



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!



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14 & 15, 2020

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1p.m.- 4p.m.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday : 7 p.m.

Sunday : 10 a.m.

Weekday : Please check a current bulletin

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 5:30p.m.- 6:15p.m.

Thursdays 11:30a.m. - 12p.m.

or by appointment

Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the pastor 8 months in advance

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Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, March 14	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 15	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass
Tuesday, March 17	6:30pm Holy Hour Adoration
<i>St. Patrick</i>	7:30pm Holy Mass †Louis Bourgeois
Wednesday, March 18	11am Holy Mass †Art Weisgerber
<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	6:30pm Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Class held in the Parish Hall 7pm SJB Choir Practice
Thursday, March 19	12:10pm Holy Mass
<i>St. Joseph</i>	7pm Lenten Bible Study
Friday, March 20	9am - 6:30pm Lenten Adoration in the Church 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass †Bernard Jess & †Jim Mack
Saturday, March 21	5pm (Torquay) Holy Mass 7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, March 22	8am (Bienfait) Holy Mass 10am Holy Mass 11:30am Annual General Meeting held in the Parish Hall 7pm Lenten Reconciliation

It is that time of year. The Bienfait CWL will be making Apple and Turkey Pot Pies on March 28 & 29.



Prices are as follows:

Individual Size Turkey and Apple Pies - \$5 each

Family Size Apple Pie - \$12 each

Family Size Turkey Pot Pie - \$15 each

To order, please phone or text 306-421-8861 or email

crystalmann@sasktel.net with your order.

Pastoral
CARE

St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary 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

Parish Records Update



If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.

Estevan Ministerial Association Lenten Service and Lunches

This year the theme is

“Fruits of the Spirit in the Passion of Christ”

Friday, March 20 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church - Goodness

Friday, April 3 at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish - Peace

Each service begins at 12:05pm and is followed by lunch. A free will offering will be accepted for the lunch and all proceeds will go the Estevan Ministerial Association for the community groups that they support.



St. John the Baptist CWL provides ministry to our youth. We offer two Scholarships for Grade 12 ECS students with ongoing identification of volunteer life in various parish and community activities.

An application form and further scholarship criteria is available through the school website and at the church entrances. The deadline to submit an application is April 21, 2020.



Representatives of the CWL will be available in the church basement after the Saturday and Sunday Masses during the Month of March to provide information and answer questions for all parishioners on their organization.

St. John the Baptist Parish Lenten Events

Tuesdays During Lent

Adoration at 6:30pm
followed by Holy Mass at
7:30pm.

Wednesdays During Lent

Holy Mass at Hillview
Manor on the first
Wednesday of each month
at 10am

Holy Mass at 11am at the
Hospital.

Thursdays During Lent

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

Lenten Study at 7pm in the
Parish Hall

No Greater Love: A Biblical
Walk Through Christ’s
Passion

(Must be pre-registered.)



Fridays During Lent

Adoration will be held in the
Church from 9:00am until
6:30pm.

Ministerial Association
Lenten Service and Lunch at
12:05pm

Station of the Cross at
6:30pm followed by Holy
Mass

The Holy Masses at
Creighton Lodge and the
Nursing Home will stay at
their regular times.

Lenten Reconciliation

Sunday, March 22 at 7pm in the Church.

Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm in the Church.



Homily Corner

This is a recap of Father's homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading was Matthew 17:1-9.

As part of our 40 Day Challenge, we should be asking ourselves, "How can we be charitable to one another and our Parish Family by sharing our gifts and talents?"

I shared my homily time with Amanda Hagel, our Holy Communion Coordinator. Her talk is in the Activated Disciple info in the bulletin.

The Scripture passages used for the readings during Lent are all about us being redeemed in the image of Christ. Through sin, our being the image of Christ has been broken or destroyed. Jesus wants us to be transformed, to be fully human so we can be with the Fully Divine. Lent is a grace filled opportunity to reform ourselves into the image of Christ.

