

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Third Sunday Advent

December 13 & 14, 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.

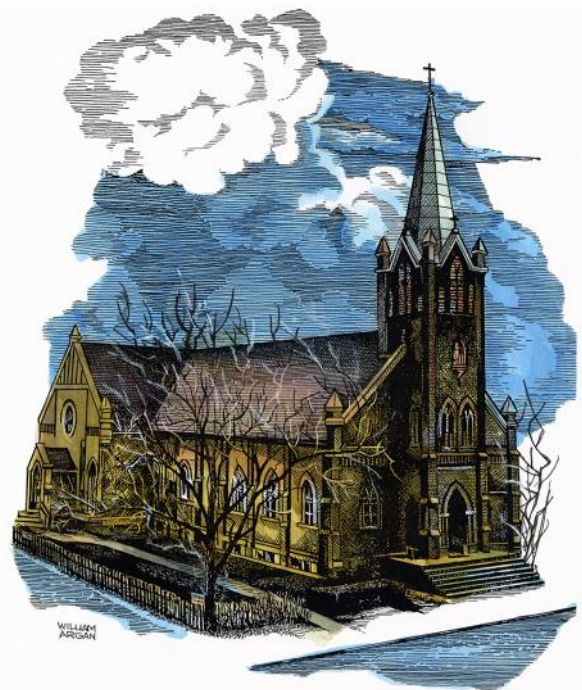
### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Business Manager: John Hoffman

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

Music Director: Gaétan Hammond



**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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**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.** Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin for rejoice). The readings focus on joy and rejoicing. In today's Gospel our attention is drawn to John the Baptist, our Advent prophet. John is a man who is totally faithful to the mission given to him by God. His mission was to point to Jesus Christ, the Messiah. That too, is our mission. We also are an Advent people, called by God, to testify to the light...to make straight the path that leads to the Messiah.

## **Saturday, December 13: 5:10 pm**

**Altar Servers:** Giuseppe, Giovanni, & Giulanne Yaun  
Cristo Katas, Todd Pilon

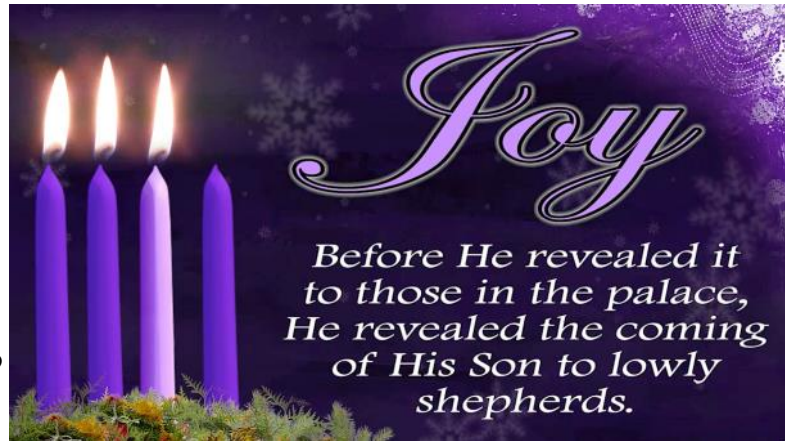
**Community Leader:** Lorraine Vincent

**Lectors:** Helen Ball, Jeanne Bonneville

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rod Yuan,  
Ernesta Pagaduan, Irene Mclean

**Hospitality:** Irene Maclean, Paz Ongsu

**Bell Ringers:** Vacant



## **Sunday, December 14: 10:00 am**

**Altar Servers:** Melchor & Frances Andes,  
Joshua, Thomas & Patrick Ravasco, Abigail Siapno

**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn

**Lectors:** Richard Alejandria, Joseph Alejandria

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marley Brcic, Dennis Nacional, Gloria Rivero

