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## July 2024

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Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the beautiful and vibrant summer months, I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. Summer is a time of renewal, a season for outdoor adventures, family gatherings, and basking in the warmth of the sun. It's a time when nature reveals its splendor, inviting us to step outside, breathe in the fresh air, and relish in God's magnificent creation.

To our beloved teachers, students, and children, this is a well-deserved break from the routines of the school year. I encourage you to embrace this time with joy and enthusiasm. Explore the great outdoors, partake in fun activities, and create lasting memories with your loved ones. Whether you're embarking on a new adventure, camping under the stars, or simply enjoying the peace of your own backyard, let this summer be filled with laughter, discovery, and growth.

However, amidst the excitement and relaxation, let us not forget our spiritual duties. No matter where your summer travels take you, it's important to stay connected with your faith and parish. Attending weekend Masses should remain a priority, ensuring that our spiritual nourishment continues uninterrupted.

Let us remember that our faith journey is not confined to the walls of our parish but extends into every aspect of our lives. As you enjoy the beauty of God's creation, take moments to reflect on His presence in your life.

Offer prayers of gratitude for the blessings you receive and seek His guidance in times of uncertainty.

Strengthen your bond with Him through daily prayers, scripture readings, and acts of kindness towards others.

May this summer be a time of spiritual growth as well as physical and mental transformation. Let the wonders of nature remind us of God's infinite love and the boundless grace He bestows upon us. May our hearts be united in faith and our spirits be uplifted and wishing you all a blessed and joyful summer filled with God's grace and peace.

In Christ's Love,  
Father Thuy

## St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesday, July 2	6:30pm Estevan; †Gennadiy Dvuzhilov
Wednesday, July 3	10:30am Hillview; No Mass Intention
Wednesday, July 3	11am Hospital; †Robert Cherlet
Thursday, July 4	9am Estevan; †Father Lucey
Friday, July 5	10:30am Funeral Mass for Leo Pelletier
Saturday, July 6	5pm Estevan; Healing for Ben Rey Maspequena
Saturday, July 6	7pm Torquay; Special Intention
Sunday, July 7	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 7	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 9	6:30pm Estevan; Special Intention for Romeo Melanson
Wednesday, July 10	11am Hospital; Special Intention
Thursday, July 11	9am Estevan; †Ernest Fleck
Friday, July 12	10am Creighton Lodge; †Arlene Anderson
Saturday, July 13	5pm Estevan; †Haritini Bethanis
Saturday, July 13	7pm Torquay; Special Intention
Sunday, July 14	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 14	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 16	6:30pm Estevan; CWL Member Intentions
Wednesday, July 17	11am Hospital; Special Intention
Thursday, July 18	9am Estevan; †Ernest Fleck
Friday, July 19	9am Estevan; †Colette Enmark
Saturday, July 20	5pm Estevan; †Emmanuel Mack
Saturday, July 20	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 21	8am Bienfait †Ron Wanner
Sunday, July 21	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Wednesday, July 24	11am Hospital; Special Intention
Thursday, July 25	9am Estevan; †Teresa Lee
Friday, July 26	10:30am Regional Nursing Home; Health of Carol Bazin
Saturday, July 27	5pm Estevan; †Cliff McKinnon
Saturday, July 27	7pm Torquay; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 28	8am Bienfait; No Mass Intention
Sunday, July 28	10am Estevan; Mass for the People
Tuesday, July 30	6:30pm Estevan; †Ernest Fleck
Wednesday, July 31	11am Hospital; No Mass Intention

Mass schedule is subject to change due to possible Funeral Masses

## World day for Grandparents and the Elderly

July 28, 2024

The elderly enter the promise land, which God desires for every generation, when they offer the young, the beautiful initiation of their witness. Then guided by the Lord Jesus, the old and the young together enter into his Kingdom of life and love

-Pope Francis



# My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my god.

-Psalm 63



## Happy Birthday

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Anita Le Nouail  
Sandra Bazin