How can we do this? By sharing our gifts where we live and serve. And by overcoming temptation. These two are closely linked because when we serve, we also gain the strength to resist temptation.

In the first reading, we see Abraham being told by God to leave everything and begin to walk to a new land and be greatly blessed by God. This was not a literal request for him to leave his family and everything he owned. It was about leaving his old ways behind and beginning to live anew. In that reading, some form of the word "blessed" is used five times. If we allow God to rebuild us, we will come into the Glory of God.

In last week's Gospel reading, Jesus overcame temptation and by doing this, he could go to the top of another mountain this week to show the real figure of his divinity to the disciples, Peter, James and John. They see Moses and Elijah. Moses because he is the Commandments, the law of God. And Elijah because he is the Word of God as a prophet.

This week, as you contemplate in prayer and as you receive the Holy Eucharist: How am I utilizing the Holy Scriptures every day? How am I changing my attitudes to reconstruct myself into the image of God?

See you next week as we reflect on the 3rd Sunday of Lent.

—Father Antony

MINISTRY COORDINATOR CONTACT INFO

If you are discerning joining a ministry and becoming an Activated Disciple, please contact the following coordinators with any questions you have about the ministry you are discerning:

Sacristan Coordinator - Darla Wilhelm	darla.wilhelm@accesscomm.ca
Hospitality and Welcoming Coordinator - Colleen Harkins	c.harkins@sasktel.net
Lector Coordinator - Debbie Augey	daugey@sasktel.net
Holy Communion Coordinator - Amanda Hagel	ahagelrn@gmail.com
Music Ministry Coordinator - Sandra Bazin	sembazin@gmail.com
Sound Ministry Coordinator - Patrick Fisher	Patrick@pwkfisher.com
PowerPoint Ministry Coordinator - Colinda Doerr	colinda.doerr@kingstonmidsteam.com
Adoration Coordinator - Bridget Bittman	bandmbittman@sasktel.net
Decorating Coordinator - Elaine Walton	erwalton@sasktel.net
Children's Liturgy - Cindy Billesberger	billesberger.cynthia@gmail.com

The Catholic Women's League ask all the women of our parish to pray and discern what role they can take in this remarkable organization.

Who we are:

We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world.

What we offer:

We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to reach their full potential.

What we do:

We provide faith-based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development and many avenues for service, advocacy and social justice.

Why we do it:

As Catholic women, we are empowered by the Spirit to renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God, one in heart, voice and mission as we work to strengthen family values, create sanctuaries of peace and be the Good News to all.

The effect of the Holy Spirit is to take all that God has given us – our gifts, experiences, passions, and knowledge – and set them to work, bringing glory to Christ in the Church and in the world.

For membership information, please visit our website at www.stjohnthebaptistestevan.com, the CWL website at www.cwl.ca or contact:

Brenda Keating – 306-634-2331; Anita Kjersem – 306-421-7538; Annette James – 306-421-8360

Registration forms are available in the pamphlets at the entrances of the church. You may return the completed form to one of the women listed above or place it in the collection basket.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.





The Activated Disciple

The St. John the Baptist Parish 40 Day Challenge for Lent will help you to make the transformation to an Activated Disciple, building on the relationship you have with God right now.

The following is a testimony from Amanda Hagel, our Holy Communion Coordinator:

I am blessed to be involved in our parish as a Eucharistic minister and a lector. Growing up, my siblings and I had been involved as altar servers; instilling in me important lessons right from the beginning. At one of the parishes I attended in university, I became a lector. Once I moved back to Estevan permanently, I was able to continue serving in this way.

Part of what inspired me to be involved was seeing family members, like my grandparents, actively involved in the parish, often serving as Eucharistic ministers, among other things. I think this instilled in me from a very young age, the importance of serving and giving back what has so graciously been given to me. Serving, in any way, the needs of the parish community, helps to ensure the legacy of this parish for future generations.

