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5th Sunday of Lent

March 16th & 17th, 2024

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The Fifth
Sunday
of Lent



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

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| 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 |
| Tues. Mar. 19 | 6:30pm Estevan; †Russell & †Betty Daniels & †Colette Enmark |
| Wed. Mar. 20 | 11am Hospital; †Lorena Wolensky |
| Thurs. Mar. 21 | 12:10pm Estevan; †Dave Donachie |
| Fri. Mar. 22 | 7pm Estevan; †Arlene Anderson |
| Sat. Mar. 23 | 5pm Estevan; †Arlene Anderson |
| Sat. Mar. 23 | 7pm Torquay; †Father Lucey |
| Sun. Mar. 24 | 8am Bienfait; †Teresa Lee |
| Sun. Mar. 24 | 10am Estevan; Mass for the People |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 18:** 2pm Chrism Mass Holy Rosary Cathedral-Regina
- Mar. 19:** 7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Evening
- Mar. 20:** 9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
- Mar. 20:** Guided Holy Hour with Music
- Mar. 21:** 1pm Bible Study
- Mar. 21:** 6:30pm Bible Study
- Mar. 21:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Mar. 22:** 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 22:** 7:30pm Family Night-Resurrection Gardens
- Mar. 23:** 11:45am Blessed Meals Delivery

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

-Psalm 51

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 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



Solidarity Sunday-Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace – Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**"
– Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

"Souper" Volunteers

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated homemade soups, assisted in preparation, served guests and provided hospitality for the Lenten Soup lunches held in conjunction with the Ecumenical Lenten Services on Friday, February 23rd and Friday, March 15th. Your generosity and support enabled us to feed nearly 200 guests and make a generous donation to charity. Your willingness to give of your time and your service is greatly appreciated.



May you continue to be blessed as you are a blessing to others.

SJB Fellowship Committee

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12:24



SJB Blessed Meals provided 29 meals to seniors in our community. Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for making our first meal a success. Our next Meal is on March 23. We will be serving beef stew with a bun. We ask for your continued 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 to volunteer for this ministry please call the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



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.



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.

See you there!!



Chrism Mass

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



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



Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Important Upcoming Dates

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



We are pleased to share, that with your generous contributions, our Parish exceeded our goal of \$56,975.00 and raised \$70,295.73 for the Archbishop's appeal.

Please support our sponsors.



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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



Holy Week is coming up soon and our Liturgy Committee and our office staff are busy getting ready for our celebrations. As we approach the Triduum, I want to remind you of a few things about this holiest of weeks.

Holy Thursday celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We commemorate the Last Supper at this Holy Mass by presenting the blessed oils from the Chrism Mass, washing the feet of twelve people, and receiving Jesus in the Body and Blood of

Christ. We end the Mass in silence and invite you to stay for Adoration, which is being offered until midnight. You are also welcome to leave and come back anytime before midnight to spend some time with Jesus in prayer, reflection and thanksgiving. This is a somber time in the Church and as such, silence is observed.

When you arrive at the Church on Good Friday, the silence continues. This is a solemn liturgy where we reflect on the death of Jesus. We are called to adore the cross and to stay reverent and silent as we leave the liturgy. Our time to celebrate will come the next day.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday begins after sundown. This is one of the greatest celebrations of the whole liturgical year. We arrive in silence and leave in joyful praise and thanksgiving for the Resurrection.

Together we profess the Resurrection and welcome new members to our Parish Family.

May the solemnity of the Holy Triduum, this awesome journey of three services that are really one, bring us closer to Jesus as we witness total obedience and living the will of our Father while surrounded by his grace and love.

-Father Thuy

Easter Flowers

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

In memory of:

- †Patricia Piche
- †Nancy Dorwart
- †Michael Bonokoski
- †Robert & †Dorothy Price
- †Casper & †Isabelle Jenish
- †Albert & †Myles Schopf



In Thanksgiving:

Gail & Terry Dodds Family

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.

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!



5th Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors, and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

