

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13 & 14, 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

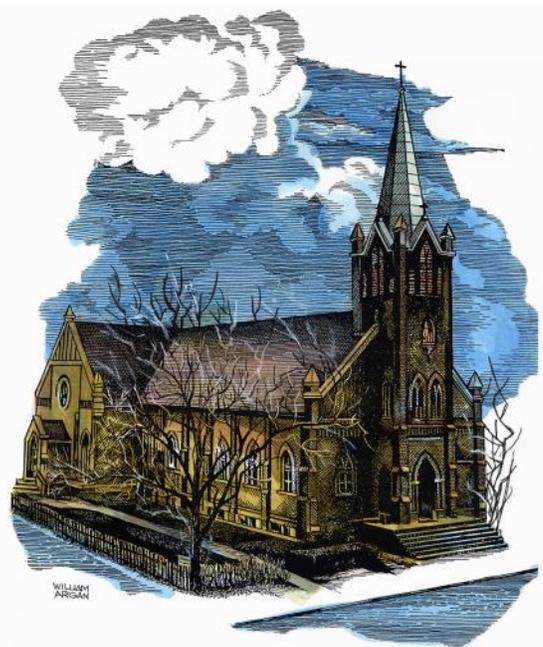
Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### 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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**My sheep hear my voice.** Today's Gospel reading opens with Jesus telling his disciples: ...”I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!” Jesus demands a decision either for His message or against it. Jesus knew that whenever the Holy Spirit of fire came to people through the Word of God, it would create division. The Spirit of fire brings about repentance in some. Yet in others, the Spirit of fire brings about anger. Is our faith such that we are open to hear God’s voice?

**Saturday, August 13, 2016: 5:10 p.m.**

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

**Community Leader:** Rosie Ongsu

**Lectors:** Lorraine Vincent, Larry Ongsu

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Wadsworth, Helen Ball,  
Ernesta Pagaduan

**Hospitality:** Sheryl Sayat, Christn Katas

**Sunday, August 14, 2016: 10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Angela & Andrea Paz

**Community Leader:** Jeanne Bonneville

**Lectors :** Loretta Elford

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Maria Alarcon

**Hospitality:** Sharon Greer, Inge Ciarciaglini, Lancy Cheng



## GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) **matching grant:** The SSCF will match every dollar that is donated to the Blessed Sacrament Parish building fund. The SSCF will only match donations that are deposited in the parish building fund. For accounting transparency please include your name, address and phone number. All other donations will be deposited directly into the parish operating fund.

The Federal Government and many organizations in our country use the dollar-for-dollar fund matching grant to promote ownership and accountability. This simple and basic principle acknowledges that even *the poorest of the poor, who have personally donated their ‘widows mite’ to repair our church, will be given the same dignity and respect*, as all benefactors, regardless of race, class, religion, sex or social status. Contrary to the world’s notion of treasure, Sacred Scripture clearly teaches that all the fine things people enjoy, including our treasure - are blessings from God. *Reflect and pray upon this reality*, because all children of the one-true-living God have an responsibility to return to the Lord and His House a portion of the time, talent and treasure that God has generously given to us. When we positively honor the ‘Master’s talents’ by giving generously to the needs of His church, then we grow in holiness, we are blessed 100-fold and we become Good Stewards of the blessings we receive. Your sincere and genuine treasure is where your heart is!

### In 2016

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

From Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Jane Gebhardt for building renovations:	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
From Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent for building renovations:	<b>\$1,560.00</b>
From Auriole Jelinski for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Della Milleker for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Larry Ongsu for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From George Picray for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Patricia Sinclair for building fund:	<b>\$1,250.00</b>
From Tim Wicijowski for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

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

### Church Repair Status

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

**Church Floor Underpinning Project:** Please continue to pray for the general contractor, Breda Brother Builders to complete the work required to finish 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 - Bury The Dead

*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.

Most of us are not gravediggers or funeral directors, but many—if not all—of us have had the challenging, sometimes unpredictable, and emotionally draining job of burying the dead. If burying the dead is so agonizing, why do we do it?

## **WHEN WE BURY THE DEAD, WE HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.**

Every person was created in the image and likeness of God for a specific purpose. Whether the CEO of a major corporation, a stay-at-home mom, a pre-school teacher, or a drug addict, every human being matters and deserves to be treated with dignity, even in death. We can honor our loved ones and their legacies with wakes, funerals, and proper Christian burials—services where we share stories and reflect on the impact they had on each of us. These memorials also provide closure; the opportunity to say goodbye to a person’s physical presence in our lives. Another way to honor the deceased is to visit cemeteries and leave flowers at their gravesites.

## **WHEN WE BURY THE DEAD, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.**

Every person is more than just a physical being—we are souls who await eternal life in heaven. And some of us have to wait longer than others. When we die, most of us don’t get a direct flight to heaven—we have a layover in purgatory. By praying for the souls of our deceased loved ones, we are shortening their stay in purgatory. Imagine meeting a family member, friend, or stranger in heaven and finding out that your prayers helped purify them for heaven. Wakes, funerals, and Christian burials provide the opportunity to begin praying for the dead. But we can—and should—continue offering prayers for our loved ones in the days, weeks, and years that follow. A great way is to go to Mass on the anniversary of your loved one’s death and offer up your Mass for their soul.

## **WHEN WE BURY THE DEAD, WE OFFER COMFORT AND SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING.**

Richard and Debbie drove eight hours to attend Allen’s father’s funeral. Richard and Debbie had never met Allen’s father, and they weren’t even close friends with Allen and his wife. But Richard and Debbie understood the importance of comforting and supporting people when loved ones die. You can console people by going to wakes and funerals, praying for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one, sending sympathy cards, offering to cook a meal, and letting people know you are thinking about them on the anniversary of a loved one’s death. People need to know they are not alone. Yes, burying the dead is challenging, sometimes unpredictable, and emotionally draining, but it’s an act of mercy acknowledging that people and their lives mattered—and still matter, even in death.

### **REFLECTION**

**Focus:** We were not made for this world; we were made for heaven.

**Act:** Determine one actionable way to live out this work of mercy, whether it is calling or sending a note to someone who has lost a loved one, visiting the grave of someone you have lost, offering a Mass for someone who has died, or even helping someone prepare to die well.

**Pray:** Lord, help me to realize that we all have only one soul, only one death to die, only one life, and only one glory, which is eternal. (Inspired on Saint Teresa of Avila)

### **Financial Update:**



	Collection	Target	Aug 6 & 7 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
	Aug 6 & 7	Aug 6 & 7		
Regular Collection	\$2,633.90	\$2,571.00	\$62.90	(\$55,102.73)
Building Fund	\$3,677.00	\$24,423.00	(\$20,746.00)	(\$598,116.78)

**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)

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> ! 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](mailto: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!**

### **The Canonization of Blessed Mother Theresa**

Holy Cross Parish, 315 Douglas Ave. E. Regina on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Spiritual Education Committee at Holy Cross Parish invites you to hear Paul Hill speak of his meeting Mother Theresa and the impact it had on his life. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to Mother Theresa Middle School in Regina.

### **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](mailto:rpyouth@sasktel.net)

### **Camp Monahan**

Bottle drive from August 1 – September 1. Call 306-522-1047 or email [campmonahan@sasktel.net](mailto:campmonahan@sasktel.net) to arrange pick up