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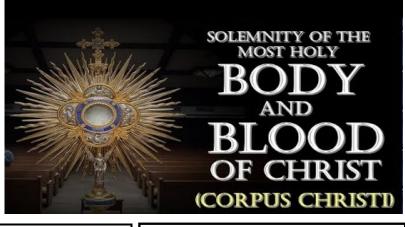
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St. John the Baptist Parish is a warm and inviting family, living out our Baptismal call and nourished by the Eucharist, serving the needs of all with joy and gratitude, practicing stewardship, celebrating the sacraments and witnessing God in others.

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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June 21st and 22nd, 2025



St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

- Sat. June 21 5pm Estevan; **†**Roy Fargo
- Sat. June 21 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
- Sun. June 22 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
- Sun. June 22 10am Estevan; Mass for the People
- Tues. June 24 6:30pm Estevan; **†**Beatrice Olheiser
- Wed. June 25 11am Hospital; **†**Myles and **†**Albert Schopf
- Thurs. June 26 9am Estevan; **†**Donna Kretsch
- Fri. June 27 10:30am Regional; **†**Mary Lou Audette
- Sat. June 28 5pm Estevan; **†**Ted Fai
- Sat. June 28 7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
- Sun. June 29 8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
- Sun. June 2910am Estevan; Mass for the People

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. - Psalm 110

UPCOMI	NG -
EVEN	ΤSJ

June 21:	11:45am Blessed Meals
June 22:	9:30am Baptism
	Celebration
June 22:	11:00am Parish Fun Day
June 15:	6:15pm Benediction
June 26:	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
July 1:	Canada Day! Office closed
July 3:	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
July 4:	6:15pm First Friday
	Devotion
July 5:	5pm River Jamm





WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A Mass Intention is a specific petition for which the Mass is offered. Mass Intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person—for example, the healing of someone who is sick, to commemorate a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or to give thanks for someone special in your life. A Mass can be offered in thanksgiving for prayers answered. Or the Holy Mass can be offered for the soul of a departed loved one.



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OFFERING A MASS INTENTION FOR A LIVING PERSON

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for someone living brings them infinite grace which benefit one's soul.

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION FOR THE DECEASED

Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." As Catholics, we believe souls who die in a state of sin go through a purification process before entering heaven. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones to aid them in their journeys to heaven. We pray with hope that the graces imparted by the Mass usher them further towards eternity with God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032). The graces that come with having a Mass said for a special intention are immeasurable. The Mass unites the Church on earth to the Church in heaven. The intentions of the Mass are lifted by the Body of Christ in its entirety. These graces are especially important for the dead, as they can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering the celebration of the Eucharist for the dead "is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones."



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

This Sunday, the Church celebrates one of the most profound mysteries of our faith: the *Solemnity of Corpus Christi*, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, we pause to adore the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist—not merely a symbol, but truly His Body, Blood, Soul, and

Divinity, given for us.

The Catechism reminds us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). Everything in the life of our parish flows from and returns to the altar. At every Mass, heaven touches earth. Jesus humbles Himself to become our spiritual food—broken and shared so that we may become one with Him and with each other.

Here at St. John the Baptist Parish, this solemnity has special meaning. With our long-standing tradition of all-day Eucharistic Adoration, our parish is uniquely blessed to be a place of deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you spend five minutes or a full hour in adoration, your time before the Lord transforms you—and through you, transforms the world.

In the spirit of Corpus Christi, I encourage each family to renew their love for the Eucharist in three concrete ways this summer:

- 1. Return to Sunday Mass faithfully, not as an obligation but as an encounter with the living God.
- 2. Bring your children to Adoration, even briefly. Let them grow familiar with silence and awe.
- 3. Offer a spiritual communion when you cannot receive the Eucharist physically. Jesus still draws near.

As we prepare for next week's celebration of our patron, St. John the Baptist, may this feast renew in us a Eucharistic heart: grateful, reverent, and missionary.

Let us live what we receive. Let us become what we adore.

In Christ our Bread of Life,

Father Thuy

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