

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 3 & 4, 2015

### 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: Gerry Spooner

Caretaker(s): Rod & Lilian Yaun



**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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**Your heart shall shrill and rejoice.** On this day of the Epiphany, we rejoice that Christ came into the hearts of the Magi and is a light to all the nations. The readings today speak of light and of revelation. The light of Christ illuminates the world, just as the star of Bethlehem led the Magi to the enlightenment of faith. Christ, the light has come to show us the way. Let us allow this light to shine in our lives that we may recognize Christ and show Him to the world.

## Saturday, January 3: 5:10 pm

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

**Community Leader:** Olive Zatylny

**Lectors:** Ben Zatylny, Rod Yaun,

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marvella Lovely  
Ernesta Pagaduan, Helen Ball

**Hospitality:** Ernesta Pagaduan, Sheryl Sayat  
Allan Chapiel

**Bell Ringers:** Gabriel Katas & Family



## Sunday, January 4: 10:00 am

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas, Abigail Siapno, Angela  
& Andrea Paz, April Torres

**Community Leader:** Betty Kuntz

**Lectors:** Patrick Okolie, Fe Hipolito

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dennis Nacional,  
Marley Brcic, Terry Abadiano

**Hospitality:** Lancy Cheng

**Bell Ringers:** Garry Kuntz

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

<b>Monday,</b>	Jan 5:	Souls in Purgatory —Repose of the Souls, Requested by a Parishioner
<b>Tuesday,</b>	Jan 6:	Roland Anwender—Repose of the Soul, Requested by Krause & Anwender Families
<b>Wednesday,</b>	Jan 7:	Catherine Eberle—Repose of the Soul, Requested by Agnes Weinberger
<b>Thursday,</b>	Jan 8:	Rita Kennedy —Repose of the Soul, Requested by Anne Reiter
<b>Friday,</b>	Jan 9:	John Paul Weinberger —Repose of the Soul, Requested by Agnes Weinberger
<b>Saturday,</b>	Jan 10:	Adolf & Barbara Weinberger—Repose of the Souls, Requested Agnes Weinberger

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

<b>Saturday,</b>	Jan 10:	Concolacion Ravasco—Repose of the Soul, Requested by Olive & Ben Zatylny
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The Prayer for Peace and the 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!

# STEWARDSHIP A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE

A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship—10th Anniversary Edition

(Part 20—this reflection will be updated every second week)

## IV. Stewards Of The Church

### EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization. As stewards of the mysteries of God (cf. 1 Cor 4:1), people desire to tell others about them and about the light they shed on human life, to share the gifts and graces they have received from God, especially knowledge of Christ Jesus, “who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor 1:30). Human beings, says Pope Paul VI, “have right to know the riches of the mystery of Christ. It is in these . . . that the whole human family can find in the most comprehensive form and beyond all their expectations everything for which they have been groping” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, no. 53).

### SOLIDARITY AND STEWARDSHIP

While the unity arising from the covenant assumes and requires human solidarity, it also goes beyond it, producing spiritual fruit insofar as it is founded on union with the Lord. “I am the vine, you are the branches,” Jesus says. “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit” (Jn 15:5). As Simone Weil remarks, “A single piece of bread given to a hungry man is enough to save a soul—if it is given in the right way.”

In this world, however, solidarity encounters many obstacles on both the individual and social levels. It is essential that Jesus’ disciples do what can be done to remove them. The most basic and pervasive obstacle is sheer selfish lack of love, a lack which people must acknowledge and seek to correct when they find it in their own hearts and lives. For the absence of charity from the lives of disciples of Jesus in itself is self-defeating and hypocritical. “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar” (1 Jn 4:20).

Extreme disparities in wealth and power also block unity and communion. Such disparities exist today between person and person, social class and social class, nation and nation. They are contrary to that virtue of solidarity, grounded in charity, which Pope John Paul II commends as the basis of a world order embodying “a new model of the unity of the human race” whose “supreme model” is the intimate life of the Trinity itself (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, no. 40). Familiarity with the Church’s growing body of social doctrine is necessary in order to grasp and respond to the practical requirements of discipleship and stewardship in light of the complex realities of today’s national and international socioeconomic life.

Social justice, which the pastoral letter Economic Justice for All calls a kind of contributive justice, is a particular aspect of the virtue of solidarity. Encompassing the duty of “all who are able to create the goods, services, and other nonmaterial or spiritual values necessary for the welfare of the whole community,” it gives moral as well as economic content to the concept of productivity. Thus productivity “cannot be measured solely by its output of goods and services.” Rather, “patterns of productivity must . . . be measured in light of their impact on the fulfillment of basic needs, employment levels, patterns of discrimination, environmental impact, and sense of community” (Economic Justice for All, no. 71).