**Hospitality:** Lancy Cheng, Sharon Greer

**Bell Ringers:** Vacant

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

<b>Monday,</b>	Dec 15:	Souls in Purgatory, Requested by Duyen Nguyen
<b>Tuesday,</b>	Dec 16:	Bernice Krause - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Krause & Anwender Families
<b>Wednesday,</b>	Dec 17:	So Vu - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Tram Vu
<b>Thursday,</b>	Dec 18:	Agnes Weinberger - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Weinberger Family
<b>Friday,</b>	Dec 19:	Rita Perras - Repose of the Soul, Requested by Anwender & Krause Families
<b>Saturday,</b>	Dec 20:	Souls in Purgatory, Requested by Tram Vu

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

<b>Saturday,</b>	Dec 20:	Chess (Erma) Dempsey - Repose of the soul, Requested by Gerald Dempsey
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**Sacrament of The Sick:** The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered at the 3rd Sunday of Advent Masses. This anointing with the Oil of the Sick blessed by Archbishop Bohan at the annual Chrism Mass is provided to individuals who are suffering with an infirmity, long term illness or are experiencing a need for healing and strength; be it physical, spiritual, emotional or psychological.

## **Blessed Sacrament Christmas & New Year Masses**

Christmas Eve	December 24	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	December 25	10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve	December 31	7:00 p.m.
New Year's Day	January 1	10:00 a.m.

# STEWARDSHIP A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE

A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship—10th Anniversary Edition

(Part 19—this reflection will be updated every second week)

## IV. Stewards Of The Church

### EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

In various ways, then, stewardship of the Church leads people to share in the work of evangelization or proclaiming the Good News, in the work of catechesis or transmitting and strengthening the faith, and in works of justice and mercy on behalf of persons in need. Stewardship requires support for the Church's institutions and programs for these purposes. But, according to their opportunities and circumstances, members of the Church also should engage in such activities personally and on their own initiative.

Parents, for instance, have work of great importance to do in the domestic church, the home. Within the family, they must teach their children the truths of the faith and pray with them; share Christian values with them in the face of pressures to conform to the hostile values of a secularized society; and initiate them into the practice of stewardship itself, in all its dimensions, contrary to today's widespread consumerism and individualism. This may require adjusting the family's own patterns of consumption and its lifestyle, including the use of television and other media which sometimes preach values in conflict with the mind of Christ. Above all, it requires that parents themselves be models of stewardship, especially by their selfless service to one another, to their children, and to church and community needs.

Parishes, too, must be, or become, true communities of faith within which this Christian way of life is learned and practiced. Sound business practice is a fundamental of good stewardship, and stewardship as it relates to church finances must include the most stringent ethical, legal, and fiscal standards. That requires several things: pastors and parish staff must be open, consultative, collegial, and accountable in the conduct of affairs. And parishioners must accept responsibility for their parishes and contribute generously—both money and personal service—to their programs and projects. The success or failure of parish programs, the vitality of parish life or its absence, the ability or inability of a parish to render needed services to its members and the community depend upon all.

We, therefore, urge the Catholics of every parish in our land to ponder the words of St. Paul: "Now as you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also" (2 Cor 8:7). Only by living as generous stewards of these local Christian communities, their parishes, can the Catholics of the United States hope to make them the vital sources of faith-filled Christian dynamism they are meant to be.

At the same time, stewardship in and for the parish should not be narrowly parochial. For the diocese is not merely an administrative structure but instead joins communities called parishes into a "local church" and unites its people in faith, worship, and service. The same spirit of personal responsibility in which a Catholic approaches his or her parish should extend to the diocese and be expressed in essentially the same ways: generous material support and self-giving. As in the case of the parish, too, lay Catholics ought to have an active role in the oversight of the stewardship of pastoral leaders and administrators at the diocesan level. At the present time, it seems clear that many Catholics need to develop a better understanding of the financial needs of the Church at the diocesan level. Indeed, the spirit and practice of stewardship should extend to other local churches and to the universal Church—to the Christian community and to one's sisters and brothers in Christ everywhere—and be expressed in deeds of service and mutual support. For some, this will mean direct personal participation in evangelization and mission work, for others generous giving to the collections established for these purposes and other worthy programs.

