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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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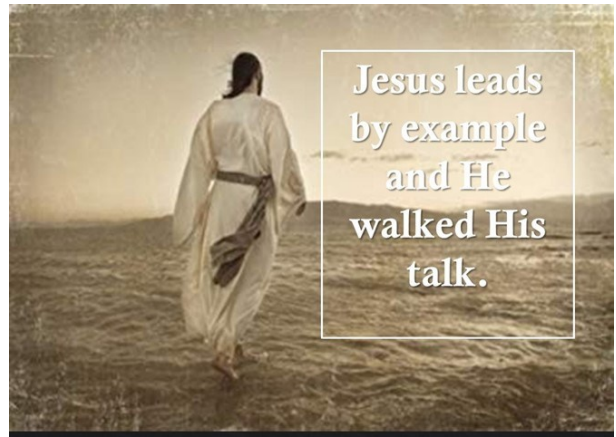
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**November 4 and 5, 2023**



Jesus leads  
by example  
and He  
walked His  
talk.

### St. John the Baptist Holy Mass Schedule

Sat. Nov. 4	5pm Estevan; †Helen Miller
Sat. Nov. 4	7pm Torquay; †Isabelle Baril
Sun. Nov. 5	8am Bienfait; †Simonne and †Allan Brown
Sun. Nov. 5	10am Estevan; Mass For The People
Tues. Nov. 7	6:30pm Estevan; †Mannie Mack
Wed. Nov. 8	11am Hospital; Offering of Thanksgiving
Thurs. Nov. 9	9am Estevan; †Rose Boyle
Fri. Nov. 10	10:30am Creighton Lodge; †John Bonokoski
Sat. Nov. 11	5pm Estevan; †Benedict Vincent Vinck
Sat. Nov. 11	7pm Torquay; In Thanksgiving Father Lucey
Sun. Nov 12	8am Bienfait; In Thanksgiving
Sun. Nov 12	10am Estevan; Mass For The People

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4:** Name Tag Weekend
- Nov. 4:** 5:30pm K of C Charity Appeal Supper and Dance
- Nov. 6:** 1pm Music with Friends
- Nov. 6:** 1pm Funeral Choir Practice
- Nov. 7:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Nov. 7:** 7pm CWL Meeting
- Nov. 8:** 1pm Finance Council Meeting
- Nov. 8:** 6:30pm First Reconciliation Class
- Nov. 9:** 9:30am Coffee In The Hall
- Nov. 9:** 1:30pm Bible Study
- Nov. 9:** 7pm Bible Study
- Nov. 9:** 7pm SJB Choir Practice
- Nov. 13:** Parish Office Closed
- Nov. 14:** 6:15pm Benediction
- Nov. 14:** 7pm K of C Meeting
- Nov. 14:** 7pm Liturgy Meeting

*In you, Lord, I have found my peace - Psalm 131*

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Last weekend I was blessed to see our Parish Family in action at our Annual Fall Supper. The fundraising event brought together many of our parishioners who bought tickets, made donations and worked at the supper. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

As I served at the Fall Supper, I felt God's blessings all around me; the amount of people who attended, the joy of the workers, the relationships that grew, and the positive energy throughout the whole evening. As I said my evening prayers that night, the verse from 1 Thessalonians came to mind. Our Parish Family is encouraging one another and building one another up. We are caring for not just our own parish, but the whole community. We are building the Kingdom on earth. As your Pastor, I can't thank all of you enough. I am grateful for each of you and remember you all in my daily prayers. God Bless!

-Father Thuy



It is I, the Great I Am

Just as he forgave the lepers and made them whole, clean and full of joy, let us be the one who returns to offer Thanksgiving. We are all invited to spend one hour during the week in Thanksgiving for the great gift of the holy Eucharist.

Adoration is Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5pm. Please consider substituting or signing up for one hour per week for a month, a season or a year. Adorers needed for Tuesday at noon, and Fridays at 11 am & 1 pm. Everyone is welcome anytime to spend time with Jesus, physically present.



## Parish Retreat Renewing Our Parish: Praying, Reaching Out, and Welcoming

This Parish Retreat is an opportunity to explore the Mission of the Church and how we as the faith community of St. John the Baptist can carry out that mission in Estevan and the surrounding area. Through the sharing of information, moments of reflection and discussion, sharing and prayerful celebration, we will take time to examine our journey with Jesus Christ and with one another. Sacred Scripture, stories and song will provide us with the opportunity to deepen our faith relationships and express our faith. Wherever we are in our faith journey we are welcome and we rely on the inspiration of St. John the Baptist to help us prepare the way of the Lord. Each parishioner is invited to bring one friend to our gathering. Come and join us!

Father Doug Jeffrey, OMI from St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon will be our Retreat Leader. He was ordained at St. Thomas College, North Battleford, in June 1983. As an Oblate priest he has served his community and the Church in formation ministry, parish ministry, and community leadership. One of Father Doug's gifts is preaching Parish Retreats. He is an awesome, thoughtful, intelligent, compassionate speaker. We are so excited that he will be sharing his God-given talents with us!



The Retreat will be on the weekend of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe (November 24, 25 and 26). On Friday, our first session will be from 7pm until 8:15pm. On Saturday we will have sessions from 10am until noon, 1pm until 2:30pm and 3pm until 4:30pm. Father Doug will be preaching that evening at the 5pm Holy Mass. And on Sunday, Father Doug will also be preaching at the 10am Mass and we will end with our Annual Christ the King brunch following the Holy Mass.

## Archbishop's Appeal 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1st Reading: Mal 1.14b-2.2b, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 2.79b-9, 13 Gospel: Mt 23.1-12



It is hard to live consistently with life's many pressures and anxieties. There is always a temptation to behave one way in private and another in those areas where we desire acceptance, validation, praise. It takes courage to live out the faith, too. It is tempting to behave in a spiritual way at Church on Sunday but then to have no spiritual practice during the week. Your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal contributes to helping parishes run faith formation programs, such as the Lay Formation Program, where the expertise is given to those desiring to help build up the local church and to help with the formation of our congregations. Thank you for your contributions to the Archbishop's Appeal, they are deeply appreciated!

### APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS OF THE HOLY FATHER BENEDICT XVI

#### Prayer for the dead 32.

The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God (101) A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort you in the hope of glory.  
(cf. Rom 5:2; Tit 2:13)

**"The greatest among you will be your servant.  
For those who exalt themselves will be  
humbled, and those who humble themselves  
will be exalted."**

*Matthew 23:11-12*



### Important First Reconciliation Dates

Wednesday, Nov 8 at 6:30pm - Class in the Parish Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sofia Erana-Schmegelsky  
Brodie Kawecki  
Ken Anderson  
Bill Baryluk

### Make Music with Friends Jam Session!

Monday, Nov 6, 2023

1:00 – 4:00pm

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall  
109-12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Estevan



Fun and entertaining. Call 306-421-7538 for further information or just show up with your gear! Musicians, singers, dancers, and guests all welcome to attend.  
Light refreshments served.

### K of C and CWL Christmas Gala

The K of C and CWL Christmas Supper and Music will take place on Tuesday, December 5th following 5pm Holy Mass.

Tickets are available from Gen Fichter at 306 634-3059, Brenda Friess at 306 421-1898 and Lynwood Cundall at 306 421-7345.

Please purchase your tickers before Thursday, November 23rd.

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