Finally, and most poignantly, solidarity is obstructed by the persistence of religious conflicts and divisions, including those that sunder even followers of Christ. As all this suggests, our individual lives as disciples and stewards must be seen in relation to God’s larger purposes. From the outset of his covenanting, God had it in mind to make many one. He promised Abram: “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. . . . All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you” (Gn 12:23). In Jesus, the Kingdom of God is inaugurated—a kingdom open to all. Those who enter into Jesus’ New Covenant find themselves growing in a union of minds and hearts with others who also have responded to God’s call. They find their hearts and minds expanding to embrace all men and women, especially those in need, in a communion of mercy and love.

### Financial Update:



	Collection	Target	Dec 27 - 28	Jan 1– Dec 31
	<u>Dec 27 - 28</u>	<u>Dec 27 - 28</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>	<u>Over (Short)</u>
			<u>from Target</u>	<u>from Target</u>
Regular Sunday Collection	\$2,101.75	\$5,463.00	(\$3,361.25)	(\$96,865.90)
Building Fund 2014 Projects	\$0.00	\$76,280.00	(\$67,880.00)	(\$67,880.00)
Annual Appeal 2014	\$1,565.00	\$29,735.00	(\$13,795.00)	(\$13,795.00)
Christmas 2014	\$4,689.60	\$7,256.00	(\$2,566.40)	

**Thank you for your donation!**

**Regular Collection Target** based upon 2014 operating expense budget approved by Blessed Sacrament Parish Finance Council.

### **Last call for World Youth Day!**

Those interested in joining the diocesan group traveling to Krakow, Poland in 2016, are invited to attend an initial meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Diocesan Center (445 Broad St. N) The trip will be about \$3300 - \$3500. The dates of the trip will be July 19-Aug. 3rd. You MUST be at least 18 years old at the time of travel. If you absolutely can NOT make that meeting and are interested in being part of this journey, you must contact: Michelle Braden at

[mbraden@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mbraden@archregina.sk.ca)

### **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

is held from January 18 to 25, each year. This eight day Week of Prayer begins with the feast of the confession of St. Peter and ends with the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. By finding ways to pray together during this week, we join with all people around the world who are praying, reflecting, studying, and even eating and drinking together to celebrate and pray for Christian unity.

### **Registration for Fall Kindergarten Classes**

It's an exciting time for you as a parent—your child is growing and finally ready to go to school! The Regina Catholic School Division is now accepting registrations for Fall kindergarten classes at all elementary schools. Any child who will be five years old by December 31, 2015 is eligible. We'd love to see you! You can register by contacting the Catholic school in your neighbourhood. If you have any questions, call Diane Diebel, Kindergarten Consultant at (306) 791-7349.

### **Holy Family Parish Catholic Estate and Gift Planning Sessions.**

Archdiocese of Regina Development, Director, Christina Attard will be presenting Catholic Estate and Gift Planning Sessions at Holy Family Parish in Regina, on January 20, 2015 7:30p.m. after evening mass. For more information: <http://archregina.sk.ca/giving/bequests-and-estate-organizer>.

### **Popcorn and Movie Night**

Moms, after the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season and the return to school, treat yourself by joining us on Wednesday, January 14 @ 7 p.m. at the Diocesan Resource Centre 445 Broad Street North. For more information and to pre-register, please call Teresa @ 352-1651 ext. 238. Pre-registration appreciated and encouraged but not mandatory.

### **Permanent Diaconate**

This month, our Parish will be praying for Harper Boucher, a Diaconate candidate and Arpee Urquico, a Seminarian. Each month, parishes will be praying for seminarians and candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in our Archdiocese. These men are our brothers, sons, fathers, husbands and friends. You will find a poster at the back of the church with their names and photos. Please know how grateful we are to your ongoing support. In light of this, we ask that you consult with either the Development Office or the Chancery Office should parishioners be interested in financially supporting this program or a particular candidate in addition to the ordinary fundraising done by the Archdiocese. For more information please contact Christina Attard @ 306-352-1651 ext. 220.

### **Laugh Your Way to a Happy Marriage**

Come for one Session or for all 4!

Bring your spouse/fiancé and join us for the wildly popular DVD series by Mark Gungor. Archdiocesan Resource Centre 445 Broad Street North. Tuesday nights @ 7 p.m. January 20 and 27; February 3 and 10, 2015. For more information and to pre-register, please call Teresa @ 352-1651 ext. 238. Pre-registration encouraged and appreciated but not mandatory.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Available in the Hospitals, Wascana Rehabilitation Centre and Regina Pioneer Village. We have need of people to assist us with portering patients to and from Mass, Eucharistic ministers (at Mass) and at bedside, proclaimers of the word, sacristan and music ministry. If you feel called to help please contact anyone of the following for more information and/or to register: Jerry (Regina General Hospital) @ 306-766-3567, Lorraine (Pasqua Hospital) @ (306)766-2473, Karen (Wascana Rehab Centre) @ 306-766-5991 or Linda (Regina Pioneer Village) @ 306-751-5217. Orientation would take place in January or early February so please contact us prior to January 15, 2015. Thank you and God Bless.

**Prayer** is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout life.