

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6 & 7, 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

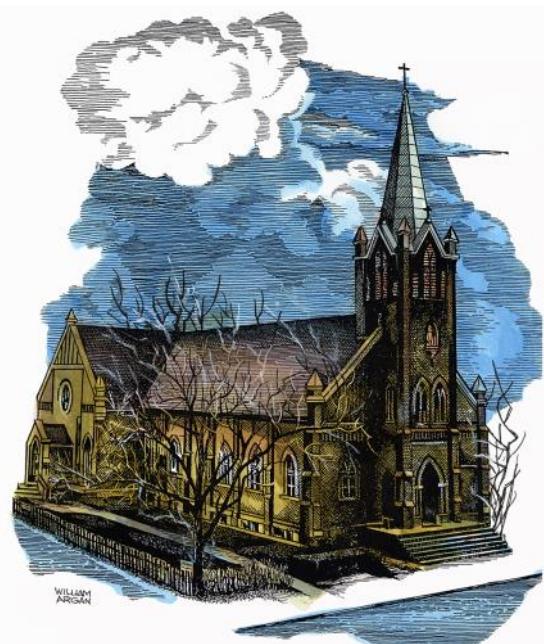
Tuesday to Friday:
9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender
Business Manager: John Hoffman
Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perris
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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From now on you will be catching people. The prophet Isaiah wrestled with tension when he cried out that he was lost because he was “a man of unclean lips.” And so it was with Paul who recognized his unworthiness for having persecuted the Church. How is it with us today? Are we open to accepting God’s call or do we let our sense of unworthiness stand in the way? Do we recognize God’s voice in the call to “put out into the deep”? If we listen closely and act faithfully, bringing our weary and broken spirits to the Eucharist for healing, we will know the fruits of our labors.

Saturday, January 30, 2016: 5:10 pm

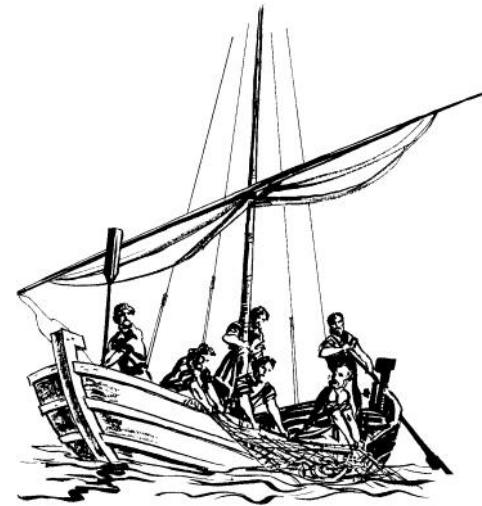
Altar Servers: Cristo Katas

Community Leader: Loretta Elford

Lectors: Lorraine Vincent, Marvella Lovely

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ongsu, Loretta Elford
Ernesta Pagaduan

Hospitality: Sheryl Sayat, Christn Katas



Sunday, January 31, 2016: 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: Fr. Tubale

Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass: Fr. Barry

Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

Friday, 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

7:30 p.m. All Night Vigil - First Friday/7:30 a.m. Saturday of the Month

Mass: Fr. Vitalis

All Night Vigil concludes with 7:20 a.m. Saturday Benediction

Mass: Fr. Vitalis

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

5:10 p.m. Mass: Fr. Barry J. Anwender

with Blessed Sacrament’s scheduled Mass Ministers

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis with St. Mary’s scheduled Ministers (Odd Sundays of month)

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 for more details.

Church Floor & Bell Tower Underpinning Project: The contractors who have been asked to respond to our “Request for Quote” have completed their site visits. Blessed Sacrament’s Finance Counsel will meet this week to review the quotes, recommend a contractor and request project approval from the Archdiocesan Administrator and the Archdiocesan Finance Council.

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 Jan 30 & 31	Target Jan 30 & 31	Jan 30& 31 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$1,984.45	\$5,140.00	(\$3,155.55)	(\$17,010.20)
Building Fund	\$327.00	\$164,052.00	(\$163,725.00)	(\$226,658.00)

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.

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

Hands-on-Involvement

Do you wish to participate in a Catholic-Muslim dialogue activity? Essentially, this will involve hands-on-involvement in which a cluster of approximately 4 workers, two Catholics and two Muslims will collaborate to help settle newly arrived Syrian refugees. Other possibilities for the dialogue could well emerge as relationships develop. For further information phone Bert Pitzel at 306 352 1651 ext 222 or email at 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.

The Myriam Family House

Evening of prayer, February 25, 7-9 p.m.
Silent Adoration February 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 22-26
Tuesday to Friday from 4-5 P.M. Registrations:
306-761-0528, 2527E Margaret place, Regina

Walking Towards Eternity—

Daring to Walk the Walk

an 8-week study on Tuesdays March 1—April 19th 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

Development & Peace 50th Anniversary Quilt

One of the projects in preparation for the 50th anniversary of Development & Peace in 2017 is to invite each diocese to create a quilted square to be joined together into a special quilt which will travel throughout the nation and be a symbol of unity at the final celebration in October, 2017. At the recent D&P workshop, it was decided to invite quilters from throughout the archdiocese to create a unique square to represent our faith community. Interested quilters are asked to contact Marian Grady at (306) 789-8276 or by e-mail, mariangrady@sasktel.net before Feb. 17 if they would like to create a part of our square. Size and other instructions will be forwarded to those wishing to take part so that our united quilt square can be ready by May.

The Mystery of God

Who is God? Why does God matter? Wednesdays, March 2, 9 and 16 @ 1:30 p.m at the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at 445 Broad Street North
Preregistration: Teresa at 306-352-1651 ext. 238 or email twhalenlux@archregina.sk.ca.

Boys Retreat

The retreat will be held 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 the retreat flyer and more information, contact Trevor Novak at 585-1609 or conquest.regina@gmail.com.

St. Martin's Bridge Tournament

4720 Castle Rd, Regina, on Saturday, Feb. 20th hosted by the CWL. Do you like to play cards? The cost is \$25 / team. Registration begins at 9:15 am with coffee and muffins. Play begins at 10am. To register call Eileen 306-586-4261 or Eileen 306-586-3722

Sports Celebrity Breakfast

Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus. Holy Trinity Hall, 5020 Sherwood Drive, Regina Sat. March 12. Advance tickets only, Adults \$15; 12 and under \$10. Contact Ray Lalonde (306)543 2944. Proceeds to Special Olympics Saskatchewan.