**"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	Target	Dec 6 - 7 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
	<u>Dec 6 - 7</u>	<u>Dec 6 - 7</u>		
Regular Sunday Collection	\$4,332.60	\$3,746.00	\$586.60	(\$87,123.85)
Building Fund 2014 Projects	\$200.00	\$76,280.00	(\$68,880.00)	(\$68,880.00)
Annual Appeal 2014	\$800.00	\$29,735.00	(\$15,510.00)	(\$15,510.00)

**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)

### **Marian Centre Needs for Fall/Winter 2014**

Men's Clothing Room: Jackets, Runners and walking shoes (especially size 9 and larger) Jeans (sizes 28-34(Waist), Sweat shirts with hoods, Sweat pants, Knapsacks, Socks (warm winter), Long underwear (med.& large), Underwear (briefs & boxers med. & large), Mitts, gloves, toques and belt.

Food for the Soup Kitchen: Canned evaporated milk, Coffee (regular ground), Powdered milk, Canned: fruit, tomato sauce and paste, chunky soup, ravioli, vegetables, mushrooms, tuna and salmon.

### **Visitation House Christmas Wish List**

for women includes: hygiene, hair and, skin products, make-up, toothbrushes and tooth paste. Socks, underwear and pajama's, books, journals pens. For the children's Christmas wish list: small toys, coloring and story books and mitts, socks, hats and scarves. The most versatile and popular food items are: CheezWhiz and peanut butter they provide protein for more information call Teresa at 352-0016 or 541-8444.

### **Faith-filled Christmas Movies**

If you are looking for some faith-filled Christmas movies to watch with your family over the holidays check out the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca). You can book on-line (we mail to rural areas!), by calling Teresa at 306-352-1651, email [twhalenlux@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:twhalenlux@archregina.sk.ca) or drop by and browse at 445 Broad Street North. Borrow free-of-charge to all people of the Archdiocese.

**Saint-Jean-Baptiste Parish December Tourtière** invites you to taste the delicious meat pies during the Christmas season. Prices are \$ 13.00 for a large tourtière and \$ 7.00 for a small one. To place an order or to buy and pick up, call the parish office at 306- 586-5006.

### **Soup for the Soul**

On Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina Challenge Girls Club is preparing a soup and biscuit supper and children's activities to enable people to attend the parish penitential service at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, please plan to attend.

### **Children Helping Children**

The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) has a link on our diocesan Website under the Youth Ministry Page. Show your child where it is and what they can do. <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/11478>.

### **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

The December ministry schedules are available for pick-up at the main entrance of the Church.

The parish Christmas letter and 2015 donation envelopes are also available for pick-up at the main entrance of the Church. Please pick them up so that they do not have to be delivered to your home. Thank you!

The Sunday Missals are for sale before Mass. The cost is \$5.00.

Please pick-up the Daily Advent Meditations & Prayers pamphlet at the back & front of the entrances of the Church.

This month, our parish will be praying for Dennis Ziegler, a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and Reed Miller, a seminarian in our Archdiocese.

### **33 Days to Morning Glory**

Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church

Invites you to Small Group Parish Retreat. This wonderful 6 week retreat, designed especially for parishes by Fr. Michael Gaitley M.I.C., is a day by day gift of daily prayer, following in the footsteps of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa and St. John Paul II, culminating with Consecration to Jesus through Mary on February 11, 2015 Our Lady of Lourdes.

The retreat begins in Blessed Sacrament Church Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1130 am and offered thereafter Tuesday mornings from 10:15 am to 1145 am. Each participant needs to purchase a package that will be ordered when all registrations are received December 16. The package, including the book 33 Days to Morning Glory costs \$29.95 (American funds). The other package, without the book, costs \$19.95 (American funds) and for a \$4. donation to Lighthouse Catholic Media, the book 33 Days to Morning Glory can be purchased from Blessed Sacrament, supplied as available first come first served. Payment may be made at the first meeting January 9 2015. Please call the office 306.522.7422 to register. The last day to register is 12 noon, Tuesday December 16, 2014.

### **New Year's Eve Cabaret**

Little Flower Men's Club is holding a New Year's Eve Cabaret on December 31, 2014 at Little Flower Auditorium, 420 College Ave.

Happy time: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Supper: 7:00p.m.

Dance: 8:30p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$70/Couple \$35/Single No refunds or exchanges for tickets. Call Richard at 306-789-7623.