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Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today!

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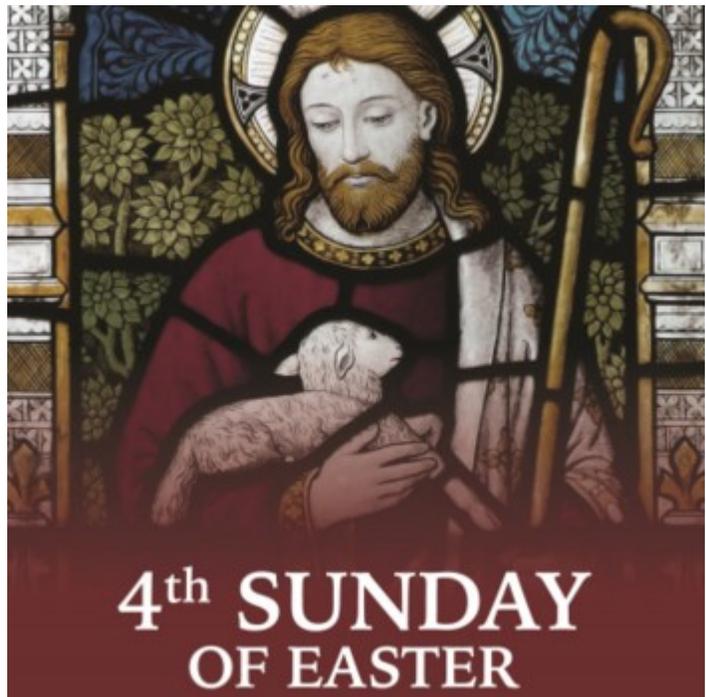
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4th Sunday of Easter

May 2 & 3, 2020

Mass Schedule

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

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8 months in advance

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Letter From Pope Francis To the Faithful For The Month Of May

Pope Francis has written a letter to the faithful encouraging us to pray the rosary each day during May. He has also included two prayers that could be prayed at the end of the rosary, following the St. Michael Prayer. The prayers are listed below. Let us pray in spiritual unison with him. The link to the letter is:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman People”,

you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger;

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome the virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



The Holy Rosary

For centuries, the Holy Rosary has been a treasured devotion in the Catholic Church. A deeply contemplative prayer, the Rosary contains a summary of the Christian faith in language and prayers inspired by the Holy Scriptures. When praying the Rosary, Catholics recall the most important events in the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary. These events are called "Mysteries" and are divided into four groups of five decades: the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. Each decade consists of one "Our Father", ten "Hail Mary's", and one "Glory be to the Father".

5th
Mystery

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

This prayer is an example of an invocation that may be said after each decade and was requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy".

How to Say the Rosary

1. Begin on the Crucifix and say the "Apostle's Creed".
2. On the first bead, say one "Our Father".
3. Say one "Hail Mary" on each of the next three beads.
4. Say one "Glory Be to the Father".
5. At the beginning of each decade, announce the Mystery to be contemplated. For example, the first Joyful Mystery is "The Annunciation". After a short pause for reflection, say one "Our Father" on the large bead.
6. Recite ten "Hail Mary's" on the ten smaller beads, followed by one "Glory be to the Father". An invocation may be added after each decade.
7. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same manner until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group is said.
8. Conclude by saying the "Hail Holy Queen". At the end of the Rosary, the "Prayer to St. Michael" or some other Marian prayer is recited.

4th
Mystery

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

2nd
Mystery

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Mysteries of the Rosary

The Joyful Mystery (Monday and Saturday)

1. Annunciation: The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And, now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High...” (Luke 1:30-32)
2. Visitation: Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and exclaimed in a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:41-42)
3. Birth of Jesus: The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)
4. Presentation In The Temple: Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, “...my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all the people...” (Luke 2:28, 30-31)
5. Finding our Lord in the Temple: After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (Luke 2:46-47)

The Luminous Mystery (Thursday)

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan: And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:10-11)
2. The Wedding Feast of Cana: Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God: Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” (Mark 1:14-15)
4. The Transfiguration: While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ...And from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!” (Luke 9:29, 35)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:26-28)

