will be disinfected after each session.
- Social distancing will be adhered to. The tables for each person will be set up 6 feet apart. Couples and family members can sit at the same table.
- Water bottles will be available as you come in for the session. We will not be offering coffee or tea during the sessions. A few candies will also be on each table.
- The sessions will begin with an introduction and opening prayer. Then we will watch the video followed by a question and answer period.
- **Please touch as little as possible.**

All Directives are subject to change depending on the Covid-19 situation in our area.

Holy Mass Updates

We are truly blessed that our Church is open and we are grateful for all of our Parish Family who are looking out for each other and abiding by the directives that are in place. Please remember:



- You must sign up to attend a weekday or weekend Holy Mass. Please call, text or email Connie at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com.
- You must do the self-assessment before you arrive at the Church and have no symptoms of cough, cold, flu, or allergies. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have travelled to or through the West Central or Southwest parts of Saskatchewan in the past 14 days, we ask that you wear a mask to come to the Church.
- Social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!

Psalms

The School of Prayer



STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

Phone:

Email:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Participant Fee: \$60.00

Total: _____

Cash? _____

Cheque? _____

Checks can be made payable to:

St. John the Baptist Parish

Attending 1:30pm _____

Attending 7:00pm _____

Please drop off your completed registration form, along with the registration fee, at the Parish Office or put in an envelope and place in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

To request financial assistance please email or call Connie at the Parish office at:

conniesjb@gmail.com or 306-634-2190



Visit ascensionpress.com to learn more about
The Great Adventure™ Catholic Bible Study Program.

St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

"I was sick and you took care of me."
Matthew 25:36

Pastoral
CARE

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. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.

that you might

BE HEALED

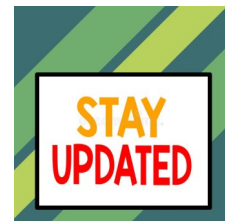


The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities; the personal and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God's promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah. —CCC 2596

Keeping Updated

If you would like to receive updates and faith resources from St. John the Baptist Parish during this time, please contact the Parish Office to give us your email address by emailing stjohthebaptist@sasktel.net or by phoning at 306-634-2190.

Also, if you need assistance or have any questions for us, please call the Parish Office at the number above. Messages will be checked regularly.



Update From Father Anthony

Friends of Christ,

The good news to share is that as of September we will have a priest helping Torquay and Bienfait. Even though they have been blessed every weekend with Holy Mass, the time of the Holy Masses were not the best times for their Parish Families. Now they will have Sunday Masses at [9AM](#) in Bienfait and at [11AM](#) in Torquay. I will still be their pastor and will be looking after their spiritual and sacramental needs. The incoming priest will stay with me for a few months until his travelling options are opened. He has served this diocese for 10 years and now has to leave to return to his religious order. He helped the Estevan area a few years ago and lived in Estevan during that time. He is Father Anthony Padayatti. He will have no position as assistant or associate but will be like a visiting priest. Once he is gone, the Archbishop has another retired priest in place to continue with the same system.

Thank you for your continued support and blessing for your Parish Family as I serve you.

Have a Very Blessed Week and continued Prayers for you.

Father Sathi Antony.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 5	7pm Holy Mass	
<i>St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>		
Sunday, September 6	9am Holy Mass	
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Gladys Pukas	
	11am Holy Mass	
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) †Richard Holzer	
Tuesday, September 8	6:30pm Holy Mass † Monique Benard ne DeMargerie	
Wednesday, September 9	9am Holy Mass † Bella Ganje	
<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Thursday, September 10	9am Holy Mass †Cecile Smith	
<i>St. Peter Claver</i>		
Friday, September 11	9am Holy Mass †Sharon Fichter	
Saturday, September 12	7pm Holy Mass	
<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>		
Sunday, September 13	9am Holy Mass	
<i>St. John Chrysostom</i>		
	9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Bella Ganje	
	11am Holy Mass	
	11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) Special Intentions	

REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.

St. John the Baptist Parish Weekly Holy Mass Schedule

- Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Wednesdays - Fridays at 9am
- Saturday at 7pm
- Sunday at 9am and 11am



A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self-Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Birthday and 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 dates. For you wedding anniversary, 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.



Homily Corner

FROM
THE
PASTOR



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Jeremiah 20:7-9, the second reading was Romans 12:1-2 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 16:21-27.

In our regular life and our faith life, sometimes we have a complaint about God. Maybe he made us unhappy, maybe he humiliated us. Maybe our family makes fun of us because we come to Church and God is our priority.

When Jeremiah was called to be a prophet, he refused the first time, but God told him he would help him and protect him. So he finally agreed. Jeremiah spoke God's truth, but the people were so mean to him and so angry with him. He told God he felt like he had been manipulated. God promised him again that he would be with him. God held true to that promise and Jeremiah went on to become a great prophet.

In our lives, too, when we tell the truth, we will receive hatred and anger too. But what is our calling? Living in truth, proclaiming truth.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the truth. He tells the disciples that he will be spat on, hated, hit, tortured and crucified, but he says he has to endure all these things. He tells them that they may not want to hear that, but it is the truth and he will become the King of Kings. He tells Paul that if he wants to follow him, he must lose everything and then come to follow him.

Quite often I am asked about this scripture. People always want to know if they need to give up everything they have. To answer this, we must first believe that everything we are and everything we have is a God given grace. What this passage means is that we have to lose our pride, our hurts, our sins. We often times pretend we are something we are not. We take credit for things we didn't do. We hold onto past hurts. We sin and then justify it. Doing this makes us heavy, burdened. Our hearts become rocky and hard. We must lose our sinfulness, then we will be free to follow Jesus and live in his truth.

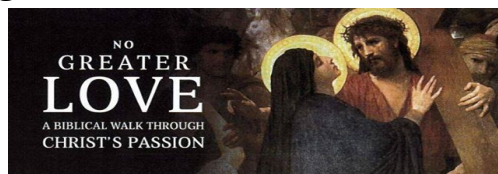
This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, contemplate what you have to give up. What rocks are you holding in your heart? What is the heavy laden weight that I am carrying? How can I be weightless and follow the way, the truth and the life?

See you next week as we reflect on the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony

Lent 2020 Bible Study

Were you a part of the Lent 2020 Bible Study that was not completed because of Covid-19? We are happy to announce that we will be finishing this study in Lent 2021 for those who were previously registered. Watch for details after Christmas.





Form H
[Subsection 66 of the Act]

Notice of Call for Nominations

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

Board Member:

Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140

Number of elected: one (1) member for each Subdivision Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Weyburn School Division Board Office, and during regular business hours on September 22nd to October 6th, 2020, at the Weyburn School Division Board Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

The Board Website: www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca

The Board Office at: Dominic Place #103-433 4th Street N.E., Weyburn

Please note that Calls for Nomination for school board members to represent the subdivisions within the City of Estevan and the City of Weyburn are done in conjunction with those municipalities. If you require further information, please contact the City of Weyburn or the City of Estevan.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2020.

LISA WONSIK
RETURNING OFFICER

Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Cole Dunville

Marianna Bonokoski

Maisy Daoust



Happy Anniversary to

Ken & Kasey McIntyre



Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time. —CCC 2597