

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3 & 4, 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

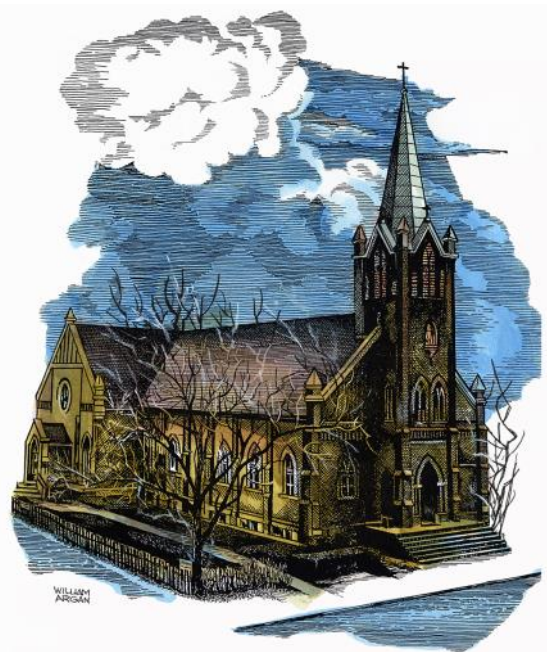
Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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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For who can learn the counsel of God ? Today's readings focus on listening, hearing and learning. What will it cost to enter God's household? Know the cost, Jesus warns, or risk being foolish. "So therefore, whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." God sets the example, giving us the fullness of divine life in Jesus, who in turn gives his life completely.

Saturday, September 3, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Loretta Elford

Lectors: Lorraine Vincent, Larry Ongsu

Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Runge,
Mary Wadsworth, Helen Ball

Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, September 4, 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



**Carry the cross
and follow me.**

GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Special Building Fund donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation: **\$187,978.10**

In Memory of Henry & Eva Hueser: **\$10,000.00**

Loretta & Steward Elford: **\$5,500.00**

Friends of Blessed Sacrament: **\$3,557.00**

Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Jane Gebhardt: **\$3,500.00**

Elizabeth Heidt,: **\$2,000.00**

Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent: **\$1,680.00**

Dorothy Lloyd: **\$1,500.00**

Patricia Sinclair: **\$1,250.00**

Peter Fellingner: **\$1,000.00**

Auriole Jelinski: **\$1,000.00**

Cecile Jelinski: **\$1,000.00**

David McCutcheon: **\$1,025.00**

Della Mileker: **\$1,000.00**

Jovita R. Ongsu: **\$1,000.00**

Paz Ongsu: **\$1,015.00**

Rosita R. Ongsu: **\$1,000.00**

Larry Ongsu: **\$1,000.00**

George Picray: **\$1,000.00**

Tim Wicijowski: **\$1,000.00**

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

Rectory Sewer Line Replacement

Church New Structural Skeleton for Bells

Church & Rectory Roof Replacement

Church Ceiling Repair & Painting

Church Basement Mechanical Design

Church Basement Small-Commercial Kitchen

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

Rediscover Mercy - Instruct The Ignorant

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. The spiritual works of mercy are designed to meet the spiritual needs of others: Instruct The Ignorant, Counsel The Doubtful, Admonish The Sinner, Bear Wrongs Patiently, Forgive Offences Willingly, Comfort The Afflicted, Pray For The Living and The Dead.

What does it mean to share your story? What if my story isn't very exciting? It's not always about the depth of our knowledge of the Catholic faith. Instructing the ignorant is about reaching people's hearts. Sometimes to open someone's heart to instruction, what we really need to do first is share our story. No one can argue with your testimony.

From our point of view, life isn't all that exciting. It's easier for us to reach people's hearts by listening to them talk about their pain and then offering ways to solve their problem—without necessarily referencing our personal experiences. We have been learning about the beauty of the Catholic faith our entire life, and it holds all the answers. But people need deeply personal answers to deeply personal questions. There is a difference between saying, "God loves you," and being vulnerable to share the incredible things God has done for you. Which meets the person where they are better?

People need to know that they are not alone. People need love. People need someone who is willing to meet them where they are—not just by acknowledging their pain, but by being willing to walk with them through it and try to better understand their pain. This is where we can share our own stories, to let them know that we share their struggles, that we want to hear about them, and then love them however they need it. We may struggle with sharing our story because it does not have any dramatic journeys into or out of darkness. Have I made bad choices? Yes, but nothing extraordinary. Have I suffered? Yes, but again, nothing I would call extraordinary. But I have failed. I have suffered. I am battling my own demons. I have wrestled with countless questions. I have felt alone, used, rejected, worthless. I have been confused, angry, exhausted. I have felt like I couldn't bear any more. But I have also laughed, and I have loved. I have delighted in the people and the world around me—and in my savior. I have experienced a love that pierces, heals, and transforms. I have been embraced in my deepest pain. And I have been given joy that makes it all seem so small. And so have you.

God is working in your life and in your heart. You can testify to that. How have you struggled? What are the doubts you have faced? How have you experienced the incredible mercy of God? How have you found freedom in the genius of Catholicism? Wherever you are in your journey, you have a story worth telling.

REFLECTION

Focus: Your story can help reach people's hearts.

Act: Be vulnerable. If you know someone who is struggling, don't try to give that person all the answers. Give him or her your heart.

Pray: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51: 10, 12)

Financial Update:



	Collection	Target	Aug 20 & 21 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
	<u>Aug 20 & 21</u>	<u>Aug 20 & 21</u>		
Regular Collection	\$1,543.00	\$3,481.00	(\$1,938.00)	(\$62,292.48)
Building Fund	\$100,281.00	\$30,469.00	\$69,812.00	(\$542,551.78)

Thank you for your donation!

Church Repair Status

Please visit www.blessedsacramentregina.ca for more details.

Church Floor Underpinning & Replacement Project: Please pray for Caltec Flooring so that the remainder of the new church floor tiles and the new sanctuary carpet will be installed in time for Blessed Sacrament's first wedding scheduled in the middle of October.



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 Caretaker Position

Candidates for this position should have a Grade 12 education; have/obtain a Fireman's certificate; have a Caretaker Technician Certificate or equivalent experience to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of cleaning/maintenance processes, products and equipment. The successful candidate shall choose their own flexible time (overtime will not be paid) required to accomplish the job duties and responsibilities. The successful candidate will enter into an employee work performance contract to clean and maintain the parish facilities and grounds, as well as comply with the Archdiocese of Regina's Protocols for Responsible Parish Ministry. The position benefits includes three weeks of vacation, dental and disability, as well as a matching employer pension contribution. Please submit your resume with references on or before September 23, 2016 to Rev. Barry J. Anwender, Pastor Blessed Sacrament Parish 2049 Scarth Street. Regina SK. S4P 2H5.

The Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

In anticipation of this coming September 4 2016. Our Archdiocesan Resource Centre is inviting everyone to know her faith lived life story through the many excellent DVDs that everyone in the diocese can borrow free of charge. Please call Sr. Rufina at 352-1651 ext. 238, email rdubao@archregina.sk.ca to book an item, feel free to come in at 445 Broad St. North and submit an on-line request at www.archregina.sk.ca

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. We provide a working knowledge of particular areas of service; native ministry, ministry to the sick, dying and bereaved, youth ministry, parish government, sacramental preparations and the RCIA. We provide the tools and the guidance to speak confidently about the church, faith and Jesus Christ in the home, the parish and the world. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at (306) 325-1651 ext 211 or email egurash@archregina.sk.ca