## Happy Anniversary

Tim and Marliss Gallipeau  
Walter and Marlene Shurygalo  
Andre and Anita Le Nouail  
Dave and Karen Meckler



## Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday  
9am until 12pm

## Summer Holy Mass Schedule

Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Church  
1st Wednesdays at 10am at Hillview Manor  
Wednesdays at 11am at the Hospital  
Thursdays at 9am in the Church  
1st and 3rd Fridays at 9am in the Church  
2nd Fridays at 10am at Creighton Lodge  
4th Fridays at 10:30am at the Regional Nursing Home



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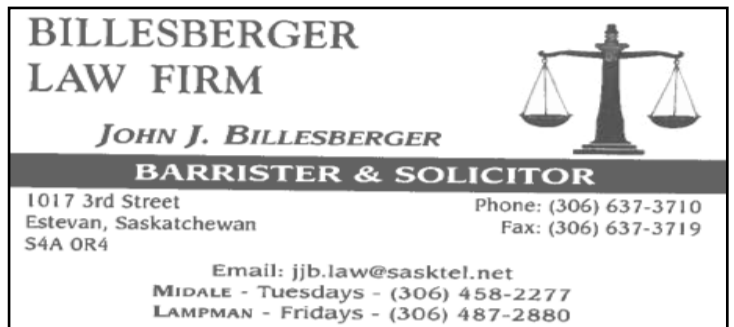
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## Meals on Wheels – July/August

We invite **St. John the Baptist Parish** to step aboard and join us with Meals on Wheels deliveries once again this summer.

**Meals on Wheels** plays a vital role in our community by providing hot nutritious meals to Estevan's seniors and shut-ins five days a week, 52 weeks of the year, enabling them to maintain their health and independence at home as long as possible. In addition to delivering a meal, volunteers provide a vital connection to the outside world for many people who are largely confined to their homes. Meals are picked up at 11:15 am from the hospital taking approximately 45 minutes to deliver.

We invite both new and long-standing volunteers to support this program in our city. To learn more, please contact Debbie Augey, Volunteer Coordinator at Estevan Area Home Care (306) 637-3630 [Deborah.Augey@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:Deborah.Augey@saskhealthauthority.ca)

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed



Deliver nutritious meals and share a smile with those in need.

Visit our website for volunteer opportunities in your area:

[www.saskhealthauthority.ca](http://www.saskhealthauthority.ca)



Contact your Volunteer Coordinator for more details:

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY UPDATE



We had an awesome Children's Liturgy year and are so blessed to have our youngest parishioners participating in this ministry! A huge thank you to our Children's Liturgy Leaders. Thank you for sharing your faith and inspiring our shining stars. Children's Liturgy will begin again in September.



The sun is shining, the gardens are growing and I am on holidays for the summer. As I enjoy the break, I wish all of you blessed, family filled days in the sun! To those of you who are travelling, stay safe. And to those of you who are staying home, enjoy the time to slow down. See you at the Holy Masses in July and August!

—Connie

## Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention July

For the pastoral care of the sick...

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.





The Catholic Women's League is holding a 50/50 Lottery. License # RR24-0035. The winner wins \$5,000.00 if all tickets are sold. Draw date is October 1.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Contact Sherry Baryluk at 306-421-6371 to purchase your ticket.

Thank you for your support!



### SJB Blessed Meals

Our Parish Family is offering homemade meals to seniors in our community.

**Our summer meal deliveries will be on  
July 6 at 11:45am  
August 10 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*



### Summer Adoration Schedule

During the summer, the Adoration schedule will be Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30am until 5:00pm.

Come spend some time in quiet prayer in the presence of Jesus.



COFFEE TIME

Please join us every Thursday for coffee in the Parish Hall following the 9am Holy Mass.

### Sacrament of Anointing

For those who are in the hospital or unable to come to the Church for the Sacrament of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office to set up a time.

After office hours, please contact Father Thuy at 306-570-7306



### 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.



### 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."