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## *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**February 3rd & 4th, 2024**

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### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb. 3	12pm Estevan; Funeral Mass for Arlene Anderson
Sat. Feb. 3	5pm Estevan; †In Thanksgiving for Fr. Thuy
Sat. Feb. 3	7pm Torquay; †Father Lucey
Sun. Feb. 3	8am Bienfait; Healing for Joanne Weisgerber
Sun. Feb. 4	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues. Feb. 6	10am Hillview; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Wed. Feb. 7	11am Hospital; †Chris Kachur
Wed. Feb. 7	1:30pm Estevan; †Father Lucey
Thurs. Feb. 8	9am Estevan; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Fri. Feb. 9	10am Creighton Lodge; Word of God Liturgy with Communion
Sat. Feb. 10	5pm Estevan; Special Intentions
Sat. Feb. 10	7pm Torquay; †Lawrence and †Yvonne Charlebois
Sun. Feb. 11	8am Bienfait; †Arlene Anderson
Sun. Feb. 12	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 5:** 1pm SJB Funeral Choir Practice
- Feb. 5:** 7pm Baptism Prep
- Feb. 6:** 2pm CWL Council Meeting
- Feb. 6:** 7pm Vigil for Father Lucey at St. John the Baptist
- Feb. 7:** 6:30pm Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist Parents' Meeting
- Feb. 8:** 9am Coffee in the Hall
- Feb. 8:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Feb. 13:** 5pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb. 13:** 6pm Burning of the Palms
- Feb. 15:** 9am Coffee in the Hall
- Feb. 15:** 7pm Bible Study
- Feb. 15:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Feb. 16:** 12pm Lenten Service & Lunch at Trinity Lutheran

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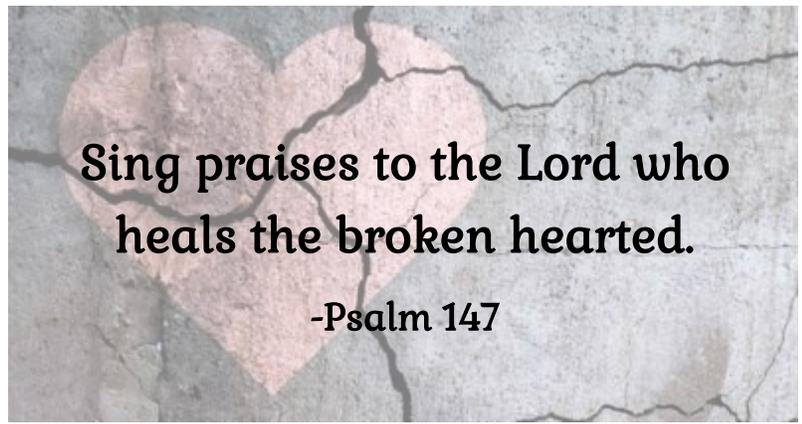
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**Sing praises to the Lord who  
heals the broken hearted.**

**-Psalm 147**

**Lenten Bible Study**

We are excited to announce that our Lenten Bible Study will be *The Pivotal Players Volume 1* by Bishop Robert Barron.

Bishop Barron is on a journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

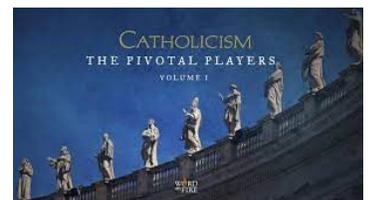
The sessions will be held on Thursdays beginning on February 15 and ending on March 21. Each session will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm and include an introduction, video and small group discussion as well as time for questions and answers.

Registration forms are available at all the entrances of the Church as well as on our website. You can place your completed registration form along with your donation to cover the cost for the study in the collection basket at Holy Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office. You can also call or email the Parish Office to register.

Please note that the approximate cost of the study per person is \$50.00. All donations will be used to cover the cost of the study and if there is any extra, that money will stay in the Bible Study fund for the next study.

*This is an amazing opportunity  
to add to your Lenten prayer  
and reflection.*

*See you there!*





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As we continue to grow in faith, our Parish Family is blessed to have many programs and initiatives happening to offer support, education, prayer and fellowship to each of us. This month we are focusing on Music Ministry.

This ministry is an integral part of our liturgies: Holy Mass, Musical Guided Holy Hours during Lent, Ecumenical Lenten Service and Lunches, etc. Jocelyn Hall and Sandra Bazin work together as the Music Coordinators to lead our very talented musicians.

You donations will go towards the cost of licensing, maintenance and tuning of the piano, maintenance of the organ, purchasing new sheet music, etc.

The Music Ministry Team is dedicated, joyfully and faithfully working together with all our liturgical ministries.

*"I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music."*

—J.S. Bach

Thank you for supporting this awesome ministry!

*We pray for Father Thuy, may his holidays bring him the joy and peace of Jesus Christ as he visits his family.*

*We pray for Father Daris, Father Leonardo and Father Anthony Tran as they serve our Parish Family during Father Thuy's vacation, may they be blessed beyond measure as they live their call to shepherd God's people.*



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I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.  
 -Mother Teresa

# 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 7pm
- Holy Mass at 11am at the Hospital
- Guided Holy Hour from 7pm until 8pm (Musical Guided Holy Hour on February 21, 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 7pm

### *Fridays During Lent*

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 6:30pm (from 1pm until 6:30pm on February 23 and 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

