



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!

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

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October 23 and 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Liturgy: 5pm

Sunday Liturgy: 9am & 11am

Tuesday - 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday - 9am

Sacrament of Anointing: Contact the pastor

Marriage Preparation: Contact the Pastor
8 months in advance



Homily Corner

Last weekend, we celebrated the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading was Isaiah 53:10-11, the Responsorial Psalm was Psalm 33, the second reading was Hebrews 4:14-16 and the Gospel reading was Mark 10:35-45.

We continue in the month of October, living in gratitude, thanksgiving and remembrance of the many blessings we receive, focusing on an attitude of gratitude.

In the first reading, we hear the story of a Servant. During his lifetime, the Servant went unnoticed and was shunned. He endured great suffering, which people viewed as divine punishment for his private sins. Only after he died a shameful death and was buried among the wicked do his contemporaries realize that the Servant suffered for them, that it was the Lord's will that he bear their guilt, take their punishment, and thus justify them. His service was sacrificing. We see this in the great prophets. God called Moses, but he had many excuses as to why he couldn't serve the way God wanted him to. God told him to follow him. And just like he did with many prophets, God assured him that with him they could serve. God would be with them always. We too are called to serve. When we share our immeasurable gifts of God, he will multiply the blessings in our lives. This reading is about service and sacrifice. We are called to be not just faithful members of a family, but apostles, activated, serving and sacrificing. Jesus was called as a servant even though he was God. His service fulfilled the mission of God. His service was voluntary, but at the same time it was the will of God that Jesus had to sacrifice. Service always involves sacrifice. God will bless you when you serve with sacrifice because he has to. Your sacrifice is building the Kingdom.

Moses was not ready when God called him. Most of the prophets were not ready when they were called. And like the prophets, we are called, we are blessed, and God will be with us. Always remember that we are called to priest, prophet and king throughout our Baptism. We are called to serve within our Parish Family by serving in a ministry, in our family, in our community and the world.

As we reflect on the holy scriptures this week, we should ask ourselves: Are we ready to serve with sacrifice? How can we share our God-given gifts with our Parish Family, our family, our community and the world?

God Bless!

—Father Antony

Pastoral Care Workshop and Commissioning

Are you currently bringing the Holy Eucharist to someone in your home or family? We are so grateful for those who are providing this life-giving ministry. Are you part of our Pastoral Care Team or would you like to learn more? Please join us on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Father will be showing us, as extraordinary communion ministers, how to receive Jesus during Holy Mass. The ministry of communion for those who cannot participate in Holy Mass will be explained and you will be commissioned as well.

Following the commissioning, we will be working through a model team-presided lay ministry service. If you are curious about this life-giving ministry, please feel free to stay and join us. Contact the office at 306-634-2190 or text Gwen at 306-421-7933 for more information or to confirm your attendance. See you there!



Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist

We are taking registrations for two sets of Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist classes that will begin in October. If your child is in Grade 2 or 3 or older and you would like them to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist, please contact Connie at the Parish Office for more information.

Important Dates for Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Prep

Sunday, October 24 at 9am - Enrolment During Holy Mass

Sunday, October 24 at 11am - Enrolment During Holy Mass

Monday, October 25 at 6:30pm - Class (Session One) in the Church



PODCAST FRIDAYS

Join us early for the weekday Holy Masses on Fridays. We will be playing a podcast or video each Friday at 8:30am. Each week there will be a different topic from some dynamic Catholic leaders such as Bishop Robert Baron, Jeff Cavins, Father Mike Schmitz, Father James Mallon and others.

Take some time in your day to reflect and learn more about your Catholic faith.



