

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2018

Immaculate Conception

Major

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MASS TIMES: June & July

Major Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Luseland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Dodsland Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Attendants: June 30th

Readers	Christopher Cook	Aimée Stang
Offertory	Dan & Rose Cowan	
Wine Ministry	Jaclyn Patton	Cindy Chotowetz

WEEKDAY MASS: Weekday mass, Tuesday, June 26th at 7 p. m.

COLLECTION: \$425

GOSPEL READING – Luke 1:57-66, 80

Among the saints, John the Baptist is one of the great ones. On the Catholic calendar, only three people have a birthday celebration: Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist. In the icon tradition of Eastern Christianity, Jesus is often shown seated on his heavenly throne, with Mary on one side and John on the other, appealing to him on behalf of the needs of the world.

Yet John accomplished little. "He was in the desert" is about all we know of most of his life (Lk 1:80). He spent years being quiet and waiting. When God directed him to preach, large crowds gathered and his call to repentance had an impact on some people. But after a while, the crowds melted away.

In the end, he got a local ruler angry for rebuking him for sexual immorality; after some time in prison, he was executed. The words of today's first reading, "I thought I had toiled in vain," may have crossed his mind at the end.

But there was one tremendous thing John did. It can be summed up in a single word: "Look!"

One day as he was baptizing people in the Jordan River, John noticed Jesus in the crowd. To everyone gathered around him, John solemnly pointed to Jesus and said that he was the one God had sent as savior.

For centuries, prophets had spoken of the plans God had for the world. It was given to John to say that here is the one who will carry out the plans. It was for this that John was conceived and born, for this he was named and blessed at birth, for this he prepared his entire life.

John's role in salvation history is unique. But the celebration of his birthday reminds us that each of us has a unique calling. The words the liturgy applies to John apply to each of us too.

"The Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb" -- that's you and me. "Truly you formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" -- that's you and me. "John heralded his coming" -- that's Emily and Jason and Gina and Kateri and Karol and me, for pointing others to Jesus, each in our own way, is why we too were conceived and born.

"Look!"

THE REWARD PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage at Reward will be held on Sunday, July 8 with Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. (Please note corrected Mass time!). Beginning at 2:00 p.m. there will be adoration and confessions in the historic Holy Rosary Church, with Anointing of the Sick and praying of the Rosary before the 4 p.m. Mass July 8. Supper is available afterwards (freewill offering). The Holy Rosary Shrine site is located 3 kilometres south of Reward, SK (Reward is about 30 km southwest of Unity, SK, on Grid 675, south of Highway 14).

DONATIONS TO HELP FAMILIES

Donations of new children's pajamas and children's back packs - As part of a project to help fathers in prison improve parenting skills and stay connected to their families, the Office of Restorative Ministry in the diocese of Saskatoon is recording men reading bedtime stories to send to their children. The office is also seeking donations of new pajamas sizes 4 to 12, to accompany the bedtime stories, as well as small child backpacks (perhaps featuring popular themes such as Dora, Disney, Star Wars, super heroes, etc.) to carry the story DVD recordings and new pajamas. Please drop off donations at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, during regular hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or contact Dianne Anderson (306) 659-5845 for more information.

"A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

Movie Day Retreat for Youth ages 13 and Up will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 at the Shrine of the Blessed Martyrs Olympia and Laurentia, 215 Avenue M South, Saskatoon, hosted by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy youth office. Everyone is welcome. The day features a guest speaker on suicide and forgiveness, a movie, discussion, prayer, and more! Lunch will be potluck, please bring food to share. Contact Viktoriia by July 15 to register: uwitness2youth@gmail.com or call 306-914-0355.

IGNITE

July 29-Aug. 3 is a summer experience offered by FacetoFace Ministries for youth going into Grade 9 to graduating from Grade 12 - Grow in knowledge of Christ and the Church and be empowered to go forward striving for holiness. Details and registration online at: www.f2f.ca/ignite

MY SOUL STILL DANCES

My Soul Still Dances: Living with Parkinson's is a book written by Sister Adelaide Fortowsky, OSU, with Sr. Rosetta Reiniger, OSU, chronicling Sister Adelaide's journey from the time of her diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, until her death in July 2016 at the age of 86. This Ursuline Sister of Prelate drew on her decades of teaching, clowning, worship and life experiences to bolster her hopeful perspective on living with this debilitating illness. It was Sister Adelaide's faith in God that kept her living with vitality through the most difficult times, focusing on service to others with her "little acts of magic" to bring joy to those around her in the midst of coping with her own deteriorating health. This book can be purchased for \$19.95 (or \$25.95 with shipping and handling) by contacting Sister Rosetta Reiniger, 125 Cree Crescent, Saskatoon, SK S7K 7J1 or (306) 361-8034.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Zachariah's doubt gave way to faith.

His silence uttered deaf words: "John is his name."

Holy Spirit, let us not stand wordless when you tell us God's truth.

Let us trust it with whole hearts and souls, Let it give us joy and gladness, and may it shower praise of God and belief upon us. AMEN

BADLY NEEDED GLASSES By Joseph J. Mazzella

Beep! Beep! Beep! My arm swung over to my dresser and grabbed the alarm clock that had awakened me. I shut it off and pulled it to my face to see the hands pointing to 6 O'clock. Slowly I reached over and put it back down. I threw my covers off and swung my legs out of bed. I stepped over my still snoring beagle and stumbled into the bathroom. Then after I was done I walked back into the bedroom and started to get dressed. Something seemed off, though. Things didn't look quite right. Everything seemed fuzzy and out of focus. The world around me looked both blurry and scary. I rubbed my eyes thinking something was wrong with them. Then I realized what it was. I hadn't put my glasses on yet.

I wish I could say that this was the first time this has happened, but it isn't. Too often in this life I have rushed through my day, deprived myself of sleep at night, and woke up the next morning with a drowsy mind that wasn't working quite right. Still, I can laugh at times like this and use my forgotten glasses as a reminder to take better care of myself. There is another set of glasses, however, that I try never to forget. I try to remember them no matter how tired my mind and body are. These are the glasses of love. They help my heart and soul to see things clearly. They help me to see just how much God loves me. They help me to see how much I can love as well. They help me to see just how beautiful this world can be when we all love each other. They help me to live as I was meant to live. They help me to make this world a better place. And they help me to become the person God wants me to be.

Without love this world can look fuzzy and out of focus. It can seem blurry and scary. It can look alien and threatening. Yet, when you see through the eyes of love the world becomes warm and friendly. It is God's world. It is a world in which everyone is your brother or sister. Put on those badly needed glasses of love then. Let yourself see things clearly. Let yourself live a life of love, vision, and joy today, tomorrow and forever.