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## *4th Sunday of Lent*

**March 9th & 10th, 2024**

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### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar. 9	5pm Estevan; †Special Intentions
Sat. Mar. 9	7pm Torquay; †Leonard Miiller
Sun. Mar. 10	8am Bienfait; †Cliff McKinnon
Sun. Mar. 10	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues. Mar. 12	6:30pm Estevan; †Mannie Mack
Wed. Mar. 13	11am Hospital; †Arlene Anderson
Thurs. Mar. 14	12:10pm Estevan; †Madeleine Hill
Fri. Mar. 15	9am Estevan; †Ian Fernandez
Sat. Mar. 16	5pm Estevan; †Ron Wanner
Sat. Mar. 16	7pm Torquay; †Father Lucey
Sun. Mar. 17	8am Bienfait; †Ron Wanner
Sun. Mar. 17	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 9:** 11:45am Blessed Meals Delivery
- Mar. 10:** 11am Annual General Meeting
- Mar. 11:** 6:30pm Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist Class
- Mar. 12:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Mar. 13:** 7pm Guided Holy Hour
- Mar. 14:** 1pm Finance Council Meeting
- Mar. 14:** 1pm Bible Study
- Mar. 14:** 6:30pm Bible Study
- Mar. 14:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Mar. 15:** 12pm Ecumenical Service and lunch SJB
- Mar. 15:** 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 18:** 2pm Chrism Mass Holy Rosary Cathedral-Regina

*Let my tongue cling to my mouth if  
I do not remember you! - Psalm 137*



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**Lenten Reconciliation and  
Adoration Evening**  
Tuesday, March 19 from  
7pm until 9pm

Priests from the Estevan Deanery  
will be hear to confer the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You are invited to come spend  
some time with Jesus in the Holy  
Eucharist as we journey towards  
Holy Week.

May our hearts be transformed  
and cleansed.



The  
Sacrament  
of Anointing  
is available  
after every  
Holy Mass  
during Lent.

**Chrism Mass**

You are invited to the Chrism Mass on  
Monday, March 18 at Holy Rosary  
Cathedral at 2pm.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH  
COLLECTION REPORT**

2024 Projected Expenses \$566,643.56  
2024 Actual Collection Year to Date \$63,193.96

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**Month of February 2024**

Monthly Collection Required \$37,500.00  
February Sunday Collection \$34,367.92



# Ecumenical Events During Lent and Holy Week

## Lenten Service and Lunch Fridays

*Services begin at 12pm followed by a soup and bread lunch. Everything is finished by 1pm so people who are working can attend. A free-will offering is accepted at the lunch with each Church donating it to a charity of their choice. People returning to work will be given priority in the lunch line.*

Friday, March 15 at St. John the Baptist Parish

Friday, March 22 at St. Paul's United Church

## Walk of the Cross

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday) at 1pm

## Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (at the gazebo at Churchill Park)

Sunday, March 31 at 7am

The logo for BK Creations Signs & Graphics features a stylized 'BK' in red and black, followed by 'CREATIONS' in red and 'SIGNS & GRAPHICS' in black. Below it, it says 'since 1989'.

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The logo for Mid-City Plumbing & Heating Inc. features a stylized flame or water drop icon in blue, red, and yellow, above the text 'Mid-City' in a large, bold, italicized font, and 'Plumbing & Heating Inc.' in a smaller font below it.

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A background image showing a silhouette of a person standing in front of a large cross, set against a sunset or sunrise sky.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**-John 3:16**

### **SJB Blessed Meals**

Our Parish Family will be offering delivered meals to seniors in our community every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from Sept-May. During the Summer the Meals will be offered once a month on the 1st Saturday.

If you or someone you know would enjoy a free home cooked meal, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

A small logo for SJB Blessed Meals, featuring a blue apron with a red and white pattern, and the text 'SJB Blessed Meals' on it.



### Family Night - Resurrection Gardens

Join us on Friday, March 22!  
Stations of the Cross are at  
6:30pm followed by Holy

Mass at 7pm. After the Mass (7:30pm), we will  
gather in the Parish Hall to separate palms and  
build Resurrection Gardens. These Gardens will  
be blooming for Easter. You are welcome to join  
us anytime throughout the  
evening. Come for the Stations  
and Mass if you can, but feel free  
to join us in the Parish Hall even  
if you can't make it to the  
Stations and Mass.



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Lent is a time of conversion  
that invites us to draw  
closer to God, to Jesus, and  
to our sisters and brothers  
here in the Global South.  
During this Lenten season,  
Development and Peace-

Caritas Canada, the official international development  
organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, invites us to  
turn our eyes and hearts to the work of its partners around  
the world and the communities they accompany.

Our symbols of solidarity celebrate their bravery. They  
reflect people's determination to live with dignity and to  
decide their own futures. They also remind us of our  
responsibility to these communities.

