

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Palm Sunday & Holy Week

March 19 & 20, 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 Thursday:
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



HOLY WEEK



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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Palm Sunday - Passion of The Lord

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Jesus Christ is Lord. In today's readings we hear of the agony of Jesus. He experiences rejection and abandonment. Jesus is betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, and in the end Jesus is deserted by every one of his followers. Beneath the darkened midday sky, the terrible cry is wrenched from Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In this moment, Jesus tastes the depth of human loneliness - the total sense of being abandoned.

Saturday, March 19, 2016: 5:10 pm

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito
Community Leader: Rosie Ongsu
Narrator: Lorraine Vincent
Lector 1: Marvella Lovely
Lector 2: Jeanne Bonneville-Stroh
Gospel S-1: Loretta Elford
Gospel S-2: Mary Gebhardt
Gospel S-3: Larry Ongsu
Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan
Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, March 20, 2016: 10:00 am

Altar Servers: St. Mary's Liturgy
Community Leader & 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,	6:00 p.m.	Adoration and Benediction - 7:00 p.m. Mass
Thursday,	7:30 a.m.	Mass: Fr. Vitalis
	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass: Fr. Vitalis, Fr. Barry Concelebrate
Friday,	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Mass: Fr. Vitalis, Fr. Barry Concelebrate
Saturday,	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the Lord Mass: Fr. Vitalis with St. Mary's scheduled Mass Ministers
Sunday,	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord Fr. Barry with Blessed Sacrament's scheduled Ministers

Church Repair Status

Please visit www.blessedsacramentregina.ca for more details.

Church Floor & Bell Tower Underpinning Project: This week contractors have poured cement for six (6) new piles for the center floor beam. The cement needs to cure before the new adjustable columns can be installed on the new piles. The first outer floor-roof columns in the 1905 section of the basement has been successfully removed. The contractors now know how to work around the 1905 outer floor beams which are uniquely integrated with upper floor-roof wood columns and the existing cast-iron basement columns. The work-around to replace the existing cast-iron columns requires extra scaffolding and the time which were unforeseen and not budgeted. One step-at-a-time!

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.

19. May this message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to it. I include especially the men and women taking part in organized crime, those who have made money their god, and those who participate in corruption, greed, and wrongdoing.

To those people I say, “This is your moment of grace.” Return to the Father; he waits to embrace and forgive you. Please accept this invitation to conversion.



20. Let me say a word now about the connection between justice and mercy. Justice leads to rule of law in society; it also refers to what each person is rightly due. Indeed the law is important to us but we must be careful not to fall into legalism.

Jesus himself addressed this. To those who objected to his open love for all, he suggested a meditation on mercy. Love triumphs over law in Jesus’ teaching. Paul is an example of this. He had spent his life enforcing the law – that is, until he met Jesus. His conversion turned his view of that law upside down.

Likewise for us. When people come to us with “legal” issues with the Church, we often offer them only legal solutions. But a more merciful solution is what we seek to offer instead.

21. Offering us mercy instead of judgment is God’s way of reaching out to us in the midst of our wrongdoing and selfishness. Such divine mercy helps us look deep within to find our true person there, a person created by a loving God and destined also for love in God.

During the time of the Old Testament prophet, Hosea, the people of Israel were sinful and unfaithful. According to justice, God had every right to destroy and punish them. But instead, God offered them only his endless mercy. “How can I give you up?” God asked. “...my compassion grows warm and tender.”

And this is to our point here. Merely following the rules is not enough; justice must be tempered by mercy. If God acted any other way, he would no longer be God but only a mere human. When we feel the tenderness of God’s forgiveness – even when we know how selfish and badly we have behaved – then we grow in love. Therefore, we allow only the self-giving love that Christ showed for us to be our norm. Beyond that, who are we to judge?

Financial Update:



	Collection Mar 12 & 13	Target Mar 12 & 13	Mar 12 & 13 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$3,524.45	\$4,004.00	(\$479.55)	(\$19,996.20)
Building Fund	\$504.00	\$14,927.00	(\$14,423.00)	(\$214,497.25)
Development & Peace	\$1,021.00			

Thank you for your donation!

Note: The “Regular Collection” target has been revised for an annual operating budget of \$200,000.00. The “Building Fund” target is now based upon the actual underpinning budget, together with the remaining estimated work for a construction budget of \$1.5M.

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Schedule for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 19 & 20

Saturday 5:10 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, March 26, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.

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

Visitor Envelopes are available at St. Mary's front entrance. If an unmarked envelope with an amount of money is donated the amount will be shared with St. Mary's Parish.

Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament Parish are suspended while the church is closed for repairs. Our Mass intentions are not being celebrated at St. Mary's Parish during the week.

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.

A Prayer for the People of Syria

Almighty and all powerful God,
creator of the world

We bring before you all those caught
up in the conflict in Syria.

We pray for an immediate ceasefire, for
an end to violence against all civilians.

Give humanitarian organizations the space to assist
the needs of those living in poverty and insecurity.

We pray for those who are experiencing the
pain of personal loss, for families who are
mourning the loss of loved ones

Comfort especially those who have friends
and family members missing.

We pray for those caught up in the cycle
of violence and bloodshed:
give them a just peace.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

Thank you for supporting Share Lent 2016!

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign! Through your generosity (insert \$ amount) was collected in our parish. This will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you did not have a chance to make your donation, you can still place your Share Lent envelopes in the offertory or donate directly at devp.org/give.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Think About It

Euthanasia means killing someone – such as by a lethal injection - to end his or her suffering. Physician-assisted suicide means a doctor provides the means for someone to kill oneself (prescribing a lethal dose of medication). The distinction lies in who initiates the process – the doctor or the patient. Ad Hoc Communications Committee on Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia Response, Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Regina Pro-Life

Friday, April 8th, for our annual banquet at St. Martin de Porres Church: 4720 Castle Road, Regina. Adults: \$25.00, Youth (12-18): \$15.00 Child (5-11): \$10.00. Young child (conception - 4): Free! Tickets can be purchased at 306-569-1985 or www.reginapro-life.com

Archdiocese of Regina: The Arch

On the front page of the Archdiocesan website www.archregina.sk.ca find the following icons by clicking on:

- The Arch for the Spring 2016 issue.
- Easter Services for the the Easter Triduum Schedules
- The MyGen youth rally wrap-up video. A video of the Rally's guest speaker is coming soon on the Live Stream page.

Ukrainian Sacred Choral Tradition

will be performing at Holy Rosary Cathedral – 3125 – 13th Ave., Regina on Wednesday March 30th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at 1-306-584-1846 or online at onstagedirect.com.