

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23 & 24, 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

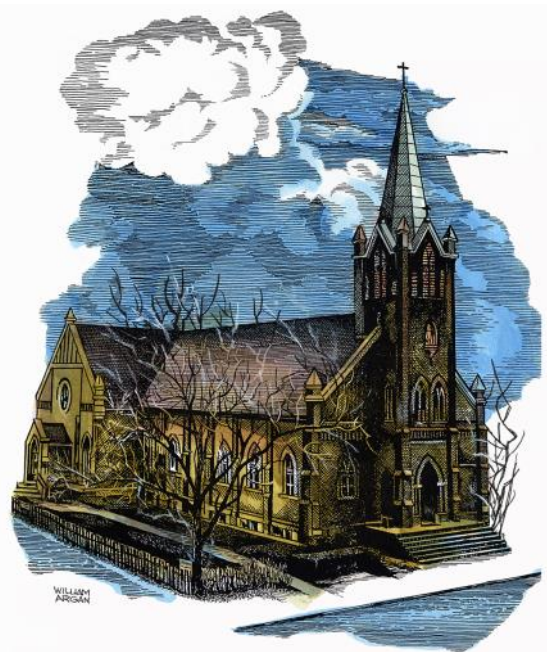
Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender  
Accountant: Lamont Stradeski  
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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**Knock and the door will be opened.** In today's Gospel reading Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, "Give us each day our daily bread." Jesus then uses a parable that invites his hearers to be persistent in asking God for what we need. We are encouraged to ask boldly, to search relentlessly and to knock tirelessly. The challenge is to be aware of our needs and unafraid to ask for help. We have the promise that when we ask, our needs will be heard. Jesus tells his followers to trust that the Holy Spirit is given to all who ask for God's help. Everyone who asks receives; whoever searches finds; and those who knock have the door opened to them.

**Saturday, July 23, 2016: 5:10 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

**Community Leader:** Rosie Ongsu

**Lectors:** Lorraine Vincent, Larry Ongsu

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marvella Lovely, Gail Runge,  
Mary Wadsworth

**Hospitality:** Sheryl Sayat, Christn Katas

**Sunday, July 24, 2016: 10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Arnel Urbiztondo, Patrick Ravasco,  
Melchoir Andes

**Community Leader:** Knights of Columbus

**Lectors :** Knights of Columbus, Reuben Mercado

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Newton Miranda, Urbis Urbistondo

**Hospitality:** Allan Ngui, Art Vanderzalm



## GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Special donations over \$5,000.00 to Blessed Sacrament Parish

### In 2014

From the estate of the late Agnes Weinberger for a new high efficiency boiler system: **\$105,000.00**

From Joseph Chipeur for building renovations: **\$5,000.00**

### In 2015

From Marvella M. Lovely for building renovations: **\$6,500.00**

From Joseph Chipeur for building renovations: **\$5,570.00**

From Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Jane Gebhardt for building renovations: **\$5,100.00**

### In 2016

From the South Saskatchewan Community Fund for underpinning repairs & renovations: **\$94,618.10**

In Memory of Henry & Eva Hueser for new stained glass rose window LED lighting,  
restoration of stained glass window openers, communion rails and confessional: **\$10,000.00**

From Loretta & Stewart Elford for restoration of the bell tower, so bells can be reinstalled: **\$5,500.00**

***May God reward you and all parishioners for your generous gifts.***

## REPAIR-RESTORATION-RENOVATION PROJECTS NEEDING YOUR DONATIONS

*Church Floor & Carpet Replacement*

*Church Sound System Replacement*

*Church Roof Structural Repairs*

*Church Attic Insulation Replacement*

*Church Basement Floor Replacement*

*Church Basement Hall & Washrooms*

*Church Grounds & Landscaping*

*Church New Structural Skeleton for Bells*

*Church & Rectory Roof Replacement*

*Church Ceiling Repair & Painting*

*Church Basement Mechanical Design*

*Church Basement Small-Commercial Kitchen*

## Church Repair Status

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

**Church Floor Underpinning Project:** Please pray for the general contractor, Breda Brother Builders to complete their day and half of work required to complete the underpinning and leveling of the four (4) transept columns/pads. The flooring project can resume and be completed, as soon as the transept underpinning and floor leveling process are done.

# Rediscover Mercy - Visit The Sick

*Reflection by a Dynamic Catholic Team*

The works of mercy are broken up into two categories: the corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy. Sacred Scripture defines seven corporal works of mercy (Matt 25:31-46): Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Cloth the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead. The corporal works of mercy are concerned primarily with meeting the physical needs of others.

Finding the time or the energy to visit the sick can be rather daunting, even under normal circumstances. So when asked to visit the sick while in Rome, you can imagine my internal struggle. After all, I was in Rome discerning the priesthood. I wanted to see the sights, eat Italian food, and visit a 1,000-year-old church or two. Visiting the sick wasn't on my agenda. I tried to reason with myself. Couldn't I wait until I got home to visit the sick? But something in my heart encouraged me to go. So, full of hesitation, I went. It ended up being the best decision I ever made.

