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June 24th, 2018

The Nativity of St. John The Baptist



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.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

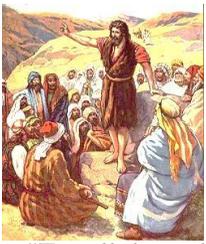
Marriage/Wedding:

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.



St. John The Baptist – June 24th

"Apart from the most holy solemnity commemorating our Savior's birth, the Church keeps the birthday of no other person except that of John the Baptist. (*The feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin had not yet been introduced.*) In the case of other saints or of God's chosen ones, the Church, as you know, solemnizes the day on which they were reborn to everlasting beatitude after ending the trials of this life and gloriously triumphing over the world.

"For all these the final day of their lives, the day on which they completed their earthly service is honored. But for John the day of his birth, the day on which he began this mortal life is likewise sacred. The reason for this is, of course, that the Lord willed to announce to men His own coming through the Baptist, lest if He appeared suddenly, they would fail to recognize Him. John represented the Old Covenant and the Law. Therefore he preceded the Redeemer, even as the Law preceded and heralded the new dispensation of grace."

- St. Augustine

John the Baptist spent his adult life preparing the way for Jesus, and proclaiming that "the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." He was born to Zachary and Elizabeth, an elderly married couple. The Angel Gabriel had visited Zachary and told him that his wife would bear a child, even though she was already past the child-bearing age. Elizabeth was Mary's cousin and Zachary was a priest of the Temple in Jerusalem. As a baby in the womb, John recognized Jesus' presence in Mary's womb when Mary visited Elizabeth soon after the Annunciation. Both women were pregnant at the same time. John was probably born at Ain-Karim, which is southwest of Jerusalem. As a young adult, he lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was 30, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan, calling for repentance and baptizing people in the river waters. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John recognized Jesus as the Messiah and baptized Him, saying: "It is I who need baptism from you."

John continued to preach after Jesus was baptized, but was imprisoned not long after by Herod Antipas, after he denounced the king's adulterous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half-brother Philip. John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. Many came to know Jesus through John, namely the Apostles Andrew and John.

Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on June 23rd during the 5:00 pm Mass

Teagan Boddez, Samuel Colson, Isabella deChamplain, Bryn Fahlman
Ryan Ferrier, Anya Foremsky, Ella Hickey, Hailey Hoogland, Xavier Kidd, Hope Lutz,
Jack Lutz, Peyton McKay, Graesen Misiuk, Emily Murphy,
Cassie Northcott, Cohen Pelletier, Malisha Perera, Carter Power, Landon Preeper,
Shelby Richards, Ava Roy, Abigail Roy, Wyatt Schoenberger, Gracie Staver, April Stitsen,
Alexandra Tchir, Thomas Verwey, Logan Yarmuch



Many Thanks to Marlene Pelletier Debra Chateau – Lascelle and to the parents and grandparents who helped the children to prepare for their special day.

Children's Liturgy

This will be the last weekend for Children's Liturgy. There will be no Children's Liturgy during the summer months. See you in September! If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please call Lisa St. Onge at 780-9395185 we are in need of teachers and helpers so if you can offer your assistance please give Lisa a call or call the parish office.

Saints Peter and Paul



That Saints Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom under persecutions in Rome is virtually certain. The legends about their death lack historical proof, but they make a great story:

Fire broke out in Rome in 64 A.D. under Nero, the emperor-violinist. Housing and places of amusement were destroyed. The people grew angry at Nero, who blamed the Christians for the blaze and persecuted them. To placate the people in their continuing distress, Nero ordered the death of Christianity's two greatest leaders, Peter and Paul, in the year 67.

When Peter heard about the growing persecutions, he fled Rome. But he saw a vision of Jesus walking back toward the city of Rome. "Where are you going?" Peter asked. ("*Quo vadis?*") "To Rome, to be crucified again," Jesus mournfully replied. Peter, knowing he had to follow his master, turned about and went back to the city.

On the day of their execution, Peter and Paul met. Paul had been in prison in Rome, under house arrest. Since he was a Roman citizen he avoided the kind of death that awaited Peter — crucifixion in the city. Paul was to be beheaded outside the city walls. On June 29, Peter and Paul embraced on the Ostian Way. Peter marched north toward the public arena; Paul marched south outside the city gate. When Paul was beheaded, his head bounced three times. A spring of water gushed forth at each place. (The monastery of The Three Fountains stands on the site today. The residents make chocolate.) Since the main civic arena had been destroyed in the fire, Peter was crucified in a makeshift location. Claiming he was not worthy to be killed like his master, he was turned upside down on the cross. After he died, his body was buried in a pauper's grave. That grave is the site of the Vatican.

On June 29 we celebrate the apostle of the Jews and the apostle of the Gentiles. Together they brought the message of Christ to the world. So significant is their feast that in some countries it is a holy day of obligation. In the United States, when the feast falls on Sunday, it takes the place of the usual ordinary time liturgy. It helps us celebrate our mission to bring Christ to the world, no matter the cost.

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From the Diocese of St. Paul

1. With Joy and Gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd; The Diocese of St. Paul cordially invites you to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr. Mitch Goulet, Mr. Greg Ouellette, Mr. Ryan Sales, Mr. Joe Simangan. **By His Excellency Bishop Paul Terrio Bishop of St. Paul in Alberta** at the St. Paul Cathedral June 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. You are also invited to a banquet and fellowship immediately following the ordination at the St. Paul Senior Centre.

Telling Our Story From The Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is available at the back of the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
June 23 Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Ron Houle & Carol Jean	The Nativity Of St. John The Baptist
June 24 Sunday	9:00 am	RIP Anthony Lutz & Jeanette Girard – Richard & Angela	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
June 26 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP August Kieser & Denis Bachand – Celina & Sharon	
June 27 Wed	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Edward Ocado - Family	
June 28 Thurs	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Leon Schayes - Cecile	
June 29 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Andrew VanBrabant - Madeleine	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Romain Rousseau, Colette Klein. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Church Grounds – Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping weeding, planting , adding dirt to the flower beds and watering of the church and rectory grounds your hard work is much appreciated.



Volunteer List There is a volunteer sign- up sheet at the back of the Church for those who wish to volunteer for watering of the flowers around the church and parish office.

If you would like to volunteer please write your name down on the week you would like to volunteer. For more info feel free to call Donna at the Parish office.

Ministers List

The new Ministers list has been emailed to all the Ministers who receive e-mail. For those who do not there are photocopy versions available at the back of the church. For those who attend the 11:00 am Mass you will notice that there is a shortage of readers.

Catholic Family Life Conference

Catholic Family Ministries invites you to join us at the 23rd Annual Catholic Family Life Conference June 29-July 2 at Lac Ste Anne. The theme of the conference is “Living the joy of love”. It is our intention to use this opportunity to emphasize the beauty, truth and goodness of the teaching of the church on morality, marriage and family life. Archbishop Richard Smith and Archbishop Gerard Pettipa will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist throughout the weekend.

Collections for June 17th \$ 3,078.00 Restoration. \$ 260.00 THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels	- June 25 th , 8:00 am, Monday	- Church
Parish Council Meeting	- June 28 th , 6:00 pm, Thursday	- Office Boardroom