

OUR LADY OF FATIMA (REDVERS)
ST. MAURICE (BELLEGARDE)
ST. ANTHONY (STORTHOAKS)

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June 18, 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Redvers

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Caretaker
Coralie Wolensky



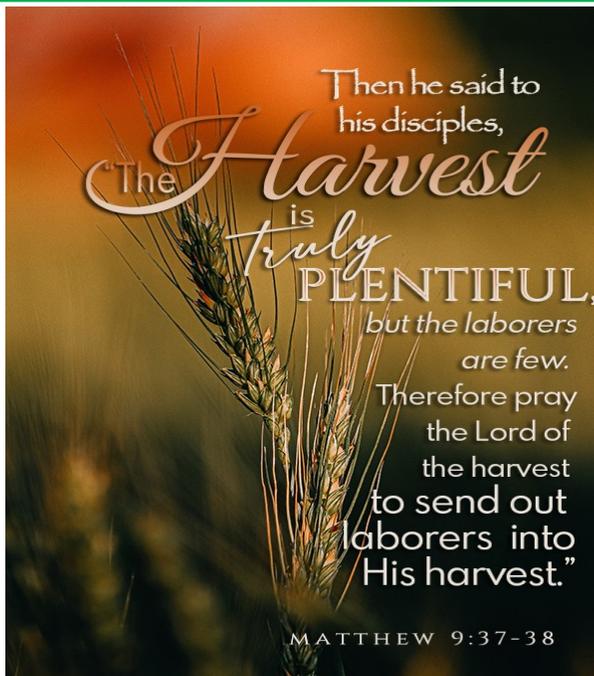
Bellegarde

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



Storthoaks

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Richard Chicoine: 449-2231
Parish Hall Bookings
Monique Dumaine: 449-2237



Mass Schedule

- Mon, June 19, 9:00 a.m.**
+Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion
- Tues, June 20, 7:30 p.m.**
+Nancy Bauche by Denis/Joanne Quennelle
- Wed, June 21, 9:00 a.m.**
+Richard Bauche by Aurele/Margaret Moreau
- Thurs, June 22, 7:30 p.m.**
+Fred Laval by Knights of Columbus
- Fri, June 23, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)**
+Deceased Family by Jeannine Belisle
- Sat, June 24, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)**
Pro Populo
- Sun, June 25, 9:00 a.m. (Bellegarde)**
+Lucien Garnier by Joe/Irene Poirier
- Sun, June 25, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)**
+Laurence/+Odette Cruywels by Jerome/Carol Poirier

Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

Sunday, June 25, 10:45 a.m.

- Hospitality**—Real/Jeanette Wolensky
Lectors—Ron/Janelle Martin
Collection—Con Carriere/Matthew Lemieux/Emile Magotiaux/Seth Poirier
Communion—Denis Quennelle

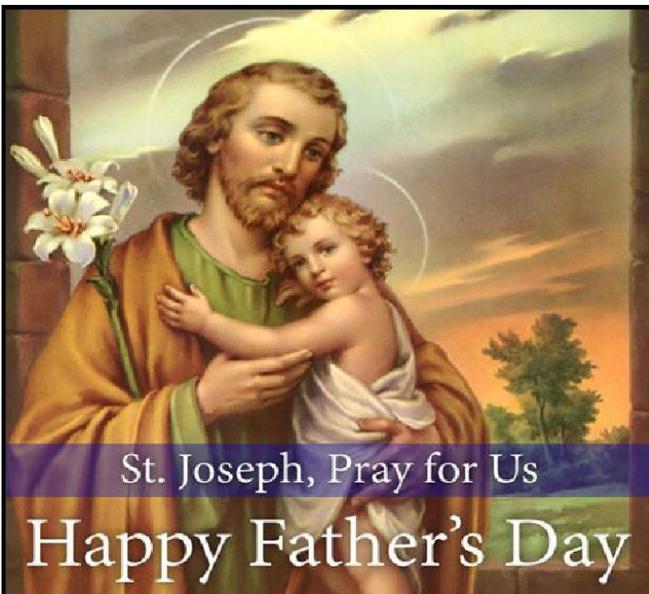
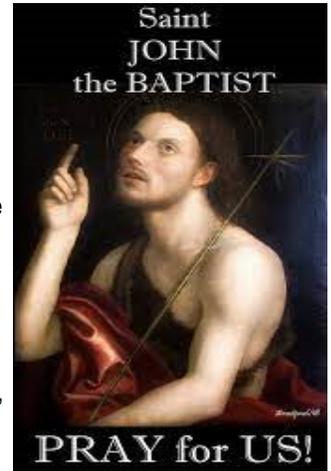
Meetings...

- ◆ Tues, June 20, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- ◆ Thurs, June 22, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—June 24

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).



John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias, especially for defending the sanctity of marriage.

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

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