## WHEN IN ROME?

The only hospital at the Vatican is a children's hospital. The plan was to go from floor to floor and sing music and maybe meet some of the Italian children. We couldn't talk directly to them since they didn't speak English, but we did have a translator. I had no intention of speaking with any of the children—my plan was simply to sing. After we sang on one floor, however, I wandered into a nearby room with the translator by my side. There was a little girl about 11 years old sitting up. She was weak and alone, perhaps even an outcast.

## IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

The translator said her name was Nicoleta. He asked if I wanted to say anything to her. I told the translator that I couldn't think of anything to say because, even in her weakness and innocence, her beauty had me speechless. He said something to her in Italian, and she started to cry. "What did you say?" I asked him. "I told her you said she is beautiful." Those tears were tears of joy.

What if this was the first time this poor, sick, little girl had ever been told she was beautiful? I began to think, what if I had decided not to visit the sick that day? If I had stuck to my plan to tour the city and eat pizza, Nicoleta may never have heard those words she desperately needed to hear . . . and I may have become a priest. Like I said, I was in Rome discerning the priesthood, but it was ministering to Nicoleta that helped me realize I wanted to be a husband and father. As it often happens, we minister to others with the hope of changing their lives, but they are the ones who end up changing our lives.

How can you visit the sick? Do you have friends and family who are ill or weak? Is there a hospital you can visit? Whatever it might be, I encourage you to act—it might make someone's week or even year . . . and it may transform your life.

## REFLECTION

**Focus:** How can you visit the sick, and how can you be fully present to those people?

**Act:** Schedule time to visit the sick, and spend time in prayer before doing so.

**Pray:** Father, help me to be your agent of mercy to those in need. Help them to find consolation in you through my presence. Use me to show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole, and free downcast spirits. (Based on Prayer for the Sick)

### Financial Update:



	Collection July 16 & 17	Target July 16 & 17	July 16 & 17 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$1,855.10	\$3,620.00	(\$1,764.90)	(\$50,700.78)
Building Fund	\$287.00	\$17,933.00	(\$17,646.00)	(\$525,051.78)
Bishop's Spring Appeal	\$550.00			\$3,920.00

**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.

## The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Helps



Almost 1 year ago, Blessed Sacrament Church began a very necessary, but very complicated, restoration project. Required repairs and renovations were more extensive than first anticipated, although it is a blessing that structural deficiencies were discovered while repair was still possible! The expenses, however, were likewise greater than anticipated. We needed help and turned to the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* (SSCF).

The *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* graciously offered Blessed Sacrament a **large matching grant**, which has made it possible for our project to continue. This vital gift was provided through the Anonymous Donor Fund of the SSCF.

The donors to the Anonymous Donor Fund recognize Blessed Sacrament Parish as an important inner city faith community serving the spiritual and social needs of its increasing new Canadian congregation. They are also aware of its role in providing daily Mass to down town workers, to those visiting our city, and staying in down town hotels. The donors acknowledge the church's significant historical importance and are anxious to preserve it as heritage property.

It is difficult to convey adequately our gratitude to the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* and to the Anonymous Donor Fund in particular for this large and generous gift. The work of repairing, restoring, and renovating Blessed Sacrament Parish would simply not have been possible without their financial help.

The *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* is a public foundation serving the people of South Saskatchewan. The foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing needs and opportunities of the community and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in culture, health, education, environment, recreation, and social services sectors.

Should you be interested in further information about the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* and their important philanthropic and community work, you are encouraged to visit their website at [www.sscf.ca](http://www.sscf.ca)

### Regina Catholic School Division Opening Mass

Resurrection Parish, Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Please join all current employees of Regina Catholic Schools in this wonderful celebration. Special reserved seating for all former employees will be provided behind the sanctuary. Catholic Education Services.

### Parish Leadership Retreat

**Breathe Deep: Letting the Spirit In to Lead Us All**  
Our Lady of Peace Parish, 425 Broad St. North, on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Attention to Pastoral & Finance Council Members, committee members, spouses and all interested - a pot-luck lunch at noon followed by a Parish Leadership Retreat. Leah Perrault, nationally sought-after speaker and columnist writer in the Prairie Messenger will facilitate. Nominal Charge. Call 543-5355 for more information.

Thank you for your support of the Annual Appeal!

### CFC Kids for Christ

Couples for Christ (CFC) Regina would like to invite your children ages 4 to 12, for a weekend retreat at River Park Centre, that will serve as a formal entry point for them to be members of the CFC Kids for Christ. The camp includes talks, discussion/sharing groups, games, crafts and outdoor activities. August 20, 8:30 am - 6 pm for Senior children 8 - 12 yrs \$15.00 and Junior children 4 - 7rs \$10. Please RSVP by August 7, to Rene or Abie Reyes at [amreyes@sasktel.net](mailto:amreyes@sasktel.net), 306-520-3729, or to the person(s) who handed you this invite. Kids for Christ Regina.

### Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about or to register for the September 16-18, 2016 weekend in Saskatoon, call Wendy or Fritz at (306) 652-7155 or email [retrouvaille@sasktel.net](mailto:retrouvaille@sasktel.net)