

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

November 28 & 29, 2015

Sunday Liturgy

Saturdays: 5:10 p.m. at St. Mary's
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's
Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass
Reconciliation: Until 20 min. before Mass

Weekday Liturgy

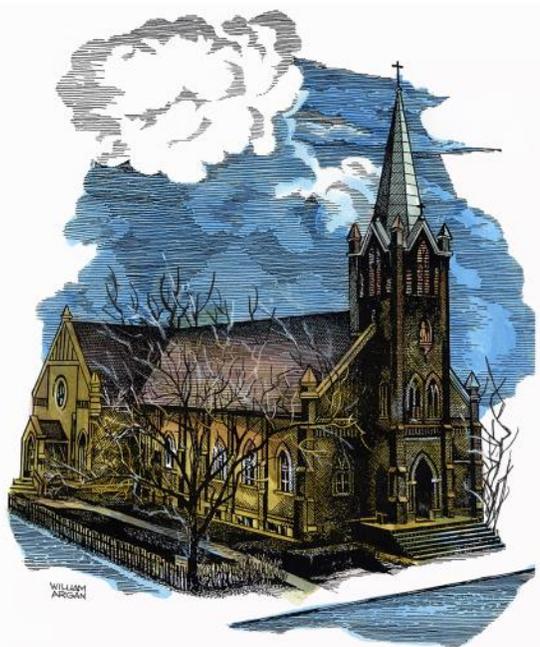
Suspended during Renovations

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday:
9:00 a.m.— 3:00 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



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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The Advent season is upon us. It is time to prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. We are called to leave behind our anxieties, fears, discouragement and sinfulness. In the Gospel reading, we are encouraged to keep awake for the Lord's coming. He urges us to be prepared to stand before him. Jesus asks us to prepare for the moment of our redemption.

Saturday, November 28, 2015: 5:10 pm

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Giuseppe,
Giovanni & Giulanne Yaun

Community Leader: Jeanne Bonneville

Lectors: Mary Gebhardt, Christn Katas

Eucharistic Ministers: Loretta Elford

Marvella Lovely, Larry Ongsu

Hospitality: Ernesta Pagaduan, Sheryl Sayat

Sunday, November 29, 2015: 10:00 am

Altar Servers: St. Mary's Liturgy

Community Leader: St. Mary's Liturgy

Lectors: St. Mary's Liturgy

Eucharistic Ministers: St. Mary's Liturgy

Hospitality: St. Mary's Liturgy



Weekday Masses at St. Mary's (2026 Winnipeg St.) with Blessed Sacrament Parish

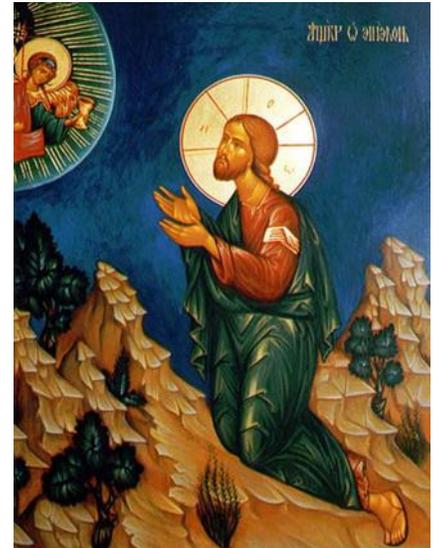
Monday,	7:00 p.m.	Mass Followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions Presider: Father Eusebio Tubale
Tuesday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Wednesday,	6:00 p.m.	Adoration and Benediction - 7:00 p.m. Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Thursday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Friday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
	7:30 p.m.	All Night Vigil - First Friday/7:30 a.m. Saturday of the Month Presider: Fr. Norm Marcotte All Night Vigil concludes with 7:20 a.m. Saturday Benediction Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Saturday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
	5:10 p.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Barry J. Anwender with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Mass Ministers
Sunday,	10:00 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Barry J. Anwender (2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month) with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Mass Ministers Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month) with St. Mary's scheduled Mass Ministers
	1:00 p.m.	Latin Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike (every 2nd and 4th Sunday)
	5:00 p.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike (presides at every Mass)

Blessed Sacrament Church Renovation Update 3.0

Church Washroom & Children’s Room Project: Breda Brother Builders have completed their construction of the new washroom and children’s room in the South-West corner of the church adjacent to the main entrance. The blinds and curtains will be installed when the church floor replacement project resumes and the new floor tiles are installed in 2016. The new washroom and children’s room project has revealed several long-standing structural issues with the bell tower and the adjacent south-west church roof. These structural issues can no longer be ignored for the simple fact that structural failures cause harm to people!

In the first case, contractors needed to install new vents through the choir loft, attic and the church roof directly above the new washroom. We discovered that the south-west wall had separated away from the choir loft floor by as much as 4 inches. Further investigation revealed that three roof trusses on the south side of the bell tower are broken; the supporting roof beam directly above the washroom is giving way; the roof against the bell tower has dropped about 6 inches, all this causing the south-west washroom wall to push away from the choir loft floor. In late October, the Breda Brothers removed the stained glass window so it would not be lost in the event of a total bell tower failure. They also installed exterior wall braces to prevent the wall from capitulating.

In the second case, the Breda Brothers discovered three more signs of major structural failure in the bell tower. All of these pointed toward an imminent collapse of the tower in a south easterly direction. Jordan Asbestos removal were immediately called back on site to remove 110 years of “bird stuff” that had accumulated in the bell tower and choir loft ceiling. It took Jordan a full week in hazmat gear to clean up the tower, so that contractors could work safely to remove the bells. The Breda Brothers and subcontractors, safely removed three tower bells weighing about 4000 lbs in total on October 30, 2015. The bells are currently stored inside the rectory garage.



