



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH  
FAITHFUL • WELCOMING • FAMILY

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.

*Welcome*

*We are so glad you joined us today!*



**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9am - 2pm (open during lunch hour)

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**September 12 & 13, 2020**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Tuesday: 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday: 9am

**Sacraments**

Anointing: Contact the Pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor

8 months in advance

**Address: 109 12th Avenue, Estevan SK S4A 1C9 Phone: (306) 634-2190 Fax: (306) 634-6845**

## Bible Study

We are so excited about the next Bible Study on “Psalms: School of Prayer” beginning on **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance?

The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God’s loving and wondrous deeds for us. *Psalms: The School of Prayer* is an eleven-week Bible study that will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

**Watch the preview by clicking on the following link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGcCk&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um4gWjHGcCk&feature=emb_logo)



Participants of *Psalms: The School of Prayer* will meet every Thursday to view an engaging video presentation followed by a question and answer group discussion. Our *Psalms Bible Study* will begin on Thursday, September 24, 2020. There will be two sessions, one at 1:30pm and the other at 7:00pm. The sessions will end on December 3, 2020.

The registration will be limited to 30 people per session due to the Covid restrictions, so you’ll want to register early for *Psalms*. It’s going to be great!

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in this bulletin, and on our website. Completed registration forms along with the \$60.00 registration fee can be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass, dropped off at the Parish Office or you may call the Parish Office to make arrangements to register.

**Please read the Directives for Attending Bible Study found on the following pages.**

**If the Covid-19 directives from the Provincial Government change due to a rise in cases, please be assured that we will continue with the Bible Study through some means. We are prayerfully working on a plan if this situation arises.**



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Estevan, SK

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### Directives For Attending the St. John the Baptist Parish Bible Study

**We are excited to be offering this Bible Study and can't wait to see you there!!**

All those attending the Bible Study do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.

#### Before Coming To The Study:

**You must do this self-assessment before you come to the Study. The self-assessment is subject to change depending on the current situation and it will be emailed to you each week before the session. When you arrive, you will be asked if you have completed the self-assessment. If you have not, you will be asked the following questions:**

- Do you have Covid-19 or do you live with someone with Covid-19?
- Have you been exposed to someone with Covid-19?
- Have you recently travelled outside of Canada?
- Do you have a fever, sore throat, cough, headache, aches and pains, chills, runny nose, loss of sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Have you been a part of a gathering of more people than the Province of Saskatchewan recommends?
- Have you recently travelled outside of the province? The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- Have you had family visiting your home from other areas of the province or country? If yes, we ask that you seriously consider where your company has travelled from and who they have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you will be required to wear a mask during the 14 days from when you company arrived in your home.

***If you answered yes to the first five questions, do not come to the Bible Study. Please contact Beckey Franke at 306-461-9559 to let her know you are unable to attend the session.***

## Entering The Church For Bible Study

- Only the front door of the Church will be unlocked.
- You will receive your workbook and nametag at the first session. Please bring this to every session. Otherwise, please keep what you bring with you from home limited.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the Parish Hall and you are also welcome to bring your own with you.
- All surfaces that are commonly touched will be disinfected after each session.
- Social distancing will be adhered to. The tables for each person will be set up 6 feet apart. Couples and family members can sit at the same table.
- Water bottles will be available as you come in for the session. We will not be offering coffee or tea during the sessions. A few candies will also be on each table.
- The sessions will begin with an introduction and opening prayer. Then we will watch the video followed by a question and answer period.
- **Please touch as little as possible.**

**All Directives are subject to change depending on the Covid-19 situation in our area.**

### **Holy Mass Updates**

We are truly blessed that our Church is open and we are grateful for all of our Parish Family who are looking out for each other and abiding by the directives that are in place. Please remember:



