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## *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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### October 26 & 27 2024



#### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Oct 26	5pm Estevan; †Leo and †Marian Stepp
Sat. Oct 26	7pm Torquay; †ThiLai Nguyen
Sun. Oct 27	8am Bienfait; †Teresa Lee
Sun. Oct 27	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tues. Oct 29	6:30pm Estevan; †Mary Brock
Wed. Oct 30	11am Hospital; Special Intentions
Thurs. Oct 31	9am; Estevan; †Ron Wanner
Fri. Nov 1	7pm Estevan; †ThiLai Nguyen
Sat. Nov 2	5pm Estevan; Mass for the Souls in Purgatory
Sun Nov 3	8am Bienfait; Mass for the People
Sun. Nov 3	10am Estevan; Mass for the People

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Oct 28:</b>	Election Polling Station
<b>Oct 30:</b>	9:15am CWL Executive Meeting
<b>Oct 31:</b>	9:30am Coffee In the Hall
<b>Nov 1:</b>	6:30pm First Friday Adoration & Prayers
<b>Nov 2:</b>	5pm All Souls Mass
<b>Nov 3:</b>	4pm Fall Supper
<b>Nov 4:</b>	1pm Music with Friends
<b>Nov 5:</b>	2pm CWL Meeting
<b>Nov 7:</b>	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
<b>Nov 7:</b>	7pm SJB Choir Practice
<b>Nov 12:</b>	7pm K of C Meeting
<b>Nov 13:</b>	1pm Finance Council Meeting
<b>Nov 14:</b>	9:30am Coffee in the Hall
<b>Nov 14:</b>	7pm SJB Choir Practice
<b>Nov 19:</b>	7pm PPC Meeting
<b>Nov 21:</b>	9:30am Coffee in the Hall

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

*-Psalm 126*

**October 27, 2024**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



**Archbishop's Appeal**

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Blind Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus and is healed because of his unwavering faith. His persistence teaches us the power of reaching out in trust. In our community, many are searching for hope and healing. By supporting the Archbishop's Appeal, we can work to become instruments of God's mercy, helping to restore sight to those blinded by despair. Through the support of mental health ministry within the diocese, those who struggle can find a space to work towards healing. Together, we can echo Bartimaeus's faith, creating a ripple effect throughout our Church and beyond.



*Happy Birthday*

Virginia Wheeler, Garrett Schwab and  
Sophie Kawecki



As we come to the end of October, I am filled with gratitude for many, many blessings: the beautiful weather, our growing Parish Family, our dedicated ministers, the Study Days I attended, the opportunity to sit in the presence of Jesus in Adoration, and time spent with my family and friends. I want to remind all of us that it is our duty to be thankful in every way and for every thing that we have.

Next weekend, we will celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day with gratitude for all who have gone before us: for the faith they shared with us, the lessons they taught us, and the love they continue to shower upon us. I encourage you to take some time this week to reflect on your family members and friends that have passed, the saints who intercede for us and for all the souls in purgatory. The month of November is a dedicated time to pray for these souls.

Respecting our ancestors, remembering that they are still a part of our Parish Family and our personal lives helps us to prepare for the upcoming Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is King of all and it is him who brought us into the resurrection mystery. It is his promise that we will share in the eternal life we began here on earth, that we will be reunited with all the saints and our family members in glory.

In Christ,  
Fr Thuy

Fall Supper tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Office or you can contact Gail at 306-634-3975 or Lynwood at 306-421-7345. Take out is also available.



**Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
Getting married? Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? Catholic Engaged Encounter uses a method of marriage preparation that has been used in hundreds of diocese throughout the world since 1976 and was Vatican approved by Pope John Paul II. A weekend will be held at Kenosee Lake Mother Teresa Centre on November 15-17, 2024. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.cecanada.ca/>. Contact Kim and Vance Weber at eereginnacc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Father Thuy will be handing out candy to our trick or treaters on Halloween from 5pm - 6pm at the Parish Office door.



Trick or Treat  
Come show Father Thuy your costume!

St John the Baptist Parish

# FALL Supper

**NOVEMBER 3**  
**4:00 - 6:30**  
Adults: \$25  
Youth 6-12: \$10  
Under 6: FREE

TURKEY, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, STUFFING, HOT VEGETABLES, TURNIPS, SALADS, BUNS, PIE & ASSORTED DESSERTS PLUS FILIPINO NOODLE DISHES

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**COLLECTION REPORT**  
2024 Projected Expenses \$566,643.56  
2024 Actual Collection Year to Date \$312,826.95

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**Month of September 2024**  
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September Sunday Collection \$31,413.38

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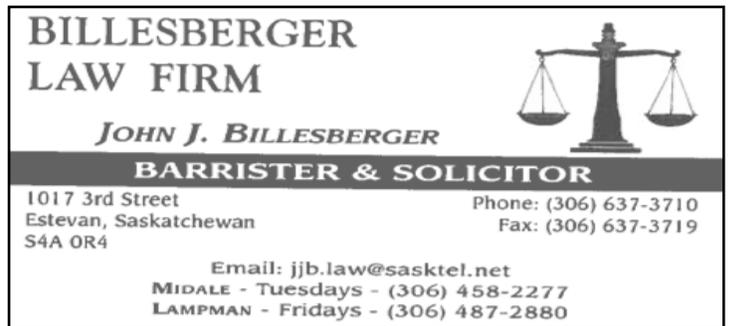
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The month of November offers us a chance to pray for those souls who are continuing on their journey to eternal life. The memorial books can be found at the main entrance of the church. Please feel free to add the names of your deceased loved ones so they can be included in our prayers.



Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

When these 1000 souls are released from Purgatory and get to heaven they will in turn pray for our intentions.

Eternal Father,

I offer you the most precious blood of your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.

Amen.

*And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*

*Revelation 21:4*

We would like to invite Bienfait and Torquay Parishioners to join us for our All Souls Mass on November 2 at 5pm. The 7pm Mass in Torquay will be cancelled. Please join us in the Parish hall after mass for a light snack and coffee.



### **First Fridays**

We are celebrating the First Friday of every month. This is a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We will begin with exposing the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30pm for prayers and Adoration.

This will be followed with Holy Mass at 7pm. This Mass will be celebrated in honour of All the Saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

Please join us.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY

### St Ambrose's book on the death of his brother Satyrus

#### Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ

We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you.* The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: *All flesh will come before you. No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.*

Above all else, holy David prayed that he might see and gaze on this: *One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall pray for: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to see how gracious is the Lord.*