

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8 & 9, 2016

### Sunday Liturgy

Saturdays: 5:10 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass

Reconciliation: Until 20 min. before Mass

### Weekday Liturgy

Suspended until Advent: Nov 29, 2016

### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

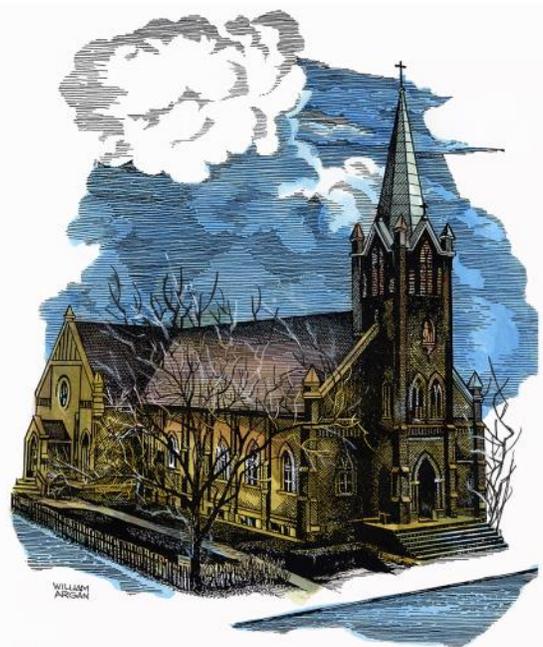
Accountant: Lamont Stradeski

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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**Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!** The Gospel reading of today has a Good Samaritan story. In the parable of the ten lepers, one of the lepers returns to Jesus with praise and thanks for his healing. The Good Samaritan gave evidence of gratitude to God. Cultivating a sense of gratitude for the ordinary and the extra-ordinary in our life is a sure way to help us open our hearts to God.

**Saturday, October 8, 2016: 5:10 p.m.**

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

**Community Leader:** Rosie Ongsu

**Lectors:** Jeanne Bonneville-Stroh, Helen Ball

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Wadsworth,  
Loretta Elford, Lorraine Vincent

**Hospitality:** Sheryl Sayat, Ernesta Pagaduan

**Sunday, October 9, 2016: 10:00 a.m.**

**Altar Servers:** Angela & Andrea Paz

**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn

**Lectors :** Dennis Nacional, Mary Gebhardt

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Gloria Rivero  
Kelly Foy

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

*Your faith  
has made  
you well.*



## 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**

Marvela M. Lovely: **\$4,000.00**

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

Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Jane Gebhardt: **\$4,000.00**

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

Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent: **\$2,320.00**

Ernesta Paganuda: **\$1,700.00**

*Blessed Sacrament's*

*Grand Re-Opening Mass*

*with Archbishop Don Bolen*

*Sunday 10:00 a.m., October 23, 2016*

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

Peter & Joan Fellinger: **\$1,000.00**

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

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

Dr. David & Mrs. Barbara McCutcheon: **\$1,225.00**

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

Dr. Enrico & Evelyn Cabigon: **\$1,400.00**

Ray & Mary Wadsworth: **\$1,000.00**

Jovita R. Ongsu: **\$1,045.00**

Paz Ongsu: **\$1,045.00**

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

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

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

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

Eileen Gerein: **\$1,000.00**

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

## REPAIR-RESTORATION-RENOVATION PROJECTS NEEDING YOUR DONATIONS

*Church Sound System Replacement*

*Church Roof Structural Repairs*

*Church Attic Insulation Replacement*

*Church Basement Floor Replacement*

*Church Basement Hall & Washrooms*

*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 - Bear Wrongs Patiently

*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.

## THE STATE OF YOUR SOUL

There is no clearer window into the state of your soul than an encounter with unnecessary and undeserved suffering. It is in the truly difficult moments that depth of character is revealed. When an injustice occurs in our lives, it can be so easy to let frustration determine our action and retribution become our final goal. It's even considered by most to be the sensible and understandable reaction to injustice. But anyone who has let vengeance carry the day can tell you that it is destructive for everyone involved.