- You must sign up to attend a weekday or weekend Holy Mass. Please call, text or email Connie at 306-634-2190, 306-421-8447 or conniesjb@gmail.com.
- You must do the self-assessment before you arrive at the Church and have no symptoms of cough, cold, flu, or allergies. The self-assessment will be emailed to you the day before you are scheduled to attend a Holy Mass.
- The Province of Saskatchewan states that if you travel out of the province, you must self monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 for 14 days. During the 14 days, we ask that you seriously consider where you have travelled to and who you have been in contact with and whether it is safe for you to come to Church. If you decide that you are confident in coming to Church, you are required to wear a mask during your 14 day self monitoring.
- If you have had out of province company staying in your home in the last 14 days, you are required to wear a mask to church.
- Social distancing will be adhered to.
- If you would like a copy of the Directives for Attending Holy Mass, please contact Connie.

Your cooperation with all these items allows us to celebrate safely. Thank you!!

# Psalms

*The School of Prayer*



## STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name:

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Phone:

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Email:

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### REGISTRATION OPTIONS

**Participant Fee: \$60.00**

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cash? \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque? \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to:**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

Attending 1:30pm \_\_\_\_\_

Attending 7:00pm \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off your completed registration form, along with the registration fee, at the Parish Office or put in an envelope and place in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

To request financial assistance please email or call Connie at the Parish office at:

[conniesjb@gmail.com](mailto:conniesjb@gmail.com) or 306-634-2190



Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to learn more about  
*The Great Adventure™* Catholic Bible Study Program.

**St. John the Baptist Parish is building a Pastoral Care Team. Are you interested in joining this team as an extraordinary 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*



## **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.



### ***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 [stjohnthebaptist@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohnthebaptist@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.*

### **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.

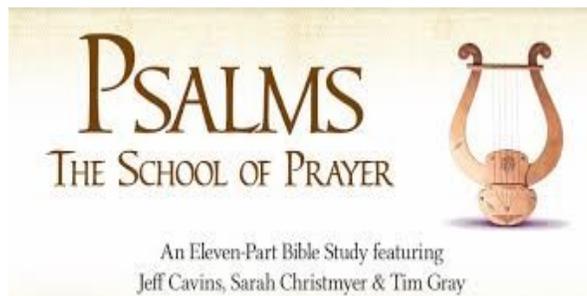
Amen.



### **Bible Study Testimonial from Dana Skjonsby**

"A couple years ago I made a New Year's Resolution to do more things outside of my comfort zone and when it was announced in church that a Bible study was being offered I figured that definitely fit in the category of being out of my comfort zone. The course was on the Book of Wisdom and it was a game changer for me. Every session had series of "A-Ha" moments like pieces of a daunting puzzle that were finally falling into place. Then I signed up for the next Bible study and another. I just couldn't get enough. It amazed me that as a person born and raised in the Catholic faith there was so much I didn't know! I am learning so much about my faith, my relationship with the Trinity, my purpose, about the Mass, and prayer.

I have so much more to learn and I am comforted knowing that I am on the journey that God predestined me to be on. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and join us on a journey through the Book of Psalms."



## Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, September 12 <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) †Bella Ganje 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) Special Intentions
Monday, September 14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	6:30pm Holy Mass † Deceased Family Members
Wednesday, September 16 <i>St. Cornelius &amp; St. Cyprian</i>	9am Holy Mass † Barbara MacLeod
Thursday, September 17 <i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>	9am Holy Mass Health of Darlene Geisel
Friday, September 18	9am Holy Mass †Jerry Wock
Saturday, September 19 <i>St. Januarius</i>	7pm Holy Mass
Sunday, September 20 <i>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i> <i>St. Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; companions</i>	9am Holy Mass 9am (Bienfait) Holy Mass (Bienfait Parishioners Only) Good Health for Albert Boire 11am Holy Mass 11am (Torquay) Holy Mass (Torquay Parishioners Only) † Evelyn Boire

**REMEMBER YOU MUST CALL OR TEXT CONNIE AT 306-421-8447 TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND A WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND HOLY MASS.**

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

Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
Wednesdays - Fridays at 9am  
Saturday at 7pm  
Sunday at 9am and 11am



### Birthdays and Anniversary Announcements

If you would like your birthday or anniversary announced in the bulletin and offered in the Prayers of the Faithful during the weekend Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office to supply your dates. For you wedding anniversary, you are also invited to have your marriage blessed at a weekend Mass. Again, please let the Parish Office know before the weekend Holy Mass.



### NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9am - 2pm



(Including Lunch Hour)

## Homily Corner

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



This is a recap of my homily from the previous weekend. This past Sunday's homily was on the readings for the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading was Ezekiel 33:7-9, the second reading was Romans 13:8-10 and the Gospel reading was Matthew 18:15-20.

The famous philosopher Aristotle said, "Man by nature is a social being."

Often times, we are self-centered and selfish. But we are called to be social beings. In the first reading, God talks to us through the prophet Ezekiel, telling us that when we see a sinner and we try to avoid them, of course the sinner will die in his wickedness and go to eternal damnation, but we will also be held answerable for his sins. But if we see a person living in weakness and difficulties and we try our best to help them, but they don't change, he will still die with his wickedness, but we won't be held accountable for his sins.

We can't live in isolation. When we don't care about others, we are wicked. How can we help others to be caring and social, faithful like us? The Gospel today tells us clearly, step by step. Our brothers and sisters are all the people of the world, not just our relatives or friends. If our brother or sister sins, we must talk to them one on one. If they do not see the need to change, we can't give up. We then should bring two or three witnesses who we think they will listen to. These witnesses should not be people that we think will side with us or agree with us, but they should be people who we truly think our brother or sister will listen to. If we do not win that person then, we still mustn't give up. We should then utilize the community. The community is those who are united in one common faith or belief. As a united, caring community, we should have fellowship with our brother or sister. We may win them then, but if we don't and we consider that person to be a gentile or heathen, the verses following the Gospel tell us what to do. We need to pray for our brother or sister unceasingly. Keep that fellowship and relationship with that person. Jesus tells us he will never abandon us and we must not abandon people either.

We also need to self-reflect regularly and find our own blind spots. We need to grow as disciples by continuing to remove sin from our own lives as well. We also need to remember that we are not called to judge our brothers and sisters. They don't have to be the same as us. We are called to be social, loving, caring disciples.

The last line of the Gospel is, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." This tells us that where only a few come together in Christ's name on earth, Christ who is risen and seated at God's right hand is present with them.

This week, as you spend time in quiet reflection, contemplate how you can be more social, more loving, more caring. How do I treat my brothers and sisters? Am I devoted to listening to God's word and helping my brothers and sisters?

See you next week as we reflect on the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

—Father Antony



Form H  
[Subsection 66 of the Act]

## Notice of Call for Nominations

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

**Board Member:**

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 140**

Number of elected: one (1) member for each Subdivision Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Will be received by the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Weyburn School Division Board Office, and during regular business hours on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Weyburn School Division Board Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

The Board Website: [www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca](http://www.holyfamilyrcssd.ca)

The Board Office at: Dominic Place #103-433 4<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Weyburn

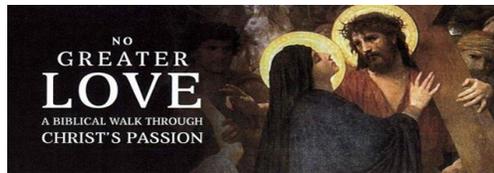
Please note that Calls for Nomination for school board members to represent the subdivisions within the City of Estevan and the City of Weyburn are done in conjunction with those municipalities. If you require further information, please contact the City of Weyburn or the City of Estevan.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020.

LISA WONSIK  
RETURNING OFFICER

### Lent 2020 Bible Study

Were you a part of the Lent 2020 Bible Study that was not completed because of Covid-19? We are happy to announce that we will be finishing this study in Lent 2021 for those who were previously registered. Watch for details after Christmas.



The Book of Psalms is used by every Catholic Church for every liturgy.  
There is not a liturgy without a Psalm.