

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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

No Easter Monday Mass

Tuesday 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

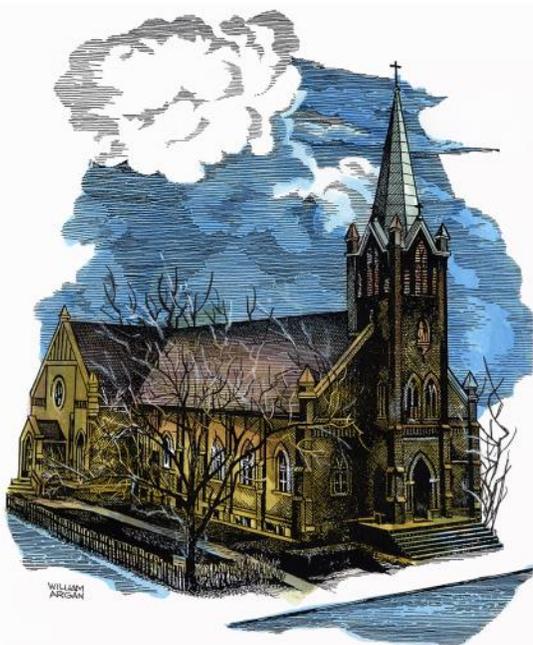
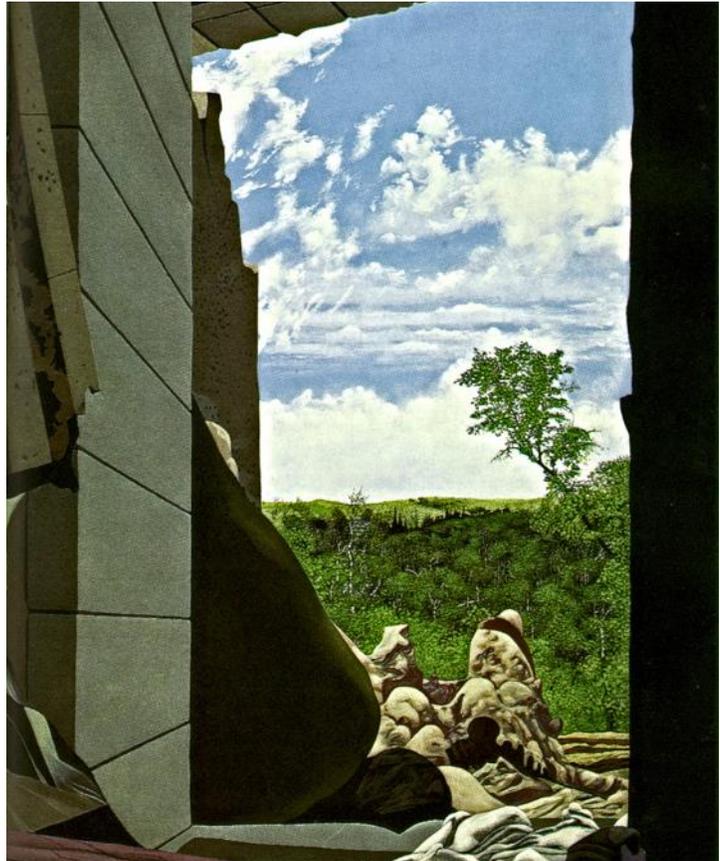
Business Manager: John Hoffman

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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Sunday, April 5: 10:00 am

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

Community Leader: Jim Gallagher

Lectors: Betty Kuntz, Gloria Patrick Okolie

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon, Dennis Nacional, Marley Brcic

Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Gail Runge

Bell Ringers: Garry Kuntz

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

- Monday,** April 6: EASTER MONDAY — NO Mass
- Tuesday,** April 7: Monica's Intentions,
- Wednesday,** April 8: Emile & Emily Florizone— repose of the souls,
Requested by Anne Sawka
- Thursday,** April 9: Those in Middle East persecuted for their Faith,
Requested by Gertrude Lloyd
- Friday,** April 10: Fr. Francisco Cancio — repose of the soul,
Requested by the Ongsu Family
- Saturday,** April 11: Pat Baland — repose of the soul,
Requested by Mary Taylor & Family

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

- Saturday,** April 11: Agnes Weinberger - repose of the souls
Requested by the Weinberger Family



Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! **Alleluia!**

Let us join together this Easter to be powerful witnesses of hope to our communities, to demonstrate the transformative love of the cross, and the hope of resurrection. Most important, let us be renewed in the love of Christ who sustains us.