**Reaping our Rights** means standing in solidarity with the  
peasant and small-scale farmers of the world who feed  
humankind while caring for the Earth, our Common Home.  
Together, let us **Create Hope** for a better world, and fight  
against the root causes of poverty, inequality  
and oppression.

Our Solidarity Sunday will be on March 17<sup>th</sup> – fifth Sunday  
of Lent. In this traditional time of fasting, prayer and  
almsgiving, we call on your generosity, so we can sustain  
our transformative work in the Global South. Please bring  
your donation envelope to the church on Solidarity Sunday  
collection or donate online. THANK YOU!

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**Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist  
Important Upcoming Dates**

Monday, March 11 at 6:30pm-  
Class in the Parish Hall  
Sunday, March 17 at 10am-  
Enrolment Mass in the Church  
Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm-  
Class in the Parish Hall  
Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm-  
Class in the Parish Hall  
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm-  
Class in the Parish Hall

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**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**2024 Lent and Holy Week Schedule**

**Tuesdays During Lent**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

**Wednesdays During Lent**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm
- Holy Mass at 11am at the Hospital
- Guided Holy Hour from 7pm until 8pm (Musical Guided Holy Hour on March 6, and March 20)

**Thursdays During Lent**

- Holy Rosary at 11:50am
- Holy Mass at 12:10pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 12:45pm until 5pm
- Bible Study at 1pm
- Bible Study at 6:30pm

**Fridays During Lent**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:30pm (from 1pm until 6:30pm on March 15)
- Ecumenical Lenten Service and Lunch 12:10pm at various Churches
- Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm

**Saturdays During Lent**

- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:40pm
- Holy Mass at 5pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm in Torquay

**Sundays During Lent**

- Holy Mass at 8am in Bienfait
- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9:40am
- Holy Mass at 10am

**St. John the Baptist Parish Ash Wednesday**  
**and Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday - Saturday, March 23**

- Holy Mass at 5pm

**Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 24**

- Holy Mass at 10am

**Monday, March 25**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

**Tuesday, March 26**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at 6:30pm

**Wednesday, March 27**

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:15pm
- Holy Mass at the Hospital at 11am
- Benediction at 6:15pm
- Holy Mass 6:30pm

**Holy Thursday - Thursday, March 28**

- Holy Mass at 7:30pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30pm until midnight

**Good Friday - Friday, March 29**

- Word of God Liturgy with Communion at 1pm
- Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm
- Word of God Liturgy with Communion at 3pm

**Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30**

- Holy Mass at 8:30pm

**Easter Sunday - March 31**

- Holy Mass at 8am Torquay
- Holy Mass at 10am Estevan



This Saturday, our Blessed Meals program is kicking off. We are called, especially during the season of Lent, to care for each other, to help each other, and to keep our community gathered as one. At St. John the Baptist Parish, we are committed to sharing with our community and including all of our Parish Family to reach out.

This Blessed Meal ministry is multi-faceted. Those who are doing the shopping, organizing, cooking and delivering are growing closer to each other through fellowship. They are forming new relationships, working together, and learning more about each other. Those who are receiving the meals are the foundation of our Parish Family. Throughout their lives, they have given and served in their Church. And we are grateful for this opportunity to care for them with a home cooked meal and a smile.

As your pastor, I encourage you to pray and discern about this ministry. Maybe you would like to support a meal, maybe you would like to cook or deliver. And most of all, we need your prayers to make this ministry a successful one. May God bless!

### Easter Flower Donations



We are accepting donations for the flowers that will decorate the Church during the Easter season. You may donate in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone. Your loved ones name will be published in the bulletin so our Parish Family can pray for them. Through your generosity, may our Parish Family be blessed with the joy and beauty of Easter.

### Easter Flowers

In Gratitude for our incredibly generous Parish Family, let us pray for the following:

#### In memory of:

- †Ian Fernandez
- †Steve & †Louise Pylypuk
- †Marshall & †Kathleen Anderson



### Special Monthly Offering Envelopes

We are happy to announce that we are revitalizing our Family and Youth Ministry. These special donations will go towards the cost of hosting events. We are looking at hosting game nights, potluck suppers, escape rooms, and various crafts (Resurrection Gardens, Advent Wreaths, etc.). We are also asking for your prayers. That our Family and Youth Ministry bring us closer as a Parish Family and that each member of our Family feels cared for and valued.

Thank you so much for your generosity towards this awesome Ministry. We can't wait to see you at the Events!



We are in need of volunteers for our new St. John the Baptist Blessed Meals. We are looking for kitchen help, and delivery drivers. Donations are welcome.

Most of all, we are asking for your prayers in support of this awesome ministry. We are blessed to be able to go out into our community and share the love of God with those who have given so much to us throughout their lives.

If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



### 4th Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - John 3:16**

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts; that we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