Parking In Front Of The Church

As we look out for all our Parish Family members, please do not park in front of the main entrance of the Church. In order to keep everyone safe, this area should be left as a drop off zone for people with mobility issues, emergency vehicles, the Smile van, etc. Please note that the first parking spot in front of the Church is designated for accessible parking. Thank you for taking care of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Upcoming Events at St. John the Baptist Parish

Saturday, October 23	4:30pm Rosary
<i>St. John of Capistrano</i>	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 24	8:30am Rosary
<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment)
	10:30am Rosary
	11am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment)
Monday, October 25	6:30pm Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist Class in the Church
Tuesday, October 26	6:30pm Holy Mass Intentions for Paul & Katherine Banic & Family
	7pm Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, October 27	9am Holy Mass †Shannon Honan
	6:30pm Pastoral Care Workshop in the Church
Thursday, October 28	9am Holy Mass Health for Deanne Ganje
<i>St. Simon & St. Jude</i>	1:30pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall
	7pm Bible Study in the Parish Hall
	7pm Choir Practice in the Church
Friday, October 29	8:30am Podcast Friday
	9am Holy Mass Special Intentions of Martha Holzer
Saturday, October 30	4:30pm Rosary
	5pm Holy Mass
Sunday, October 31	8:30am Rosary
	9am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment)
	10:30am Rosary
	11am Holy Mass (Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist Enrolment)

St. John the Baptist Parish will be offering an All Souls' Day Holy Mass on

Tuesday, November 2 at 7pm.

We will be remembering all our loved ones who have passed away and especially honoring those who passed away this past year. As we prepare for this celebration, you are invited to call the Parish Office to have your loved one's name written in one of our Memory Books. These books will be placed on the altar during the All Souls' Holy Mass and we will continue to pray for deceased family and friends through the month of November.



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

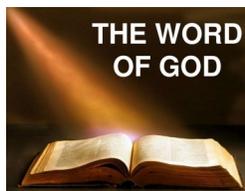
Reading for Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18

Second Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12.28-34



Bonifaz Nicolaz Elordz

Haley Dunville

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Riley Miller

Happy Birthday

So Very Thankful



"If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?"

— Ven. Pope Pius XII

THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

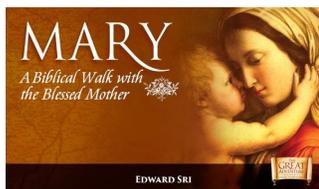
The Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all the faithful of the world, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God.

Our St. John the Baptist Parish Family will be praying the rosary together thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in October.



Bible Study

Please pray for our Bible Study participants and leaders. May our Parish Family be blessed as we seek to grow in love for our Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus.



Jesus encourages us, through the gospel, to trust God with all our hearts, to persevere and believe that good will come in the end. Giving with our hearts is trusting in God's providence, knowing that He will take care of us. Thank you very much to those who have already given. We are very grateful. For those still undecided, please prayerfully consider making a donation this year.



The Archbishop's Appeal provides support to a wide variety of community outreach programs such as Catholic Family Services, Native Ministry and Visitation House to name a few. These programs assist people in the community who need a variety of supports. By providing them help we can live what Jesus taught us about helping each other. Your support for the Appeal means the Archdiocese can continue to run the programs and make life a little better for our brothers and sisters.

October is the Month of Thanksgiving at St. John the Baptist Parish

As our Parish Family continues to celebrate Thanksgiving, this week we are focusing on a tip from Jeff Cavins for cultivating gratitude in our lives.

Thank God in the midst of adversity.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul said it this way, “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Paul didn’t just say these things, he modeled them. He modeled this attitude when writing from prison in Philippians 1:3, when he said, “I thank God in all my remembrance of you.” Are you going through adversity in your life right now? With your health, your finances, your relationships, your schooling, at your job, with your emotions? Give God thanks for all that you have. Show an attitude of gratitude in the midst of adversity. What do we do in tough situations? We thank God. That’s what Israel did over and over when they were in tough situations where it looked like they weren’t going to be victorious. The choir came out and started to thank God.

By rejoicing in our suffering, when we are grateful in our suffering, we are united to Christ’s suffering and we join the redemptive mission of Christ. Gratitude in our suffering helps to redeem the world.



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and it is the foundation of all the other sacraments. Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist follow and build upon your baptism. We look forward to journeying with your family as you prepare to baptize your child. Pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call Connie at the Parish Office at 306-634-2190.

The following is the schedule for the January session:

Monday, January 24 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, January 30 at 9am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Monday, January 31 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, February 6 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

The following is the schedule for the June session:

Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, June 5 at 11am - Presentation of the Parents during Holy Mass

Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm - Prep Class

Sunday, June 12 at 11am - Holy Mass followed by the Baptism Celebration

