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1st Sunday of Lent

March 8th & 9th, 2025

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St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 8	5pm Estevan; †Ken Anderson
Sat. Mar 8	7pm Torquay; †Kae Wanner
Sun. Mar 9	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sun. Mar 9	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues. Mar 11	6:30pm Estevan; †Mannie Mack
Wed. Mar 12	11am Hospital; Special Intentions
Thurs. Mar 13	12:10pm Estevan; †Arlene Anderson
Fri. Mar 14	10am Creighton Lodge; No Mass Intention
Fri. Mar 14	7pm Estevan; †Zachary Gessner
Sat. Mar 15	5pm Estevan; †Deanne Ganje
Sat. Mar 15	7pm Torquay; †Marian Weber
Sun. Mar 16	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sun. Mar 16	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8:	9:30am Marriage Prep
Mar 9:	7pm World Day of Prayer
Mar 10:	1pm Music with Friends
Mar 11:	12pm Confirmation Class at Sacred Heart School
Mar 11:	6:15pm Benediction
Mar 11:	7pm K of C Meeting
Mar 12:	12pm Confirmation Class at St. Mary's School
Mar 12:	5:30pm Bible Study
Mar 12:	7pm Guided Holy Hour with Music
Mar 13:	6:30pm RCIA
Mar 13:	7pm SJB Choir Practice
Mar 14:	12:10pm Lenten Lunch at St. Giles Anglican
Mar 14:	6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 15:	11:45am Blessed Meals Delivery

*Be with me Lord, when I am
in trouble. - Psalm 91*





World Day of Prayer 2025

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

“I Made you wonderful”

Please Join us on March 9 at 7pm.
Coffee and Cookies to follow in the Parish Hall

March 8 & 9, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give what you have left over? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything; we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart every day, in all circumstances.



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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 14 at St. Giles Anglican Church
Friday, March 21 at St. John the Baptist Parish
Friday, March 28 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Friday, April 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church
Friday, April 11 at St. Paul's United Church

Walk of the Cross

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday) at 1pm beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church

**Lenten Reconciliation and
Adoration Evening**

**Thursday, April 3 from
7pm until 9pm**

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

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

**May our hearts be transformed
and cleansed.**



Deuteronomy 26:10

"And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:"



As we begin Lent, let us pray for guidance and strength to embrace this season of reflection and renewal, asking for the grace to deepen our faith and live more fully in Christ's love.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
COLLECTION REPORT**

2025 Projected Expenses \$505,650.00
2025 Actual Collection Year to Date \$62,596.31

Month of February 2025

Monthly Collection Required \$37,500.00
February Sunday Collection \$33,915.16

SJB Blessed Meals



**We will be offering Blessed
Meals one time in the
month of March.**

***Our next meal will be delivered on
March 15 at 11:45am.***

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

Make Music with Friends



Do you play a musical instrument and
like meeting interesting people?
Do you like to get together and play along
with others?

Enjoy the spontaneous musical collaboration
of a **Jam Session!**



**Monday, March 10, 2025
1:00 – 4:00pm**

**St. John the Baptist Parish Hall
109-12th Avenue, Estevan**

Call 306-471-7686 for further information.
Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all
welcome to attend.

Light refreshments served.





Kierra Kessler
Jocelyn Hall
Kathy Thompson

Archdiocese of Regina RENEW Lent

RENEW your Lent with weekly reflections, music, prayer resources, and other Lenten activities to enhance your Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Sign up at archregina.sk.ca/news or email communications@archregina.sk.ca.



Baptism Prep Class

Our next Baptism Preparation Class will be held in the Church on Monday, March 31 at 6pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190 to register

The Baptism Celebration will take place on Sunday, April 6 following the 10am Holy Mass.



First Week of Lent

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, the Church invites us once again to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and charity. These three pillars of Lent help us to refocus our hearts, draw closer to Christ, and prepare for the joy of Easter.

Prayer is our lifeline to God. During Lent, we are encouraged to spend more intentional time in prayer, whether through personal reflection, reading Scripture, attending daily Mass, or praying the Rosary. If we truly open our hearts, God will speak to us in the silence and guide us on our Lenten journey. Perhaps this Lent, we can ask ourselves: *How can I make more room for God in my daily life?*

Fasting is more than simply giving up food or certain comforts. It is a way to detach ourselves from distractions and focus on what truly matters. When we fast, we recognize our dependence on God rather than on material things. Whether it is fasting from a favorite treat, limiting social media, or letting go of habits that pull us away from God, every small sacrifice can become an offering of love. *What is one thing I can fast from that will help me grow spiritually?*

Charity (Almsgiving) is the fruit of a heart transformed by God's love. Lent is a time to open our eyes to those in need—both spiritually and physically. Whether it's through acts of kindness, helping a neighbor, donating to the poor, or simply offering a listening ear, our generosity reflects Christ's love to the world. *How can I be a source of Christ's love and mercy to those around me?*

Lent is not just about rules and obligations; it is an invitation to renewal. It is a time to journey with Christ, to reflect on His sacrifice, and to allow His grace to change us. Let us encourage one another as a Parish Family, walking together in faith and preparing our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection. May this Lenten season be a time of true conversion, filled with God's peace and love.

In Christ,

Father Thuy Nguyen

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

-Romans 10-9

St. John the Baptist Parish Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 12

- Holy Mass at 5pm

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13

- Holy Mass at 10am

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

- 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, April 17

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

Good Friday - Friday, April 18

- Liturgy of the Word at 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19

- Holy Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday - April 20

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

St. John the Baptist Parish

2025 Lent 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
- Bible Study at 5:30pm
- Guided Holy Hour from 7pm until 8pm
(with music on March 12, 26 and April 9)

Thursdays During Lent

- Holy Rosary at 11:50am
- Holy Mass at 12:10pm
- Eucharistic Adoration from 1pm until 5pm

Fridays During Lent

- Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am until 5pm
(from 1pm– 5pm on March 21 for Lenten Lunch)
- 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

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

Class 3

Tuesday, March 11, Sacred Heart Students at 11:45am - Sacred Heart School (Child only)

Wednesday, March 12, St. Mary's Students at 11:50am - St. Mary's School (Child only)

Class 4

Tuesday, March 25, Sacred Heart Students at 11:45am - Sacred Heart School (Child only)

Wednesday, March 26 St. Mary's Students at 11:50am- St. Mary's School (Child only)

Class 5

Tuesday, April 15 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 16 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Class 6

Tuesday, April 29 Sacred Heart Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, April 30 St. Mary's Students at 6:30pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Getting Ready

Tuesday, May 13 Sacred Heart Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

Wednesday, May 14 St. Mary's Students from 6pm-8pm - Parish Hall (Parent and Child)

First Reconciliation Celebration

To Be Announced

Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Retreat

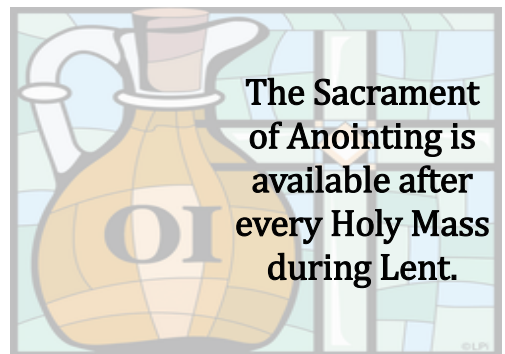
To Be Announced



Growing in Faith Bible Study

Our remaining four sessions will begin on Wednesday March 12 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

They will continue each Wednesday until April 2. If you are interested in joining the last 4 sessions, please contact the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.



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

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