## GOD'S PLAN

What is it about God that makes him so patient? How is he able to be so persistent in his mercy despite the fact that we seem to be constantly coming up short of the person he created me to be? I believe part of the reason is that God is in the business of transforming not changing. God did not make a mistake when he created us. He didn't fail you or the world around you. He made you exactly who you were meant to be.

In other words, God did not create you in the hopes of completely changing who you are at some point in your life. He didn't say, "Whoops, looks like I messed up a little here! Oh well, I will fix that later . . ." God does not make mistakes. But God does break into the fabric of our daily lives to transform us from the inside out. Not because we need fixing, but because he desires for us to be fully alive! As Saint Irenaeus once said, "The Glory of God is man fully alive." And, the only way to be fully alive is to become perfectly yourself. God wants to take all that you are—all of your strengths and weaknesses—and transform you into the person you were meant to be. Getting there is a journey. And that journey requires an abundance of patience on God's part.

## BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

To accomplish this mission, God asks us to join him, not in an effort to change our fellow brothers and sisters, but to journey with them on their path of transformation. While it can be incredibly painful, the opportunity to bear wrongs patiently holds within it the power to transform your life and the life of the person who wronged you. When we come from a place driven by patience and not vengeance, we are able to accept, understand, and enter into God's work of transformation. In the end, because of free will, you have a choice. Will being wronged be an occasion for division, anger, and violence? Or will it be an occasion for unity, patience, and transformation? You decide.

## REFLECTION

**Focus:** It is in the truly difficult moments that depth of character is revealed.

**Act:** When someone wrongs you, remember that you have a choice between division, anger, and violence, or unity, patience, and transformation.

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, your love conquers every fear and breaks the power of hatred and prejudice. Flood my heart with your mercy and compassion, that I may treat my neighbor with the same favor and kindness which you have shown to me. Lord Jesus, may I see as you see, may your words be my words, and may my love for you be never ending. (Prayer for Mercy)



## Financial Update:

|                    | Collection<br>October 1 & 2 | Target<br>October 1 & 2 | October 1 & 2<br>Over (Short)<br>from Target | Jan 1– Dec 31<br>Over (Short)<br>from Target |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Regular Collection | \$3,215.50                  | \$2,647.00              | \$568.50                                     | (\$64,036.88)                                |
| Building Fund      | \$5,912.00                  | \$3,194.00              | \$2,718.00                                   | (\$176,271.78)                               |
| Annual Fall Appeal | \$1,045.00                  | \$28,466.00             |  | \$5,365.00                                   |

**Thank you for your donation!**

**Church Restoration Update:** This week Fr. Barry reconnected the electrical wiring to the confessional and repaired the broken kneeler switch. Parts were reused from the second confessional which was dismantled last fall. Contractors have poured concrete for a new pile to support the choir loft stairway, poured concrete to cap the transept piles and poured concrete to close up the rectory basement floor where the new PVC sewer lines have been installed.



## 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)

### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2016

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus cures 10 lepers. They have been given something – health – which they once only hoped for. Yet only one of them, a Samaritan as a matter of fact, returns to the Lord to thank Him. Jesus says “Where are the other nine?”

A grateful heart focuses on one's gifts, on ones' many blessings, not on what one may not have, or what one may have been denied. In gratitude, not only do we need to concentrate on those gifts, but we need to take the time to thank God and others who may have provided us those gifts. When was the last time you actually thanked your parents for the gift of life? When did you last thank your spouse for all that he or she may have done for you? When did you last thank God in prayer? Have we considered giving for a cause, like the Archbishop's annual appeal as a way of thanking God for his many blessings to us?

Catholic encyclopedias says that there are five kinds of prayer — adoration, contrition, love, petition, and thanksgiving. Among these prayers, for a thankful heart, thanksgiving is foremost.

### At the Heart of the Action

#### Development and Peace 50 years of Solidarity

This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, care for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

#### Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join us to pray the Rosary in front of the Holy Rosary Cathedral OR in front of the Legislative Building near the Queen's Statue on Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 noon. 99 years after Our Lady appeared in Fatima, we are gathering to give witness to our need for our Mother and to pray for Canada. Everyone is welcome! For more information go to [www.canadaneedsourlady.org](http://www.canadaneedsourlady.org) or call Sharon at 306-949-8969.