

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20 & 21, 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

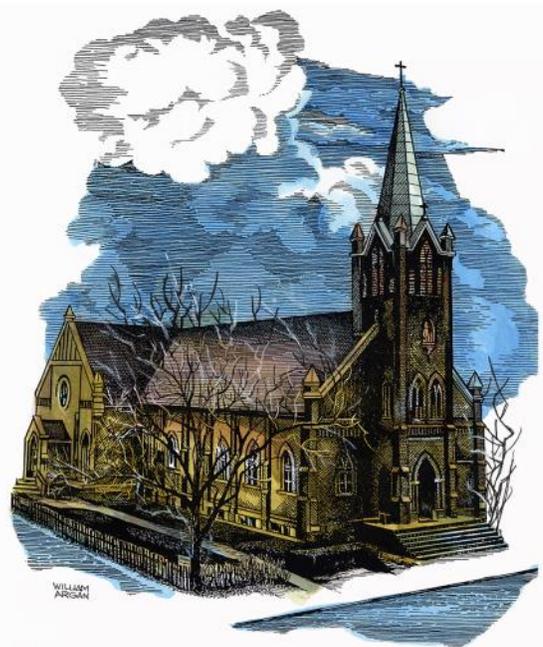
Tuesday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### 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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**Strive to enter by the narrow door.** In today's Gospel reading, we hear that Jesus went about teaching where ever He was situated. Our Psalm response also encourages us to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news." There are some practical suggestions from today's Gospel as to who will get into the kingdom of God. Membership in God's kingdom is available to all who are willing to love, to be a light in the many dark places of our world and to bring hope to the suffering. Are we willing to live the challenge of today's Gospel?

**Saturday, August 20, 2016: 5:10 p.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito  
**Community Leader:** Lorraine Vincent  
**Lectors:** Jeanne Bonneville, Larry Ongsu  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Helen Ball,  
Mary Wadsworth  
**Hospitality:** Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

**Sunday, August 21, 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



People will come  
from east and west,  
and the north and south.

## 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>\$1,620.00</b>
From Patricia Sinclair for building fund:	<b>\$1,250.00</b>
From Paz Ongsu for building fund:	<b>\$1,015.00</b>
From Auriole Jelinski for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Cecile 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 Jovita R. Ongsu for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Rosita R. Ongsu for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From George Picray for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
From Tim Wicijowski for building fund:	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

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

# 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 13 & 14	Jan 1– Dec 31
	Aug 13 & 14	Aug 13 & 14	Over (Short)	Over (Short)
			from Target	from Target
Regular Collection	\$1,852.00	\$6,266.00	(\$4,414.00)	(\$59,516.73)
Building Fund	\$4,245.00	\$9,564.00	(\$5,319.00)	(\$603,435.78)

**Thank you for your donation!**

### **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 underpin the last two(2) transept columns/pads and to level as best possible the 1913 floor.

## 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.

### **Welcome our new Archbishop, Most Reverend Donald Bolen**

The Archdiocese of Regina will welcome our new Archbishop, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, at the Installation and Eucharistic Celebration to take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral, 13th Avenue and Garnet Street, on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail Blessed Sacrament Parish with your name for allocation of attendance (4 seats are available). Livestreaming will be available.

### **Regina Catholic School Division Opening Mass**

Resurrection Parish, Tuesday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. Please join the Regina Catholic Schools in this wonderful celebration.

### **Where in the World is Joe Camper Fundraiser**

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Monahan. Please support our Fundraiser. Please visit our website [www.campmonahan.ca](http://www.campmonahan.ca) for more information or phone (306)522-1047.