

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Baptism of The Lord

January 9 & 10, 2016

### 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

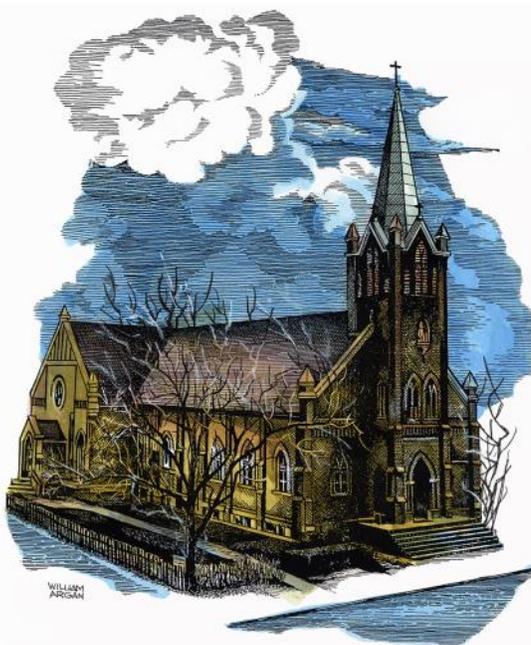
Tuesday to Friday:  
9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender  
Business Manager: John Hoffman  
Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras  
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond



**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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**You are my Son, the Beloved.** In today's Gospel reading, Jesus comes to John the Baptist to be baptized. When Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. At his baptism, Jesus is revealed as the Beloved Son. At this time, he stands in solidarity with each of us without partiality. Surely, gratitude for such a saving gift, promised from of old, can spur us on to be a faithful and willing Covenant People.

**Saturday, January 9, 2016: 5:10 pm**

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas

**Community Leader:** Lorraine Vincent

**Lectors:** Larry Ongsu, Marvella Lovely

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Ongsu,  
Ernesta Pagaduan, Marvella Lovely

**Hospitality:** Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

**Sunday, January 10, 2016: 10:00 am**

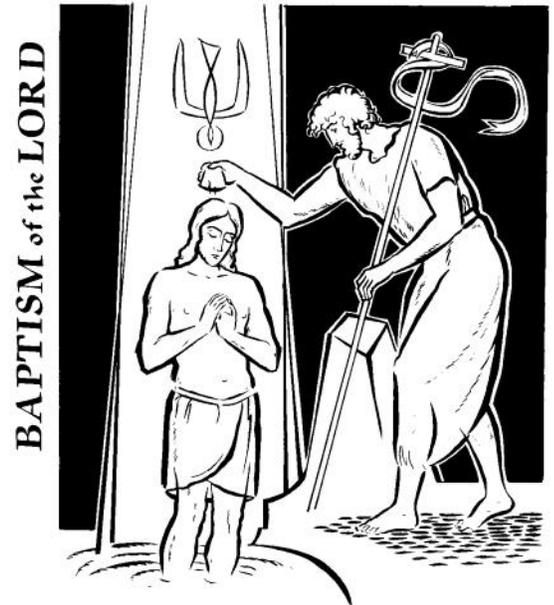
**Altar Servers:** Angela & Andrea Paz

**Community Leader:** Betty Kuntz

**Lectors:** Dennis Nacional, Rose Javier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Maria Alarcon,  
Loretta Elford

**Hospitality:** Nicole Klein, Vivian Klein



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

**Monday,** 7:00 p.m. Mass: Fr. Tubale

**Tuesday,** 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Tubale

**Wednesday,** 6:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction - 7:00 p.m. Mass  
Presider: Fr. Tubale

**Thursday,** 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Tubale

**Friday,** 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Tubalee  
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. Tubale

**Saturday,** 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Tubale  
5:10 p.m. Mass: Fr. Barry J. Anwender  
with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Mass Ministers

**Sunday,** 10:00 a.m. Mass: Fr. Barry J. Anwender  
with St. Mary's scheduled Ministers (Odd Sundays of month)  
with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Ministers (Even Sundays of month)  
5:00 p.m. Mass: Fr. Tubale

# A Jubilee of Mercy



The Jubilee announcement had been made on the second anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (March 13, 2015). The opening of this next Jubilee will take place on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This is of great significance, for it impels the Church to continue the work begun at Vatican II.

