

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30 & 31, 2014

### Sunday Liturgy

Saturdays: 5:10 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass

Reconciliation: Until 20 min. before Mass

### Weekday Liturgy

Monday to Saturday: 12:05 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:55 a.m.

### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday:

8:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Business Manager: John Hoffman

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

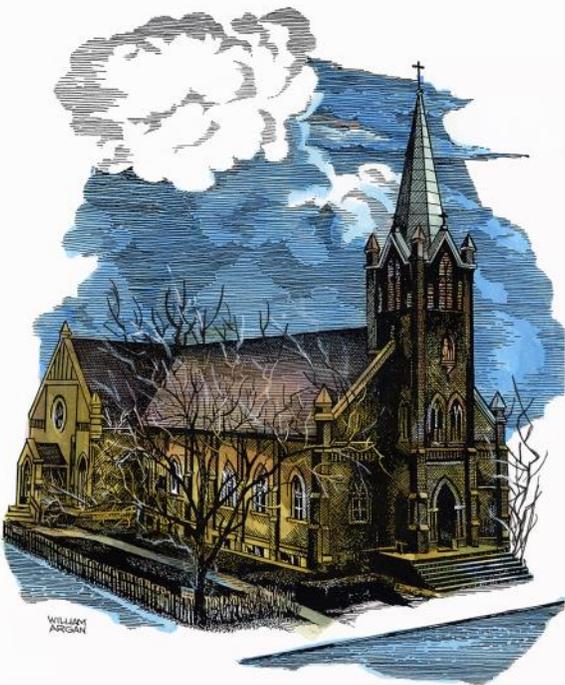
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

Building/Grounds: Jerry Spooner

Caretaker(s): Rod & Lilian Yaun



*Jesus & The Beloved Disciple  
at The Last Supper*



**Our Parish Mission:** We, the faith community of Blessed Sacrament Parish, seek to help those whom God has placed in our lives to experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus' disciples, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we strive to become living gospels of life through our daily loving choices to serve God, one another, our parish and our community.

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**My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.** The symbol of the cross is very significant. In today's Gospel reading Jesus is clear about the meaning of the cross. It is a symbol of dying to all selfishness. The cross of Jesus is also a constant reminder to us as persons and as communities of the need to adjust our attitudes and priorities regarding God and God in our neighbour. If we are to follow Jesus on the Way, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow in complete faith.

## Saturday, August 30: 5:10 pm

**Altar Servers:** Melchor & Frances Andes, Regina Hipolito  
Giuseppe, Giovanni & Giulanne Yaun

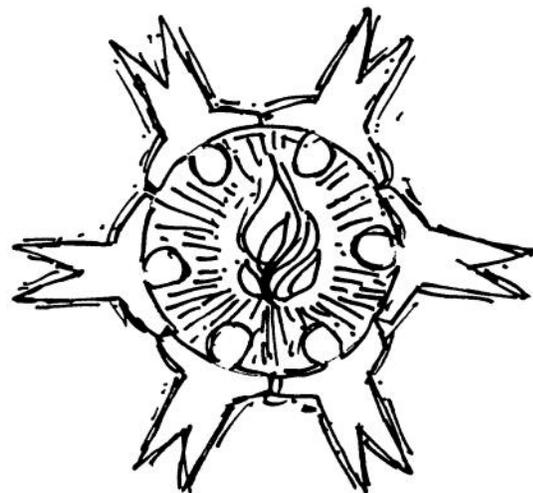
**Community Leader:** Jeanne Bonneville

**Lectors:** Helen Ball, Marvella Lovely

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rod Yaun, Helen Ball, Larry Ongsu

**Hospitality:** Paz Ongsu, Marilou Vey

**Bell Ringers:** Melchoir Andes & Family



## Sunday, August 31: 10:00 am

**Altar Servers:** Todd Pilon, Cristo Katas, Abigail Siapno,  
Angela & Katrina Paz, Jule Lobitana

**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn

**Lectors:** Denis Nacional, Rose Javier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dolores Dyck, Maria Alarcon, Terry Abadiano