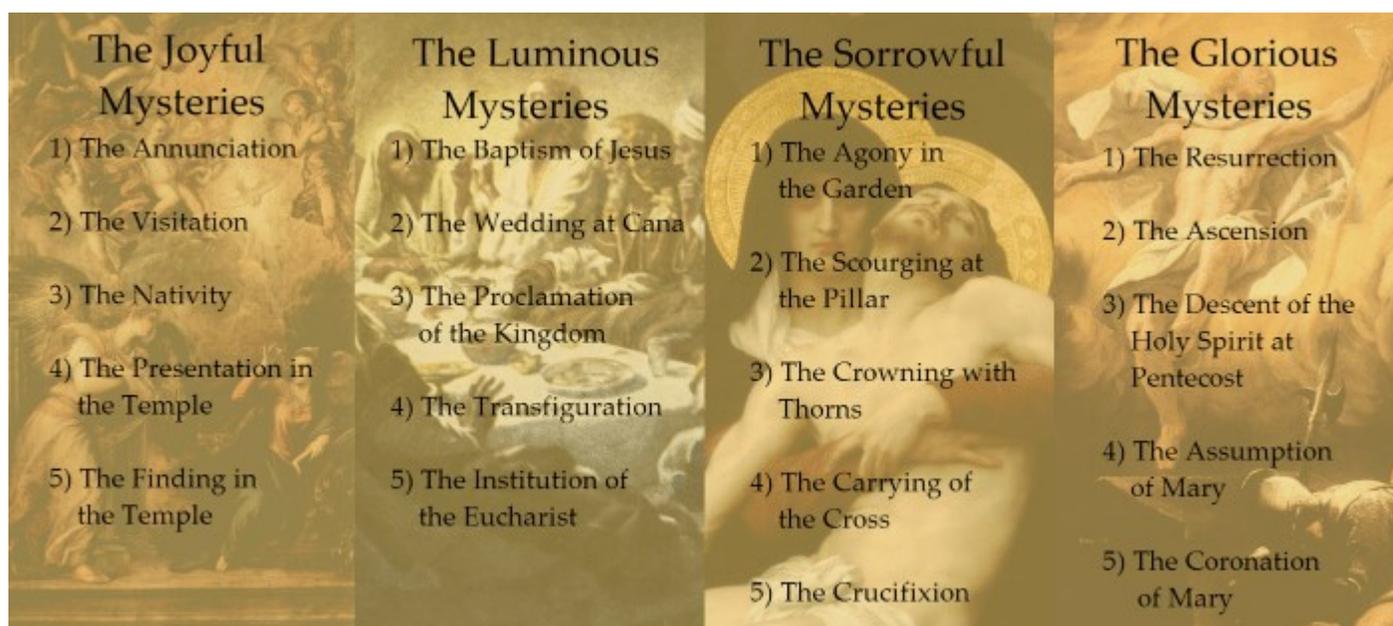
The Sorrowful Mystery (Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden: Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” (Luke 22:41-42)
2. The Scourging at the Pillar: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barrabas for them; and after flogging Jesus, handed him over to be crucified. (Mark 15:15)

3. The Crowning With Thorns: The soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him: “Hail, King of the Jews!” (Mark 15:17-18)
4. The Carrying of the Cross: Then Jesus said to them all, “If you want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)
5. The Lord’s Death Upon The Cross: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2:8-9)

The Glorious Mystery (Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection of the Lord: Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life. (Romans 6:4)
2. The Ascension into Heaven: So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the Good News everywhere. (Mark 16:19-20)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4)
4. The Assumption of Mary: And Mary said, “...Surely, from now on all the generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” (Luke 1:48-49)
5. The Crowning of Mary in Glory: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” (John 19:26)



Prayer of the Faithful for Sunday, May 3

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that He is the Good Shepherd who cared for us and that He is the gate through which we can gain entry to eternal life. We pray for the strength and perseverance to live by His commandments and earn the rewards which He has so generously promised us. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all those people throughout the world who are suffering from the Corona Virus and particularly for those in intensive care. We pray also for the sick and elderly who at this time are housebound, isolated and unable to see or be with their loved ones. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Prayer of
the Faithful*

A Spiritual Act of Communion for those Self-Isolating

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing is for healing of our minds and bodies. This Sacrament is available by making an appointment with the Parish Office. Please pray for healing before and after receiving this Holy Sacrament.

that you might

BE HEALED

Parish Records Update

If your address or family information has changed, please contact the Parish Office to provide the updated information. This will help us keep our records current. You can email your updated information to stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-634-2190.



St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extra ordinary communion minister visiting the sick and homebound? Would you like to be a part of a team that provides a lay presided service to our care homes on Sundays? Would you like more information? Please contact Connie Wheeler at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Matthew 25:36


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“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ (Acts 2:38)

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance.

Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Archbishop Don has a weekly video message available on the Archdiocese webpage at

<https://archregina.sk.ca/archbishops-office/archbishop-bolen-weekly>



COVID-19 Announcements from St. John the Baptist Parish

We are a Parish Family who serve, pray and look out for each other, so with that in mind, we have made some changes to how our Parish Office will operate daily.

1. Our Office will be open Monday to Friday from 10am-2pm, including lunch hour.
2. The inner door will remain locked.
3. Anything you would like to drop off, including donations, can be placed on the table in the vestibule.
4. If you are in need of assistance or have any concerns, you can contact us at 306-634-2190 anytime, day or evening.

God Bless!!



Keeping Updated

If you would like to receive updates and faith resources from St. John the Baptist Parish during this time, please contact the Parish Office to give us your email address by emailing stjohthebaptist@sasktel.net or by phoning at 306-634-2190.

Also, if you need assistance or have any questions for us, please call the Parish Office at the number above. Messages will be checked regularly.