

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## 1st Sunday of Lent

February 13 & 14, 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.

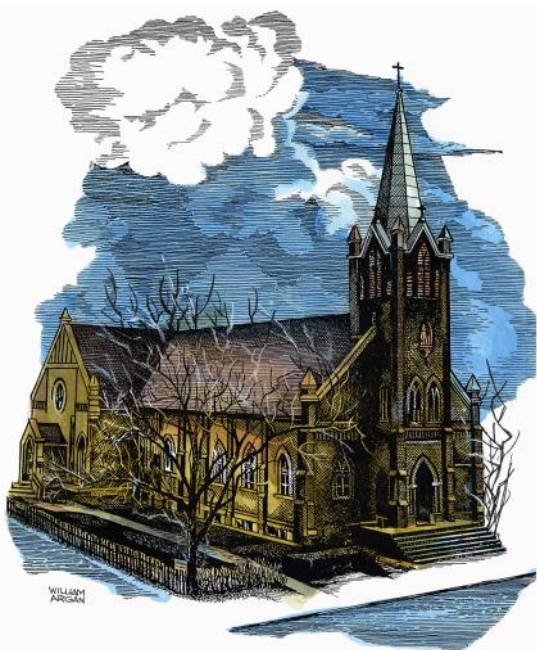
### Parish Staff

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



*Jesus and the Beloved disciple at the Last Supper*

**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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**Man does not live by bread alone.** Today we hear of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He experienced a grueling ordeal. Temptations were placed before Him by the devil. We also experience temptations. What is our personal wilderness experience? Perhaps our desert is a place where we can take inventory of our lives by asking ourselves how we are living and where we need to change. Perhaps it is a place where we come to return to the basics in our relationship with God. Perhaps it is a spiritual space where we become stronger by facing our inner turmoil and overcoming temptation. Whatever our desert or wilderness, we can seek Christ whose presence is with us at all times.

**Saturday, February 13, 2016: 5:10 pm**

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas

**Community Leader:** Rosie Ongsu

**Lectors:** Jeanne Bonneville, Larry Ongsu

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

**Hospitality:** Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu



*Celebrate  
with all the  
bounty the  
Lord has  
given.*

**Sunday, February 14, 2016: 10:00 am**

**Altar Servers:** Angela & Andrea Paz

**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn

**Lectors:** Dennis Nacional, Rose Javier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Maria Alarcon,  
Dennis Nacional

**Hospitality:** Sharon Greer

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

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| <b>Monday,</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Mass: Fr. Tubale  |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass: Fr. Vitalis   |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | 6:00 p.m.  | Adoration and Benediction - 7:00 p.m. Mass  |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass: Fr. Vitalis   |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Stations of the Cross: Fr. Barry  |
|                   | 7:30 p.m.  | All Night Vigil - First Friday/7:30 a.m. Saturday of the Month<br>Mass: Fr. Vitalis<br>All Night Vigil concludes with 7:20 a.m. Saturday Benediction<br>Mass: Fr. Vitalis |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass: Fr. Vitalis   |
|                   | 5:10 p.m.  | Mass: Fr. Barry J. Anwender<br>with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Mass Ministers  |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | 10:00 a.m. | Mass: Fr. Vitalis with St. Mary's scheduled Ministers (Odd Sundays of month)<br>Fr. Barry with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Ministers (Even Sundays of month)            |
|                   | 5:00 p.m.  | Mass: Fr. Vitalis   |

## Church Repair Status

Please visit [www.blessedsacramentregina.ca](http://www.blessedsacramentregina.ca) for more details.

**Church Floor & Bell Tower Underpinning Project:** Blessed Sacrament Finance Council has reviewed the three quotes, chosen a contractor and requested project approval from the Diocesan Administrator and Chancery Finance Council. Once project approval is granted, Fr. Barry will communicate the time estimate to complete of the underpinning process and the time to complete the floor replacement project.

**Church Floor Replacement Project:** On hold until the floor and bell tower are underpinned.

# The Face of Mercy

*The Papal Bull announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*

*From Francis, Bishop of Rome: To all who read this letter I send the blessing of grace, mercy, & peace.*

7. In our long religious tradition, we have sung over and over again from Psalm 136. Jesus may have prayed this very psalm before his trial and death. In it, after every verse, we proclaim, “For his mercy endures forever.” Other translations say, “For his love never quits.” They mean the same. Jesus’ self-giving journey to Calvary was an act of supreme mercy toward us.



8. Now let us gaze on Jesus. He embodies God’s love for us. The stories he told and the signs he worked were all designed to reveal God’s mercy: to the sick, the suffering, the stranger, the rejected, and the sinner: God’s mercy endures forever!

What moved Jesus to act with compassion toward all was nothing less than mercy. Jesus looked on all with merciful love. He understood the human heart and he knew how bound up we are by our selfishness and self-centeredness. He knew that we lacked love; but he knew as well that by loving us to the end, he would free us from these demons and set us on the pathway to love others.

Saint Bede the Venerable wrote about how Jesus called Matthew, a public sinner and tax collector. Jesus looked on that man with mercy, according to Bede. He saw beyond the sins to the heart of Matthew. His very look wiped away Matthew’s sins. I myself am so impressed by Bede’s words that I chose them as my episcopal motto: miserando atque eligendo which could be rendered in English, “I forgive you and I choose you.”