During the Jubilee, the Sunday readings for Ordinary Time will be taken from the Gospel of Luke, the one referred to as "the evangelist of mercy". There are many well-known parables of mercy presented in the Gospel of Luke: the lost sheep, the lost coin, the merciful father.

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, the Jubilee Year, which was celebrated every 50 years, was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom.

In addition, the Jubilee Year was a reminder to the rich that a time would come when their Israelite slaves would once again become their equals and would be able to reclaim their rights.

The Catholic tradition of the Holy Year began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Boniface VIII had envisioned a Jubilee every century. From 1475 onwards – in order to allow each generation to experience at least one Holy Year – the ordinary Jubilee was to be celebrated every 25 years. However, an extraordinary Jubilee may be announced on the occasion of an event of particular importance.

Until present, there have been 26 ordinary Holy Year celebrations, the last of which was the Jubilee of 2000. The custom of calling extraordinary Jubilees dates back to the 16th century. The last extraordinary Holy Years, which were celebrated during the previous century, were those in 1933, proclaimed by Pius XI to celebrate 1900 years of Redemption and in 1983, proclaimed by John Paul II on the occasion of the 1950 years of Redemption.

The Catholic Church has given to the Hebrew Jubilee a more spiritual significance. It consists in a general pardon, an indulgence open to all, and the possibility to renew one's relationship with God and neighbor. Thus, the Holy Year is always an opportunity to deepen one's faith and to live with a renewed commitment to Christian witness.

With the *Jubilee of Mercy*, Pope Francis focuses attention upon the merciful God who invites all men and women to return to Him. The encounter with God inspires in one the virtue of mercy. The initial rite of the Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door. This door is one which is only opened during the Holy Year and which remains closed during all other years. Each of the four major basilicas of Rome has a Holy Door: Saint Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major. This rite of the opening of the Holy Door illustrates symbolically the idea that, during the Jubilee, the faithful are offered an "extraordinary pathway" towards salvation. The Holy Doors of the other Basilicas will be opened after the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

## Financial Update:



	Collection	Target	Jan 2 & 3 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
	Jan 2 & 3	Jan 2 & 3		
Regular Collection	\$2,940.00			
Building Fund 2016 Projects	\$467.00			
New Year's 2016	\$1,127.00			

**Thank you for your donation!**

## Blessed Sacrament Parish

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

**Ministry Schedules** for January are available for pick-up in St. Mary's Sacristy or download them 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.

### Tutors Required

The Iraqi family sponsored by the Archdiocese and who arrived in Regina Oct. 8th, are adjusting to their new life in Canada. However, parents Raheem and Noryia, their adult sons Ramey, Roney and Joney require help with English, and daughter Mariam needs assistance with both her English and homework. If you have a few hours to spare each week, the Shamaya family would be very appreciative. Please contact Bert Pitzel at the Archdiocese 306 352 1651 ext 222 or Agnes Parisloff at 306 761 0221 for more information.

### Country Gospel Sing-a-Long

Our Lady of Peace, 425 Broad St. N., Regina  
Thursday January 21st at 7:00 p.m. Music & Singing by Free Spirit & Friends. Free will offering - proceeds to OLOP CWL. Refreshments - Wheelchair accessible.

### Oscar Night

St. Martin de Porres Parish - 4720 Castle Road, Regina is holding an Oscar Night on Sat. Jan. 30, 2016, beginning with cocktails at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm and entertainment at 8:30 pm. Tickets are just \$40.00 each and are available after all Masses beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> or by calling 586-5655.

### DivorceCare

Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Road, Regina. Sessions start Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm., a 13 session video seminar series. The program is structured for a person to join in at any time. Registration: Deborah @ 306-789-2378.

## Explanation of the Year of Mercy Logo

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about.

The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38).



The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human.

The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.