The south-west church roof, the south washroom window and wall, as well as the bell tower have been stabilized. Gerry Spooner and Fr. Barry have met with staff from Knox Metropolitan church to see how they have engineered a structural solution for their bell tower. A BBK Structural Engineer will be on site this week, December 1, 2015 to assess the structural issues with Blessed Sacrament’s bell tower. BBK will be asked to provide the engineering specs to install four new steel beams inside the four corners of the bell tower. These four steel beams are intended to form a new “structural cage” which will keep the bell tower from leaning, as well as support the weight of the three bells. The bell tower and roof will also need to be opened up to repair the building damage.

From a timing perspective, the first priority is to underpin the church floor so that the floor replacement project can be completed as soon as possible. Once these two projects are completed we can move back into the building and resume weekend Masses. The second priority is repair the damage to the church roof and bell tower. These latter repairs can take place during the week while the church is used for weekend Masses. What follows in 2016 is the replacement of the worn out asphalt shingles on the church and repairs for whatever surprises are revealed. Remember folks, our church is the oldest catholic church in Regina and the second oldest building in the city. She deserves our stewardship NOW!

Financial Update:

	Collection	Target	Nov 21-Nov 22 Over (Short)	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short)
	<u>Nov 21-Nov 22</u>	<u>Nov 21-Nov 22</u>	<u>from Target</u>	<u>from Target</u>
Regular Collection	\$1,619.20	\$3,376.00	(\$1,756.80)	(\$84,773.11)
Building Fund 2015 Projects	\$257.00	\$367,871.00	(\$336,124.00)	\$31,747.00
Annual Fall Appeal				\$5,980.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land	115.00			\$1,822.00



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 actual contractor quotes formally approved by Archbishop Bohan on April 7, 2015 to:

- (1) Replace the church flooring and carpeting,
- (2) Install new exterior energy efficient church windows.

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sacrament of the Sick will be offered at the 3rd Sunday, December 12 & 13, 2015 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 at St. Mary's

Christmas Eve Thurs Dec 24 9:00 pm
Christmas Day Fri Dec 25 10:00 am &
5:00 pm (Filipino Group)
No New Year's Eve Mass
New Year's Day Fri Jan 1 10:00 am &
5:00 pm (Filipino Group)

Ministry Schedules for December are available for pick-up in the Sacristy of St. Mary's Church or download from our Parish website.

Collection Envelopes will be allocated to Parish Funds. Mass Intentions can be requested at the office or by using plain stationary envelopes.

Volunteer Ministry positions are available at Blessed Sacrament: Lectors, Greeters, Communion Ministers, Rosary Leaders, Livestream Camera operators. Training will be provided to help you feel comfortable.

Prayer of Petition for the formation of the diaconates and seminarians of our Archdiocese, as these men prepare for a lifetime of service in the Church, we pray to the LORD.

The Myriam Family House for December
Sunday December 6th, 2015 Bible activity: Myriam Challenge groups for children (5-11) and Teens (from 12 to 15) from 1h30-4H30 p.m. (activity for parents at the same time, all welcome to stay!)
Thursday, December 17: Need a little time of retreat? You are welcome for a 5-9 P.M. at the Myriam Family house. It consists in a Pot-Luck supper, songs, teaching and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Myriam Family, 2527E Margaret place, Regina. Call 306-761-0528.

Camp Monahan Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction invites you to join us for our annual fundraising Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction on December 12. Silent Auction donations are graciously being accepted. Call 306-522-1047 or go to our website www.campmonahan.ca

Parish Advent Reconciliation Celebrations

Friday, Dec 4: Holy Child following the final presentation at the parish mission at 7 pm.
Sunday, Dec. 6: 2 p.m. at Christ the King
Sunday, Dec. 6: 3 p.m. at Resurrection
Wednesday, Dec. 9: 7 p.m. at Holy Family
Thursday, Dec. 10: 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary
Monday, Dec. 14: 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity

St. Mary's /Blessed Sacrament Christmas Pajama Project

This year St. Mary's Parish will be joined by Blessed Sacrament Parish in our Christmas Pajama Project for the children who visit Visitation House. We have 60 names and will have cards with the child's name age and gender for you to pick up from main entrance of our Church. Look for the basket marked "Christmas Pajama Project". Please wrap your gift and attach the card. We will have a Christmas Project "Box" available at the main entrance until Sunday, December 20th for the collection. If you cannot get out to shop, you can donate toward the purchase of pajamas, just place the donation in an envelope marked Visitation House Pajama Project and place it in the Collection basket. Thank you for your support in this project.

The Year of Mercy

starts on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The following events are being offered in parishes this Advent and all are invited to attend:

Holy Child Parish Mission in Preparation for the Year of Mercy with Bishop Gerry Wiesner, Dec. 2,3 & 4 at 7 p.m.

St. Cecelia Opening of the Year of Mercy Celebration, Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

Advent Retreat with Bishop Don Bolen of the Diocese of Saskatoon

Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina. The retreat theme is "Mercy within, mercy within, mercy." The Retreat begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by presentations by Bishop Don. To attend the lunch, please r.s.v.p. by Monday Dec. 7 or for more information contact: Nancy Wirges at 306-565-1384 or email mnwirges@sasktel.net

Advent Veggietastics

Thursday, December 10 for either 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at 445 Broad Street North. Children accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, please call Teresa at 352-1651. Archdiocesan Resource Centre