# 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, February 16 at Trinity Lutheran

Friday, February 23 at St. John the Baptist Parish

Friday, March 1 at St. Giles Anglican Church

Friday, March 8 at St. Paul's United Church

Friday, March 15 at St. John the Baptist Parish

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

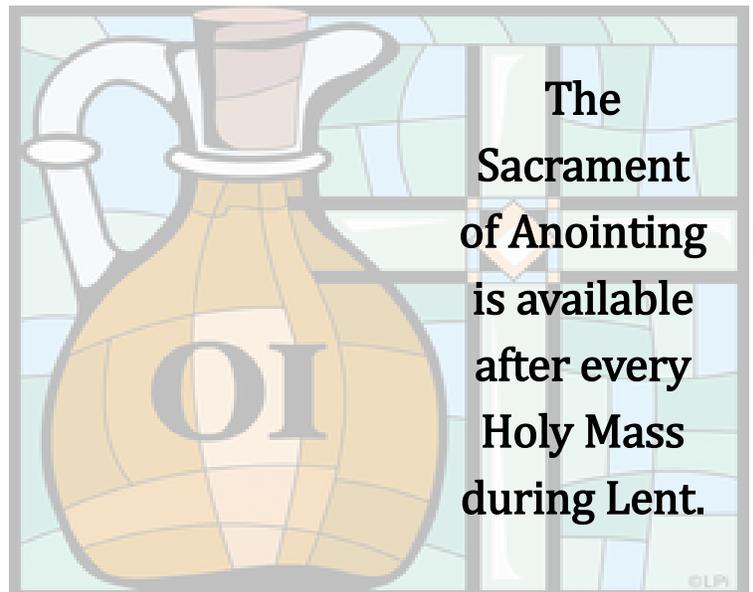
## Lenten Reconciliation and Adoration Evening

Tuesday, March 12 from  
7pm until 9pm

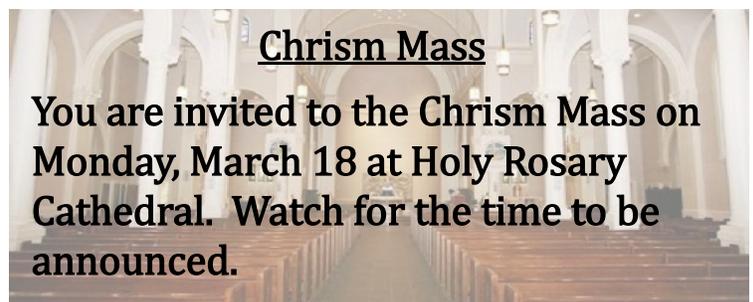
Priests from the Estevan Deanery will be hear to confer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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. Watch for the time to be announced.



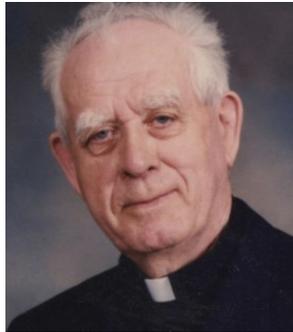
Please consider temporary or ongoing coverage for Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday 2-3pm and Friday 1-2pm. Also, for January only, we are looking for subs for Thursday 12-1 pm and Friday 2-3 pm.

Call Bridget at 306-461-4611 if you can fill any of those times.

**Father Lucey’s Vigil and Resurrection Mass**

The Vigil for Father Lucey will be held on Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm with Rev. Sathiyadas Antony presiding and his Resurrection Mass will be on Wednesday, February 7 at 1:30pm with Archbishop Donald Bolen presiding. Both services will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish. Please join us for lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall following the Resurrection Mass.

Hear with favor our prayer, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Father Lucey, your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**February 4, 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38 In today’s Gospel reading, we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer and spending time with God that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.



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The CWL General Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 at 2:00pm In the Parish Hall. See you all there!

Also a reminder that your 2024 CWL fees are due.

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**Would you like to attend the Lenten Bible Study but don’t want to drive in evening?**

We will be happy to make sure you have a ride to the Study!

Please contact the Parish Office to have your name added to the list of people we will pick up.

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## SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

“And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.”

(Acts 2:39)

The sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist are celebrated together in the Archdiocese of Regina for all children in Grade 2 or older. The preparation for these sacraments will take place in the Church, in the school and in the child's home. Registration forms have been sent out through the Catholic schools and they are also available at the entrances of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website ([stjohnthebaptistestevan.com](http://stjohnthebaptistestevan.com)).

There will be a Parents' Meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm. You must attend this Parents' Meeting if you did not attend the previous one. The children do not need to attend this meeting, it is only for the parents. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall and will give you an outline of the sacrament preparation.

If your child is older than Grade 2 and has not received the sacrament of Baptism, and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation or First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office to discuss a plan.



St. John the Baptist Parish invites  
you to our  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
on

Tuesday, February 13  
from 5pm - 6pm in the  
Parish Hall

The rite of the Burning of the  
Palms followed by a Word of God  
Liturgy with Communion service  
will be celebrated at 6pm.

See you there!!



Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer  
Intention  
February

**For the terminally ill:**  
We pray that those  
with a terminal  
illness, and their  
families, receive the  
necessary physical  
and spiritual care and  
accompaniment.  
Amen.



### SJB Blessed Meals

Our Parish Family will be offering delivered meals to seniors in our community beginning with residents living in Midtown Manor, Trinity Tower and Yardley Place on two Saturdays a month starting in February.

If you or someone you know would enjoy a free home cooked meal, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 or text Gwen at 306-421-7933.



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

### *Ash Wednesday - February 14*

- SHSC Holy Mass at 10am
- St. Mary's Holy Mass at 1pm
- Holy Mass at 7pm

### *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*

- Liturgy of the Word at 12pm
- Liturgy of the Word at 3pm

### *Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30*

- Holy Mass at 8:30pm

### *Easter Sunday - March 31*

- Holy Mass at 10am

*Please note that the Holy Week schedule for Bienfait and Torquay will be announced soon.*