

PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH BULLETIN



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcoming New Parishioners

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family.

We would like to get to know and serve you.

In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

In this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents to us the *Parable of the Talents* (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Before setting off on a journey, a man gives his servants talents, which at that time were coins of considerable value: he gives five talents to one servant, two to another, one to another, to each according to his ability. The servant who had received five talents was resourceful and he traded with them, earning another five. The servant who had received two behaved likewise, and acquired another two. However, the servant who had received one dug a hole in the ground and therein hid his master's coin.

Upon the master's return, this same servant explained to him the reason for this action, saying: "*Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground*" (vv. 24-25). This servant did not have a trusting relationship with his master, but was afraid of him, and this hindered him. Fear always immobilizes and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus end up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith.

This parable helps us understand how important it is to have a true concept of God. We must not think that he is a cruel, hard and severe master who wishes to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us our life cannot be fruitful, because we will live in fear and this will not lead us to anything constructive. On the contrary, fear paralyzes us; it causes our self-destruction. We are called to reflect in order to discover what our idea of God really is. Already in the Old Testament he revealed himself as "*a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*" (Ex 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God is not a severe or intolerant master, but a father full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. Therefore, we can and must have immense faith in him.

Jesus shows us God's generosity and care in so many ways: with his words, with his gestures, with his welcome toward everyone, especially toward sinners, the little ones and the poor, as today — the first World Day of the Poor — also reminds us. But he also does so with his admonitions, which show his interest so that we do not pointlessly waste our life. Indeed, it is a sign that God has great esteem for us: this awareness helps us to be responsible people in all our actions. Therefore, the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account.

May the Blessed Virgin intercede for us, so that we may remain faithful to the will of God, cultivating the talents that God has given us. Thus we will be helpful to others and, on the last day, we will be welcomed by the Lord, who will invite us to take part in his joy. (PopeFrancisAngelus)

Sacraments

Baptism:

Last Sunday of the month at mass. Please the parish office for more info and registration.

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office at least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. After Hours for Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

Sunday Masses

Sat 05:00 PM English

Sun 09:00 AM English

11:00 AM Bilingual

Weekday Masses

Tue 8:30 AM Church

Wed 6:00 PM Church

Thu 6:00 PM Church

Fri 8:30 AM Church

1st Friday of the Month

9:00-10:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	14-Nov	5:00 PM	RIP George Bulger—Rachel and Family
SUNDAY	15-Nov	9:00 AM	RIP Noel Vansevenandt—Family
	15-Nov	11:00 AM	Parishioners
TUESDAY	17-Nov	8:30 AM	RIP Leon Shayes—Cecille
WEDNESDAY	18-Nov	6:00 PM	RIP Victor Zadunayski—Bert and Shirley Sabourin
THURSDAY	19-Nov	6:00 PM	RIP Isabella Holterhus—Arnorld and Madeliene Holterhus
FRIDAY	20-Nov	8:30 AM	RIP Michelle Goulet— Mom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READERS The 2020 Workbook for Lectors is now available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00 and is now available for purchase at the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Evelyn Balanquit. Those that are infected by Covid -19 and all those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

MIDNIGHT MASS and CHRISTMAS DAY MASS Schedule

Due to Covid-19 we will be putting on the registration for the Midnight mass and Christmas Day early. We will be asking you to please register ahead so that we can plan well the celebration. We are also appealing volunteers that will help us in the cleaning and sanitation, ushers and greeters. The schedule of the mass are the following: **5:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 9:00 PM and 11:30 PM**

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Sunday offering envelopes will be ready for pick next weekend. Those that are registered for the weekend masses your envelopes will be given to you at the Church. All other envelope holders your boxes will be available for pick up at the office. **Please do not use these envelopes till 2021.** If you do not currently have envelopes and would like one please call the parish office.

“We are Ordering Perpetual Care Scrolls “

January 5 2021, St Jean Baptiste will afford the parishioners the opportunity to ensure your legacy with a **Perpetual Care Scroll**, in your name , or in memory of a loved one. It will be mounted on the Wall of Perpetual Care located in the St Jean Baptiste Cemetery. Cost for each Scroll is \$500.00 , receipts will be issued. Make cheque’s payable to **St Jean Baptiste Parish Perpetual Care**. For More Information: Call Lil Boddez 780 939 3259 or email glboddez@shaw.ca

Sunday Missal for 2020-2021

We have received the New Missal for the Year 2020-2021! We ordered less than half we normally order as we cannot put them in the pews. If you would like to have a copy they will only be available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$5.00

Eucharistic Session

Just an update in regards to the First Eucharist Session. We will be **condensing the material into two sessions** rather than six. Parents will need to work alongside their child to ensure a successful understanding of the sacrament of the First Eucharist. The dates are as follows **Tuesday November 17 and November 24 6:30-8:30 pm in the Church**. This will allow for social distancing. Saturday December 5 or Sunday December 6 – Group Celebration (a separate Mass for the children).

COVID 19 Protocol

To follow COVID 19 protocols, please ensure that you wear **mask to enter/exit**, wait to be seated upon arrival, sanitize

Pope Francis Intention for the Month of November:

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



11-Oct-20	COLLECTION	\$ 2,630
	RESTORATION	\$ 120
	CAMP ST. LOUIS	\$ 210

THANK YOU !