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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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

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December 16 and 17, 2023



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Dec. 16	5pm Estevan; †Michael Bonokoski
Sun. Dec. 17	10am Estevan; Mass For The People
Tues. Dec. 19	6:30pm Estevan; †Teresa Lee
Wed. Dec. 20	11am Hospital; †Mannie Mack
Thurs. Dec. 21	9am Estevan; †Ray Cossette
Fri. Dec. 22	10:30am Nursing Home; †Penny Mack
Sat. Dec. 23	5pm Estevan; †Molly Heier
Sat. Dec. 23	7pm Torquay; †Mike Baryluk
Sun. Dec. 24	10am Estevan; Mass For The People
Sun. Dec. 24	5pm Estevan; Mass For The People
Sun. Dec. 24	7pm Estevan; Mass For The People
Sun. Dec. 24	9pm Bienfait; Mass For The People
Mon. Dec. 25	8am Torquay; Mass For The People
Mon. Dec. 25	10am Estevan; Mass For The People

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 19:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Dec. 19:** 7pm PPC Christmas Social
- Dec. 21:** 9:30am Coffee In The Hall
- Dec. 21:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Dec. 22:** 6pm Parish Christmas Party (Potluck Supper)



Christmas Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25 until Tuesday, January 2, 2023 contributions to your Parish Family can be brought to the Office by Friday, December 22 at 3pm. Or you may place your donation in the collection basket at any of the Christmas and New Year's Masses or e-transfer (stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net). Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish Home.



This weekend we are celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Rejoicing Sunday. We are also celebrating my installation as your Pastor. This is a week of blessings: the 9th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood and my installation at St. John the Baptist Parish when the theme of the week is joy.

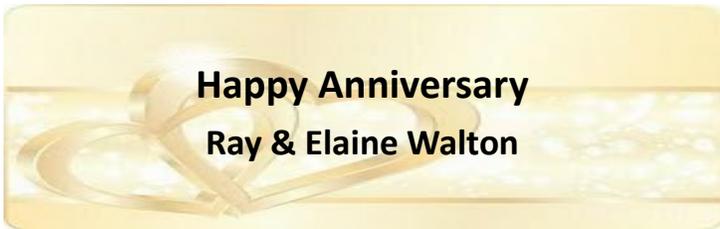
My ministry brings me joy. I have served in a few parishes and become part of their Parish Families and made life long relationships. This week I have been spending time reflecting on my ministry; from the call I received from our loving Father to where I am now, serving all of you. This is a vibrant, love filled parish and I am honored to be your shepherd. I know that we will continue to grow, learn and reach out to our community as a Parish Family.

This week, my prayers have been in gratitude for you. And as I am installed as your pastor, I know that I cannot live my ministry to the fullest without the support and prayers of you. During the Installation Mass, the Archbishop will emphasize my duties as a priest at the stations of my ministry within the Church. I will reply to each part of the rite by saying, "I will do so, with the help of God." And at each station you will be asked to support me in my mission, to which you will reply, "We will, with the help of God." This rite affirms the unity within our Church. We can do nothing without God, I can do nothing without the support of my Bishop, brother priests and you. And as a Parish Family, we truly come together in faith when our lives are centered on God.

I look forward to these next six years with you and please be assured that you are in my prayers everyday.

God Bless!

—Father Thuy



You are invited to our Annual Parish Christmas Party!!
Join us on Friday, December 22 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

We will begin with a Potluck Supper followed by Christmas games, fellowship, and the draws for the Children's Prizes. There are 5 major prizes and many, many other prizes!

The children should make sure they have their tickets from Holy Mass filled out and bring them to the party.

They must be present to win a prize. This is a time for our whole Parish Family to come together during the busyness of the season and enjoy an awesome Potluck Supper and Christmas Fun.

All are welcome!

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Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended from Friday, December 22 at noon until Tuesday, January 2 at 9:30am.



Christmas Flowers

We are graciously accepting donations for the Christmas flowers that will decorate the Church throughout the Christmas season. You may donate in memory of a deceased loved one or in thanksgiving for someone in your life. Their names will be listed in the bulletin so our parishioners can pray for them. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Our Parish Family is truly blessed!



Christmas Holy Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 5pm (Estevan)

Saturday, December 23 at 7pm (Torquay)

Sunday, December 24 at 10am (Estevan)

Christmas Eve-Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 at 5pm and 7pm (Estevan)

Sunday, December 24 at 9pm (Bienfait)

Christmas Day-Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25 at 8am (Torquay)

Monday, December 25 at 10am (Estevan)

New Year's Eve-Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30 at 5pm (Estevan)

Saturday, December 30 at 7pm (Bienfait)

Sunday, December 31 at 8am (Bienfait)

Sunday, December 31 at 10am (Estevan)

New Year's Day-Mary the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1 at 10am (Estevan)



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Christmas Flowers

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

In Thanksgiving for:
The St. Onge Family

In memory of:

†Steve & †Louise Pylypuk
†Marshall & †Kathleen Anderson
†Scott Friess
†Russell and †Betty Daniels
†Colette Enmark
†Nancy Dorwart
†Deceased members of
The Yuzak Family
†Louise and Jake Schell
†John Kish



Christmas Eve Masses

We have a unique situation for Holy Mass on Christmas Eve due to the day being on a Sunday. The 10am Mass that day will be the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is not a Christmas Mass.

Then after sunset that day, we will celebrate the Christmas Masses, the Nativity of the Lord. Please keep this mind as you make your plans for Christmas. We are blessed to be able to complete the season of Advent and then on that same day be able to celebrate the coming of Christ.



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