2015 Construction Project Update

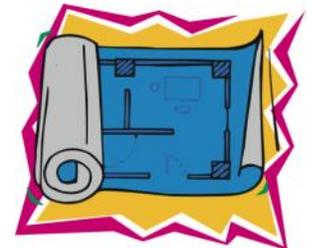
Our Christmas 2014 letter to all registered parishioners communicated that the church needs to be closed for the 2015 summer months of May June and July during the flooring replacement project. We also planned to complete the church exterior window project and add a new washroom and children's room at the south-west corner of the church.

Blessed Sacrament's Finance Council met on March 26, 2015 to review the contractor updates for the 2014 exterior church window project, as well as the proposed church floor replacement project. Two of the three flooring contractors have now confirmed that the size of our flooring order requires 10-12 weeks for delivery time from the time our order is received by the factory. Thus the flooring project cannot be completed by the end of July in time for our scheduled weddings.



The formal contractor quotes were submitted on April 2nd to the Archbishop's office for approval. Contracts will be awarded for the window and flooring projects, as soon as we receive Archbishop's approval. The window project will begin right away and is expected to be completed by September 2015. The floor replacement project will start on September 14, 2015 after our wedding season, and is expected to be completed before Christmas 2015. Blessed Sacrament Church will be closed with "NO Masses" during the floor replacement project. This revised construction schedule means that we will now celebrate "**regular weekend**" Mass at St. Mary's Church starting on September 19th for approximately three months.

The floor replacement project requires that the communion railing needs to be detached from the floor so that a new subfloor can be installed. During the bidding process some of the sub-contractors have expressed concerns about removing the communion rail. The concern is that the very old and very dry wood may result in the railing falling apart into pieces that cannot be put back together again. Our Finance Council is committed to seeing that the communion rail will be maintained, because as it is an important part of the church's spirituality and environment.



Finally, the proposed additional washroom and children's crying room project has been deferred until 2016. The architect has completed a proposed drawing for the space. However, our formal request to complete the electrical and mechanical design has been sidelined because the architect has commitments for larger projects.



Financial Update:

	Collection <u>Mar 28 - 29</u>	Target <u>Mar 28 - 29</u>	Mar 28 - 29 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1- Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Sunday Collection	\$4,009.30	\$4,749.00	(\$739.70)	(\$13,743.40)
Building Fund 2015 Projects	\$539.00	\$375,000.00	(\$366,540.00)	\$8,460.00
Development and Peace	\$725.00			\$2,552.00

Thank you for your donation!

Regular Collection Target is based on the 2015 operating budget approved by the Parish Finance Council on Feb. 5, 2015.

Building Fund Target is based upon a rough estimate for projects to: (1) Replace the church flooring and carpeting, (2) Install new exterior energy efficient church windows. The proposed new washroom and children's room are deferred to 2016.

Preparing for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday—Complete Pardon to Souls

Our Lord Jesus Christ is The Divine Mercy. We have a tapestry of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, at the front of our Church. The rays of graces streaming from His Heart represent the love and mercy that Jesus has for us, and His great desire to save souls.

Jesus chose Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska to write down all His words in her *Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul*, and requested that she promote His message of Divine Mercy (see *Diary, 1142*). Jesus said to her, **“I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy”** (*Diary, 299*).

Therefore, when Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he stated during his homily: “The Second Sunday of Easter (which is the first Sunday after Easter) from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’” Also, through Jesus’ words to St. Faustina, our Holy Catholic Church has promoted The Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout the universal Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special day. If we follow the directives of our Catholic Church we can have all our sins forgiven, and our time in Purgatory cancelled. Jesus said, **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy”** (*Diary, 1109, 699*). On all other days of the year the Sacrament of Reconciliation forgives sins, saves us from Hell and reconciles us with God so we can receive His graces; but it does not take away our time in Purgatory. Our *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1472, 1473*, states: “Every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory”. This suffering in Purgatory cleanses the soul completely and prepares the repentant sinner to go to Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is the greatest day of the year for us sinners. On this day Jesus has promised to totally forgive all sins and take away all punishment in Purgatory—“complete pardon”—for those who “go to Confession and receive Holy Communion” worthily on this special day. So all sins and punishment are removed on this day, from when we were born up to this point in time.

However, it also means that from this day on, we will have to suffer in Purgatory for any future sins, until we go to Divine Mercy Sunday to Confession and Holy Communion the following year. So every year on this special day, we are wiped completely clean.

Pope Benedict XVI stated that we can go to Confession in Lent, and during the week before Divine Mercy Sunday; because a priest cannot cope with 500 people all wanting to go to Confession on that one day. So let us fulfill the conditions set by our Church, receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, and take advantage of this marvelous offering.

Also, Jesus requested that we prepare for this special day by reciting His novena of Chaplets of Divine Mercy (on the beads of the Rosary), beginning on Good Friday, and continuing for nine days until the first Sunday after Easter. In this way we can offer our intentions to The Divine Mercy and pray for souls.

