

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 2 & 3, 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

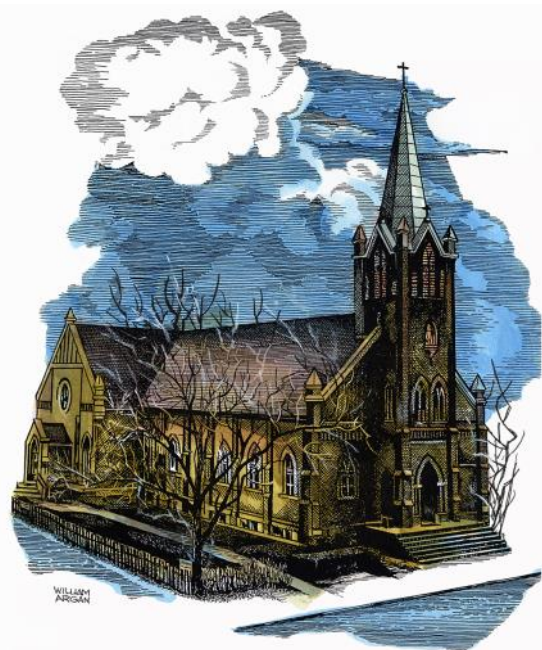
Suspended during Renovations

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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In today's Gospel reading, John tells us how the risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples and said to them, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When Jesus appeared a second time, he said to Thomas, "Do not doubt but believe." Thomas having been called by the One whose invitation beckons us all, he responds with that profound profession of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas' response challenges us to believe, to praise God and to have life in Jesus' name.

Saturday, April 2, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Loretta Elford

Lectors: Marvella Lovelly, Helen Ball

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ongsu, Gail Runge,
Lorraine Vincent

Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, April 3, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: St. Mary's Liturgy

Community Leader

Lectors : St. Mary's Liturgy

Eucharistic Ministers: St. Mary's Liturgy

Hospitality: St. Mary's Liturgy



"Do not doubt but believe."

Jn 20:27

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: Fr. Vitalis

Friday, 3:00 p.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Mass: Fr. Vitalis

5:10 p.m. Mass: Fr. Barry with Blessed Sacrament Parish scheduled ministers

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 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: This week contractors have poured cement for five (5) more piles in the 1905 basement section. These larger piles support the outer floor, domed church ceiling and the roof. Five (5) more of these larger floor columns need to be replaced to complete the underpinning process in the 1905 basement section. Now that the cement has cured for the new piles poured two weeks ago, contractors have also installed four (4) of six (6) new adjustable floor columns which support the center floor beam in the 1905 basement section.

Work is progressing on second phase of the underpinning project in the 1931 basement section. Dirt is being excavated around the four church transept columns and their huge cement pads. The bell tower will be the last phase of the underpinning process. During these last two phases, the new floor columns will be adjusted in small increments to gradually level out the church floor in relation to the outer foundation walls. Some new plaster cracks are expected to occur inside the church as adjustments are made to normalize the floor as best possible. Keep in mind that the floor cannot be leveled perfectly as in a new building. You will not be able to play marbles on the new floor :-)

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Ministry Schedules for April are available for pick-up in St. Mary’s Sacristy or download them from our parish website.

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.

Year of Mercy

As we continue our journey through this Year of Mercy, perhaps we could take some time this month to consider how we might live out this corporal work of mercy:

- support programs sponsored by agencies that advocate on behalf of those who are unjustly imprisoned;
- support job-training and educational programs designed to rehabilitate prisoners;
- pray for the families of inmates.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Think About It

Euphemisms such as “medical aid in dying” or “mercy killing” or “dying with dignity” or “terminating the suffering” do not change the fact that allowing assisted suicide and euthanasia makes it legal to kill someone (euthanasia) or to aid in their suicide (assisted suicide).

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.

Thanksgiving for the Queen’s Reign

On Sunday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m., St. Paul’s Cathedral, 12th Avenue & McIntyre Street, Regina, will hold a service of thanksgiving for the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in the week of Her Majesty’s 90th birthday. The address will be given by Dr. Robert Hawkins, Acting Deputy Mayor, City of Regina. Scripture lessons will be read by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court.

Financial Update:



	Collection	Target	Mar 26 & 27	Jan 1– Dec 31
	Mar 26 & 27	Mar 26 & 27	Over (Short) from Target	Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$1,980.20	\$4,983.00	(\$3,002.80)	(\$23,640.00)
Building Fund	\$414.00	\$18,411.00	(\$17,997.00)	(\$243,798.25)
Development & Peace				\$1,671.00
Papal Charities	\$296.00			\$900.20
Needs of Church Holy Land	\$261.00			\$1,144.20

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.

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday—Complete Pardon to Souls

Our Lord Jesus Christ is The Divine Mercy. We have a tapestry of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, at the front of our Church. The rays of graces streaming from His Heart represent the love and mercy that Jesus has for us, and His great desire to save souls.

Jesus chose Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska to write down all His words in her *Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul*, and requested that she promote His message of Divine Mercy (see *Diary, 1142*). Jesus said to her, **“I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy”** (*Diary, 299*).

Therefore, when Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, he stated during his homily: “The Second Sunday of Easter (which is the first Sunday after Easter) from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’” Also, through Jesus’ words to St. Faustina, our Holy Catholic Church has promoted The Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout the universal Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special day. If we follow the directives of our Catholic Church we can have all our sins forgiven, and our time in Purgatory cancelled. Jesus said, **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy”** (*Diary, 1109, 699*). On all other days of the year the Sacrament of Reconciliation forgives sins, saves us from Hell and reconciles us with God so we can receive His graces; but it does not take away our time in Purgatory. Our *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1472, 1473*, states: “Every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory”. This suffering in Purgatory cleanses the soul completely and prepares the repentant sinner to go to Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is the greatest day of the year for us sinners. On this day Jesus has promised to totally forgive all sins and take away all punishment in Purgatory—“complete pardon”—for those who “go to Confession and receive Holy Communion” worthily on this special day. So all sins and punishment are removed on this day, from when we were born up to this point in time.

However, it also means that from this day on, we will have to suffer in Purgatory for any future sins, until we go to Divine Mercy Sunday to Confession and Holy Communion the following year. So every year on this special day, we are wiped completely clean.

Pope Benedict XVI stated that we can go to Confession in Lent, and during the week before Divine Mercy Sunday; because a priest cannot cope with 500 people all wanting to go to Confession on that one day. So let us fulfill the conditions set by our Church, receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, and take advantage of this marvelous offering.

Also, Jesus requested that we prepare for this special day by reciting His novena of Chaplets of Divine Mercy (on the beads of the Rosary), beginning on Good Friday, and continuing for nine days until the first Sunday after Easter. In this way we can offer our intentions to The Divine Mercy and pray for souls.