9. Likewise in the parables which Jesus used to instruct us, God is revealed as the Father who never gives up, even on a son who betrayed him. He seeks out the lost sheep. We are that lost sheep ourselves. God has had such mercy on us! God welcomes these lost ones back to himself with happiness; he doesn’t scold them and punish them. He’s just happy to have them back.

The basis of this is Jesus’ teaching on mercy in Matthew 18. This is the story of the servant whose debt was forgiven by his master only to trounce without mercy on someone who owed him far less. The master was infuriated by this. “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” the master asks. (Mt 18:33). Jesus concludes, “So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart” (Mt 18:35).

How dare we now fail to show mercy toward those who need it most? This parable contains a profound teaching for us. Mercy is God’s way of treating us; how we treat others determines whether we are children of God or not. Just as God is merciful so we also must be merciful. How dare we take any other approach?



## Financial Update:

|                    | Collection<br>Feb 6 & 7 | Target<br>Feb 6 & 7 | Feb 6 & 7<br>Over (Short)<br>from Target | Jan 1– Dec 31<br>Over (Short)<br>from Target |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Regular Collection | \$2,639.55              | \$4,802.00          | (\$2,162.45)                             | (\$19,172.65)                                |
| Building Fund      | \$734.00                | \$19,038.00         | (\$18,304.00)                            | (\$244,962.00)                               |

**Thank you for your donation!**

**Note:** The “Regular Collection” target is based upon an annual operating budget of \$227,625.00. The “Building Fund” target is based upon an estimated construction budget of \$2.0M. These budgets need to be approved by the Parish Finance Council.

## **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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

**Stations of the Cross** for Lent require volunteers every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**2015 Tax Receipts** are Available for pick-up at the main entrance of the Church. Please pick them up so that they do not have to be mailed to your home.

**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.

### **Hands-on-Involvement**

Do you wish to participate in a Catholic-Muslim dialogue activity which will involve hands-on-involvement in a cluster of approximately 4 workers. Two Catholics and two Muslims will collaborate to help settle newly arrived Syrian refugees. For further information phone Bert Pitzel at 306 352 1651 ext 222 or email at [bpitzel@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:bpitzel@archregina.sk.ca)

### **Year of Mercy Devotions & Mass**

St. Mary's Parish, Regina, will take place on the 3rd Friday of each month during the Year. Devotions will begin at 6 p.m. with adoration and prayers, followed by Mass at 7 p.m.

### **Boys Retreat**

at St. Anne Parish, hosted by the Conquest Youth Leadership team. March 4-6 for boys age 10-16 to instill virtue, develop character, and encourage spiritual growth all in an atmosphere of fun and adventure with gym sports, team-based activities, Mass, confession and adoration. Cost - \$20. For information, contact Trevor Novak at 585-1609 or [conquest.regina@gmail.com](mailto:conquest.regina@gmail.com).

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona**

There will be an informational meeting at Holy Family in UMR at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 17. The trip is planned for Oct 30 - Nov 8, 2016.

## **Archdiocese of Regina**

After the death of Most Rev. Archbishop Daniel Bohan, many people of the Archdiocese of Regina may wonder how a new Archbishop would be chosen. Fr. Thomas Ngyuen did some research on the process of selecting a bishop. It is available on our website: <https://archregina.sk.ca/news/2016/2/2/how-choose-bishop>

Priest Obituaries is a new addition to the Archives page on our website. It goes back ten years so if you are interested in checking it out just click here: <https://archregina.sk.ca/archives-records/obituaries-priests>. If you have anyone to add please send it to [byanko@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:byanko@archregina.sk.ca)

Eric Gurash's Workshop on "Creating a Culture of Christian Hospitality" is now available in two parts on our Livestream page: <https://livestream.com/archregina/events/4761376>

### **Date Night Out**

Regina Catholic Engaged Encounters invites you to relationship enrichment activities centered on The 5 Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman. February 21<sup>st</sup> between 5 and 10 pm at Ricky's All Day Grill – Grasslands (South Regina). \$25/ticket. Children welcome. For tickets call Ann at (306) 533-0717 or e-mail: [register4reginacee@gmail.com](mailto:register4reginacee@gmail.com)

### **Walking Towards Eternity—**

#### **Daring to Walk the Walk**

an 8-week study on Tuesdays March 1—April 19<sup>th</sup> at either 9:30am or 7:00pm. Our Lady of Peace Parish, 425 Broad St. N. Please register by February 12th the cost of the workbooks is \$25. [www.ourladyofpeaceregina.com](http://www.ourladyofpeaceregina.com)

### **Catholic Bereavement for Death of Spouse**

8 week series beginning Tuesday, February 23 – April 12, 1-3 p.m. at Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Avenue East. Sessions led by a lay team experienced in dealing with loss. Contact the Parish Office at 306-789-8276.

### **The Way of the Cross**

at Saint-Jean-Baptiste's Church, 2517 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during Lent beginning Friday, February 12, 2016, at 6 pm.

### **Happy Valentine's Day**