**Hospitality:** Sharon Greer, Lancy Cheng

**Bell Ringers:** Garry Kuntz & Gordon Pilon

## Weekday Mass Intentions Celebrated at 12:05 p.m.

<b>Monday,</b>	Sept 1:	Consolacion Ravasco - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Olive & Ben Zatylny
<b>Tuesday,</b>	Sept 2:	Phyllis Kaip - Special Intentions, Requested by Eileen Sawa
<b>Wednesday,</b>	Sept 3:	Robert & Tillie Anwender - Repose of the Souls, Requested by Krause & Anwender Families
<b>Thursday,</b>	Sept 4:	Agnes Weinberger - Repose of the Soul Requested by Weinberger Family
<b>Friday,</b>	Sept 5:	Bernice Krause - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Krause & Anwender Families
<b>Saturday,</b>	Sept 6:	Catherine Eberle - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Agnes Weinberger

## Weekend Mass Intentions Celebrated at 5:10 p.m.

<b>Saturday,</b>	Sept 6:	Kay & Hugh Calverley—Repose of the Souls,
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## Night Fever at Blessed Sacrament — September 6, 2014



Night Fever Outreach takes place in many communities around the world ... An young adults initiative from the Archdiocesan youth group. Night Fever will take place in Blessed Sacrament church during the Christian music festival in Victoria Park. The Night Fever outreach event **starts at 7:30 p.m. with exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. Designated young people will be present for constant prayer and adoration. There is appropriate praise and worship music being played by young people inside the church. The music is also piped out to speakers set up outside the church. The doors of the church are propped open. Benediction at 10:00 p.m. completes the event. For more information visit the Night Fever global home page at <http://en.nightfever.org/?i=341>

# STEWARDSHIP A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE

A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship—10th Anniversary Edition

(Part 11—this reflection will be updated every second week)

## II. JESUS' WAY

### THE STEWARD'S REWARD

People trying to live as stewards reasonably wonder what reward they will receive. This is not selfishness but an expression of Christian hope. Peter raises the question when he says to Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you" (Mk 10:28). Christ's response is more than Peter or any other disciple could reasonably hope or bargain for: There is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come. (Mk 10:29-30)

That is to say: Giving up means receiving more, including more responsibility as a steward; among the consequences of living this way will be persecution; and even though discipleship and stewardship set the necessary terms of Christian life in this world, they have their ultimate reward in another life. Start, though, with the here and now. To be a Christian disciple is a rewarding way of life, a way of companionship with Jesus, and the practice of stewardship as a part of it is itself a source of deep joy. Those who live this way are happy people who have found the meaning and purpose of living.

For a long time religious believers—to say nothing of those who do not believe—have struggled with the question of what value to assign human activity. One solution is to consider it a means to an end: do good here and now for the sake of a reward in heaven. Another solution passes over the question of an afterlife: do good here and now for the sake of making this a better world.

Vatican Council II points to a third solution. It recognizes that human activity is valuable both for what it accomplishes here and now and also for its relationship to the hereafter. But, more important, it stresses not only the discontinuity between here and now and hereafter, but also the astonishing fact of continuity. God's Kingdom already is present in history, imperfect but real (cf. Mt 10:7; Lumen Gentium, no. 48; Gaudium et Spes, no. 39). To be sure, it will come to fulfillment by God's power, on his terms, in his own good time. And yet, by their worthy deeds in this life, people also make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom. They do so with an eye to present happiness and also to the perfect fulfillment which the Kingdom—and themselves as part of it—will enjoy in the life to come. The Council, therefore, teaches that the purpose of the human vocation to "earthly service" of one's fellow human beings is precisely to "make ready the material of the celestial realm" (Gaudium et Spes, no. 38).

In Christ, God has entered fully into human life and history. For one who is Christ's disciple there is no dichotomy, and surely no contradiction, between building the Kingdom and serving human purposes as a steward does. These are aspects of one and the same reality—the reality called the Christian life. God's Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom, subject to decline and decay; it is the everlasting Kingdom of the life to come. But that "life to come" is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now. And after people have done their best, God will perfect human goods and bring about the final fulfillment of human persons. "The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Rev 22:3-5)

