

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 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

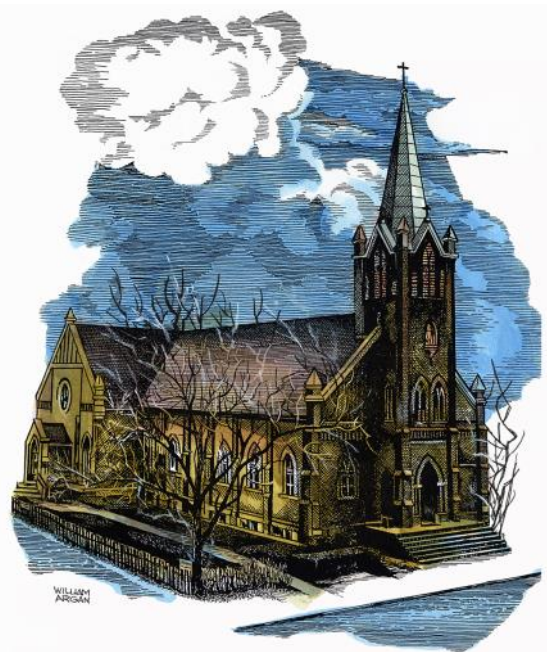
Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender
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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The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. Today's readings focus on our ultimate goal. No matter how important we think some of our earthly matters are in our lives, they are only transitory. Many things will pass away, and only what is rooted in a solid relationship with God will last. Paul tells us that our ultimate priority must not be things of this earth. God can and should be the final source of meaning for our lives. Other things may be blessings that God provides along the way, but if we elevate the gifts over the Giver then in the end we will lose everything that matters.

Saturday, August 6, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Loretta Elford

Lectors: Marvella Lovely, Helen Ball

Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Runge, Mary Wadsworth,
Larry Ongsu

Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, August 7, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

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



GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Special donations from \$1,000.00 - \$5,000.00 to Blessed Sacrament Parish

In 2015

Donation In Kind from Patrick Stawarz, retired Miller HS teacher:	105 Candle Vigil Stand
Loretta & Stewart Elford for Ambry-Holy Oil Cruets, Aspergillum & Technology Needs:	\$4,391.00
From Patricia Sinclair for building renovations:	\$2,700.00
From Charles Dubois for building renovations:	\$2,000.00
From Dr. David & Mrs. Barbara McCutcheon for building renovations:	\$1,250.00
From Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent for building renovations:	\$1,040.00
From George Caron for building renovations:	\$1,000.00

Total 2015 Donations from All Parishioners to the building fund: \$43,913.00

In 2016

From Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Jane Gebhardt for building renovations:	\$2,800.00
From Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent for building renovations:	\$1,500.00
From Auriole Jelinski for building fund:	\$1,000.00
From George Picray for building fund:	\$1,000.00
From Patricia Sinclair for building fund:	\$1,000.00
From Tim Wicijowski for building fund:	\$1,000.00

Total 2016 To-Date Donations from All Parishioners to the building fund: \$33,143.00

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

Church Repair Status

Please visit 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 - Ransom The Captive

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.

There are three great practical suggestions on how to tangibly “ransom the captive” in your hometown. They are:

1. Invite those held captive by loneliness to join you for a holiday meal.
2. Reach out to a local school to offer food and Christmas gifts to young people who are held captive by poverty.
3. Support Covenant House and other ministries that house those held captive by homelessness.

These are three great ways to ransom the captive, but they are not the only three. If you can, take a moment to examine your own life and prayerfully consider who God might be calling you to help. Earlier this year, my friend Evan’s grandmother fell and broke her wrist. She is 87 years old and the fall demanded that she spend a significant amount of time in a nursing home to regain her strength. The physical therapy was rough for her, really rough. Evan and his family couldn’t imagine the pain and the struggle “Grandma Ellie” was going through.

One day, Evan went to the nursing home to visit his recovering Grandmother. For Evan, Grandma Ellie had always been a beacon of joy. She had a way about her that never failed to bring a smile to those around her. Evan was hoping to see that smile despite the circumstances.

When he arrived, Grandma Ellie greeted him with a smile and a kiss, but she was tired. Evan could tell the therapy had worn her out. After some time together, Grandma Ellie asked Evan to sit down next to her. She began to tell him how she wasn’t much of a morning person but no one knew it because her smile always started with Mass. She told him the day was more of a struggle without Communion. She begged him to bring her the Eucharist.


Evan was so moved by his Grandmother’s plea that he promised to bring her Jesus each week. Grandma Ellie was held captive by her homebound state and Evan set her free by bringing Communion to her. There are countless, immensely practical ways to ransom the captive. Imagine if each of us striving to have our best Advent Ever helped ransom just one captive this Advent. That would be incredible. Let’s do something incredible.

REFLECTION

Focus: How are the people around you held captive spiritually, physically, or emotionally?

Act: Ask God who he is calling you to help, and ransom a captive in your own life.

Pray: Heavenly Father, break my heart for what breaks yours. Help me to hear the pain of your children so that I can help set them free.

Financial Update:		Collection	Target	July 30 & 31 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
		<u>July 30 & 31</u>	<u>July 30 & 31</u>		
	Regular Collection	\$1,976.80	\$4,569.00	(\$2,592.20)	(\$55,165.63)
	Building Fund	\$212.00	\$19,402.00	(\$19,190.00)	(\$577,370.78)
	Bishop’s Spring Appeal	\$			\$4,220.00

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

Blessed Sacrament Steak Night Fundraiser

Tuesday August 30 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm The Tap
Brew Pub and Eatery
4245 Rochdale Blvd., Regina

We are a group of people who appreciate being able to attend weekday Mass at Blessed Sacrament and would like to support them during their renovations. If you feel the same or belong to Blessed Sacrament Parish, please join us for this steak night fundraiser on Tuesday August 30th ! Tickets cost \$25.00 and include: steak, baked potato, salad and a pint of house draft. There will also be silent auction/raffle items, door prizes and more! For tickets or to make a donation contact:

Jeanine at 306-535-3290, Terry at 306-565-8814 or e-mail: blessedsacramentsteaknight@hotmail.com
All proceeds go to Blessed Sacrament Parish renovations. Deadline to purchase tickets: Aug 27, 2016.

Thank you for your support of the Annual Appeal!

Catholic Family Services - Marriage Prep Dates

October 14 & 15, 2016
November 18 & 19, 2016
January 13 & 14, 2017
February 10 & 11, 2017
April 28 & 29, 2017
May 26 & 27, 2017
June 9 & 10, 2017

All prep sessions are: Friday – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Catholic Family Services 160 McIntosh St., Regina, Sk. 306-525-0521. \$200.00 This is non-refundable.

Reboot Live Event

Resurrection Parish will be hosting with Chris Stefanick and the Real Life Catholic team on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. All you have to do is talk about it to your friends. If you would like to help please contact Lauren van Vliet at rpyouth@sasktel.net