

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5 & 6, 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

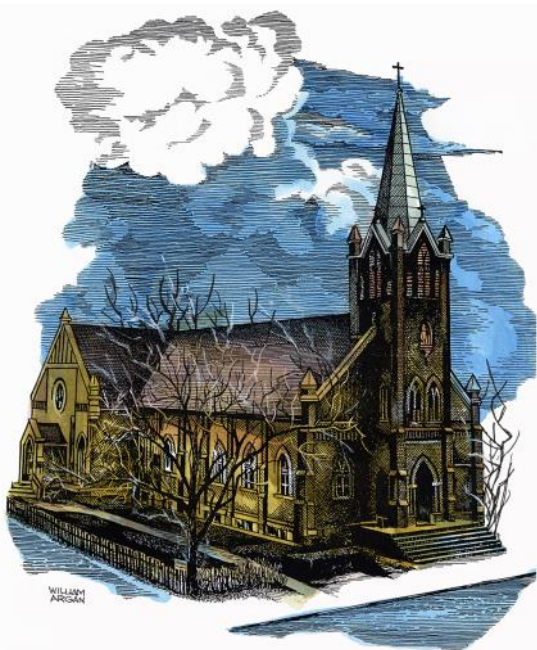
Suspended during Renovations

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: Retired



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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In the readings of today, we are called to prepare for the way of the Lord. 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.' John the Baptist invited people to prepare for the coming of God by acknowledging their sins and asking forgiveness. Let us open our hearts in welcome for that gift of the Spirit.

Saturday, December 5, 2015: 5:10 pm

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

Community Leader: Olive Zatylny

Lectors: Ben Zatylny, Marvella Lovely

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ongsu,
Marvella Lovely, Ernesta Pagaduan

Hospitality: Sheryl Sayat, Christn Katas



Sunday, December 6, 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

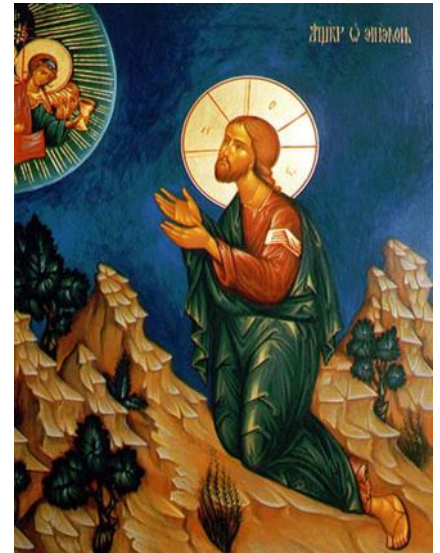
Monday,	7:00 p.m.	Mass Followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions Presider: Father Eusebio Tubale
Tuesday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Wednesday,	6:00 p.m.	Adoration and Benediction - 7:00 p.m. Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
Thursday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass Presider: Fr. Vitalis Azike
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 3.1

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 are unsafe!

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 collapsed bell tower. They also installed exterior wall braces to prevent the south-west 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 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 was on site December 1, 2015 to assess the structural issues with the bell tower and church roof. BBK will finalize their engineering specs for 32 new piles and columns to underpin the church floor and four new piles to underpin the bell tower. In the new year, BBK will design a new “structural skeleton” with four steel beams from the basement piles to the bell tower chamber. The structural damage to the roof must be repaired and the worn-out roof shingles replaced with a new covering.

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 structural damage and replace worn out asphalt shingles on the church roof. Remember folks, our church is the oldest catholic church in Regina and the second oldest building in the city.

CALL for PRAYERS & BENEFACTORS: Please pray that the God of Providence will provide Blessed Sacrament Parish with benefactors, who will provide the financial funds needed for the structural repairs to the church floor, bell tower and roof.

Financial Update:

	Collection	Target	Nov 28-Nov 29 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
	<u>Nov 28-Nov 29</u>	<u>Nov 28-Nov 29</u>		
Regular Collection	\$1,563.15	\$3,790.00	(\$2,226.65)	(\$86,999.96)
Building Fund 2015 Projects	\$239.00	\$367,871.00	(\$335,885.00)	\$31,986.00
Annual Fall Appeal	\$431			\$6,411.00
Needs of Church in Holy Land				\$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

2016 Collection Envelopes are available for pick-up at St. Mary's front entrance.

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.

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.

Gerry Spooner has retired after many years of serving the parish as Buildings & Grounds Chairperson. We give thanks to God for Gerry!

The Myriam Family House for December

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

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.

Christmas Brunch and visit of St. Nicholas St. Jean Baptiste Parish

After Sunday's Mass, 1100 am, December 13, 2015. 2517 25 Ave, Regina, SK. All are invited to the brunch organized by the Knights of Columbus in honor of St. Nicholas. It will take place after the Guests can choose between French pancakes, with a mixture of eggs, vegetables and hollandaise sauce or fruit with whipped cream. Tickets cost will be announced later. Welcome to all!

Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12th - St. Cecilia Church, 5020 - 7th Ave. Join us for all or part of these activities:

9:00am Mass

9:30 am Breakfast with a Mexican theme featuring savoury Aztec Cake and other traditional treats.

10:15am "Guadalupe, The Miracle and the Message" the new DVD produced by the Knights of Columbus (1 hour).

If you plan to be there for breakfast, let us know so we can prepare sufficient food. Register by emailing, feastday@stcecregina.com or calling the parish office at 306-545-4051. Deadline to reply is December 9.