**"As each one of us has received a gift, used to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1Peter 4:10)."**

### Financial Update:



	Collection Actual	Target Collection	August Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Sunday Collection - Aug 3rd	\$3,827.20	\$6,297.00	(\$2,469.80)	(\$55,456.60)
Sunday Collection - Aug 10th	\$3,094.60	\$5,692.00	(\$2,597.40)	(\$58,053.90)
Sunday Collection - Aug 17th	\$3,142.95	\$5,238.00	(\$2,095.05)	(\$60,148.95)
Sunday Collection - Aug 24th	\$3,092.20	\$3,644.00	(\$551.80)	(\$60,700.75)
Building Fund 2014 Projects	0.00			(\$76,280.00)

**Thank you for your donation!**

**Regular Collection Target** based upon 2014 operating expense budget approved by Blessed Sacrament Parish Finance Council.  
**Construction Projects 2014** = Replace Church & Rectory Boilers with High Efficiency Water Boiler System (\$181,280.00) + Church Windows — Project deferred to 2015 because installation contractor is too busy.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Blessed Sacrament — October 2014 to Easter 2015**



The RCIA or “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” is “A Journey of Faith” and “A Process of Conversion.” The essence of Christianity is the experience of grace, the experience of the Presence of God in Our Midst, the experience of God’s love, God’s forgiveness, God’s caring manifested or made “touchable” in our service to one another. This Journey of Faith includes not only periods for making inquiry and for maturing, but also the steps marking the catechumens’ progress, as you pass, so to speak through another doorway or take the next step to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin in October and continue until Easter, with a break for Christmas. We will meeting once per week for roughly and 1.5 hours. If you:

- (1) Have never been Baptized and would like to explore the Catholic Faith?
- (2) Were Baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to see what the Catholic Church has to offer?
- (3) Were Baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?
- (4) Have received the sacraments but were never able to participate in any formal religious education?
- (5) Have an interest in supporting the participants as a sponsor?

Taking part in this process carries no obligation to join the Church, receive the sacraments or make any other commitment. Those decisions are highly personal and made only after careful study, reflection and prayer.

**To register** please contact Fr. Barry by phone 306-522-7422 or by e-mail at [frbarry@sasktel.net](mailto:frbarry@sasktel.net).

### **St. Peter Parish Fundraiser Supper**

"The St. Peter Parish Social Justice & Communications Committee cordially invites all parishioners and friends from other parishes to a Fundraiser Supper to cover some of the expenses for the newly installed lighting system and other renovations within the parish complex.

Date: Saturday September 6, 2014. Supper

Time: 6:30 p.m. after the 5 p.m. Mass.

Venue: St. Peter Parish Hall.

Cost: \$25/adult; 8-14yrs = \$12:00; Students 15yrs - 20 = \$15:00, Ages 0-7 yrs = Free.

There are prizes to be won. We will provide supervision for children in the Slezak Hall.

### **Celebrate Lives**

Wish your friends and family Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, Happy Anniversary of Ordination or post a loved ones’ obituary or funeral announcement on the new “Celebrate Lives” page on the diocesan web site.

### **Marriage Preparation Facilitators**

Catholic Family Services is looking for a married couple to facilitate 2-3 weekend Marriage Preparation courses per year. We are looking for a couple who has been married for a minimum of 2 years and practicing Catholics. Training is provided. An honorarium is provided for the weekend. Please contact Coleen @ (306) 525-0521

### **Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop**

will be offered on Monday afternoon 2:00 pm and also in the evening at 7:00 pm beginning September 8, 2014 at Cathedral Courts (Room 108), 3225-13th Ave. The class offered in the evening will be a repeat of the afternoon. The complete course is 8 weeks. The cost is \$60.00. For more information call 306 352 6981 (Sister Claire) or email [himboclaire@gmail.com](mailto:himboclaire@gmail.com)

### **The Lay Ministry Formation Program**

is now accepting applications for the fall of 2014. If you want to learn more about our church and grow in your faith come and join us at St Michael's Retreat, one weekend a month for 9 months. Space is limited. For more information check out the archdiocesan website.

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church:**

#### **Pillar II "The Sacraments"**

In this 12 part study, you will learn about the power and purpose of the sacraments and discover how these fonts of inexhaustible grace can transform your life, providing strength, healing, and hope. Begins Thursday September 11 at 7:00 pm at Resurrection Parish. For additional information and registration, visit <http://resurrectionparish.ca/spiritual-growth/bible-studies-and-retreats.php>