

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29 & 30, 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 28, 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

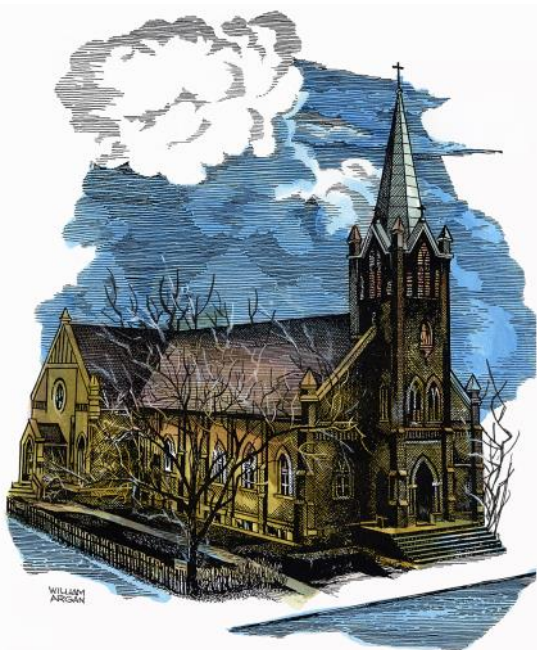


Jesus and the Beloved disciple at the Last Supper



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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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In the Gospel, Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector but in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Saturday, October 29, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito
Community Leader: Jeanne Bonneville-Stroh
Lectors: Helen Ball, Christn Katas
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Vincent, Larry Ongsu,
Mary Wadsworth
Hospitality: Sheryl Sayat, Ernesta Pagaduan

Sunday, October 30, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vacant
Community Leader: Gloria Rivero
Lectors : Betty Kuntz, Dennis Nacional
Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Runge, Maria Alarcon
Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Inge Ciarciaglini,
Lancy Cheng



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: **\$4,300.00**

Dr. Tom & Mrs. Lorraine Vincent: **\$2,440.00**

Dr. E & E Cabigon: **\$2,200.00**

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

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

Sharon Greer: **\$1,500.00**

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

Dr. D & Mrs. B McCutcheon: **\$1,325.00**

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

Jovita R. Ongsu: **\$1,085.00**

Pauline Voss: **\$1,080.00**

Paz Ongsu: **\$1,070.00**

Gail Runge: **\$1,020.00**

M Chamberlain: **\$1,000.00**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R& M Wadsworth: **\$1000.00**

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

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 - Forgive Offences Willingly

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.

Knowing that forgiveness is a process and not just an event reveals why it is so difficult to forgive. We want it to be over and done with in a single moment, but in reality it takes a serious emotional and spiritual commitment. While difficult, there are few skills more important in life than forgiveness. There isn't a person on the planet that hasn't needed to give forgiveness.

To help us forgive, Father Mike delivers two incredibly simple but transformative truths about forgiveness. The first is, order matters. Father Mike's three-step process on how to forgive is incredibly insightful, but perhaps the most important part about the process is in adhering to the order. Here is the order he prescribes:

- 1. Acknowledge that there is something to forgive.**
- 2. Count precisely what an individual has caused you.**
- 3. Don't say it's ok or what they did doesn't matter. Count the cost and then make a decision to release them of their debt.**

Skipping one of these steps or trying to do it in a different order would be to your detriment. Think about it this way. About ten years ago, my dad decided to teach me how to change an electrical socket. He unscrewed the front casing and told me the first step is to pull the socket out from within the wall. The immediate result was a sharp electrical shock that caused my dad to jump back in pain. He looked at me with a sheepish grin and said, "first step, turn off the power!" Order seriously matters when changing an electrical outlet, and order seriously matters when trying to forgive others.

The second truth is that forgiveness frees both the forgiven and the forgiver. Withholding forgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. Those who are unwilling to forgive are burdened by an unshakable misery. This is a fate that robs us of the joy and the peace we so desperately seek. Identify someone in your life whom you need to forgive or ask for forgiveness, then for your own sake and theirs, follow Father Mike's advice. Go to Jesus, acknowledge the debt, count the cost, and forgive willingly. Remember, this is a process. Perseverance will relieve you and those who need forgiving of the burden you carry.

REFLECTION

Focus: Forgivenness isn't an event, it is a process.

Act: Identify someone in your life whom you need to forgive or ask for forgiveness. Go through the three-step process.

Pray: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. (From the Saint Francis Prayer)

Financial Update:



	Collection <u>October 22 & 23</u>	Target <u>October 22 & 23</u>	October 22 & 23 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>	Jan 1– Dec 31 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>
Regular Collection	\$2,781.00	\$2,202.00	\$579.00	(\$62,648.53)
Building Fund	\$2,252.00	\$8,864.00	(\$6,612.00)	(\$ 191,377.78)
Annual Fall Appeal	\$2,100.00	\$28,466.00		\$9,004.25
Propagation of Faith	\$473.90			

Thank you for your donation!

Fr. Barry is on vacation from October 24th until November 25th. Fr. Barry will celebrate the October 29/30th weekend Masses because no replacement priest is available. Fr. Tony Dizy will celebrate the November 5/6th, 12/13th and & 19/20th regular weekend Masses. The regular weekday noon (12:05pm) Masses Monday to Friday will resume the 1st week of Advent on Monday, November 28th.



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

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2016

As we read the Gospel story for this Sunday about the story of Zacchaeus, most of us have no trouble visualizing him, a short man who climbed the sycamore tree so he could see Jesus. Something important happened to Zacchaeus; he went through a conversion experience – an encounter with Christ, an event that changed his life. He began to share with special regard to the poor.

God calls us and He continuously invites himself to us in our own hearts; he says, "I want to stay at your house today!" If we respond to this invitation like Zacchaeus did, a transformation of mind and heart will ensue. What will follow will be to reach out to others especially to those who are destitute, both spiritually and actually. Like Zacchaeus, sharing our blessings is responding to God's call of love and mercy to those most in need among his children. Sharing our financial blessings to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal accomplishes our goal of reaching out to others in charity – especially to God's children who are destitute both spiritually and actually.

At the Heart of the Action

Development and Peace 50 years of Solidarity

Thank you very much for your generous support for World Mission Sunday last week. This support is a blessing for the priests, Sisters, Brothers and Lay catechists who depend on this help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve - the world's most vulnerable

Livestream Events

The Installation of Archbishop Bolen and the Grand Reopening of Blessed Sacrament Church

These can be viewed at:

archregina.sk.ca/live

Christ the King Choir

Thank you to Christ the King Choir for sharing time and talent with Blessed Sacrament Parish at the Grand Reopening with Archbishop Donald J. Bolen.