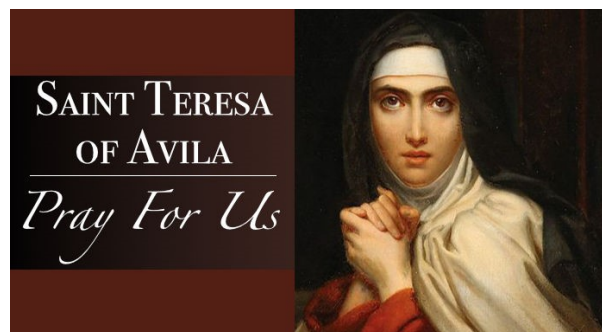
By serving in these ministries, I have been able to get to know other parishioners as well as deepen my prayer life. I feel that I am a part of a gracious and welcoming community; had I not been involved, these blessings likely would not have been possible..

I encourage you to pray and consider how you might best serve the parish in any of the various ministries. I know that you'll be thoroughly blessed in whatever you choose.

As members of the Body of Christ, by sharing our gifts in the Church we are serving Christ through ministries. So let's listen to what St. Teresa of Avila speaks. She was a religious founder, a reformer, a mystic.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ has no body BUT yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth BUT yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on this world,
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
 Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
 Christ has no body now BUT yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth BUT yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world.
 Christ has no body now on earth BUT
 YOURS.



Stewardship Prayer

Each day, during your time of reflection, pray this prayer for our Parish:

O God, our loving Creator, You are the Giver of all our good gifts. Bless our Parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to elevate Your kingdom, here in our own Parish Family and throughout the world. Be with me as I choose each day to show your Presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. We pray especially for those who serve you in ministry. Open the minds and hearts of many others—men, women, and young people that they may accept your vocation to build the Kingdom in our parish, responding to Your Call to be True Disciples and Apostles. I ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar! Our Annual General Meeting is on Sunday, March 22 at 11:30am. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. It is your opportunity to help our Parish Family grow by bringing your valuable suggestions and recommendations. It is also your right to attend the AGM as a full member of our Parish. See you there!!

COVID-19 Announcement from the Archdiocese of Regina

In recent days, questions have risen surrounding the need for changes to our liturgical practices in light of the coronavirus outbreak. As a matter of prudence, Bishop Don has asked that we begin instituting the following changes:

- Replacing handshaking at the sign of Peace with a bow and spoken word of peace.
- Communion is to be distributed under the species of bread alone.
- Removing Holy Water from fonts at the entrances of the Church
- Parishioners who are ill are asked to stay home to avoid spreading illness to others.



COLLECTION REPORT

Budgeted Expenses For 2020
\$450,000.00

Monthly Collection Required
\$37,500.00

Month of February 2020

2020 Actual Collection Year to
Date \$66,848.30

February Sunday Collection
\$27,746.85

St. John the Baptist Parish Holy Week Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 4 at 7pm - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Sunday, April 5 at 10am - Palm Sunday Holy Mass

Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm - Holy Thursday Holy Mass

Friday, April 10 at 12pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, April 10 at 3pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 11 at 1pm - Easter Basket Blessing

Saturday, April 11 at 8:30pm - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12 at 10am - Easter Sunday Holy Mass



Easter Flowers

We have begun planning our Easter celebrations and are gratefully accepting donations of any amount for the flowers that will be in the Church throughout the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for your family in the envelopes available in the main entrance of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office. Your loved one's name will be published in the bulletin for special prayers. Your support will bless our Parish Family during this season. Thank you so much!!



We had the right to ask you to help us. But we worked to take care of ourselves so that we would be an example for you to follow. When we were with you, we gave you this rule: "Whoever will not work should not be allowed to eat." We hear that some people in our group refuse to work. They are doing nothing except being busy in the lives of others.

2 Thessalonians 3:9-11

Sacrament of Anointing

Following the Holy Masses during Lent, you will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. As we journey toward Holy Week, this sacrament brings us healing of our minds and bodies. Please pray for healing before and after you receive this sacrament.

that you might
A black and white illustration of two hands, one being anointed with oil from a small jar. The text "BE HEALED" is written in a bold, blocky font below the illustration.

BE HEALED