

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

December 24 & 25, 2016

Sunday Liturgy

New Year's Eve, Saturday: 5:10 p.m.
New Year's Day, Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass
Reconciliation: Until 20 min. before Mass

Weekday Liturgy

Boxing Day — No Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: 11:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: 11:30 - 11:55 a.m.

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
Caretaker: Simon Hagos



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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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Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord

December 24 & 25, 2016

Let us all rejoice in the Lord. St. Luke's Gospel announces the birth of Jesus. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." The story reveals that this child was born in simplicity and vulnerability. We are invited to take time with the One born for us. May our vocation and mission in Christ be re-born and may we become ever more deeply one with our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Saturday, December 24, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Loretta Elford

Lectors: Marvella Lovely, Mary Gebhardt

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Vincent

Mary Wadsworth, Larry Ongsu

Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, December 25, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Arnel Urbiztondo, Patrick Ravasco,
Melchoir Andes

Community Leader: Joseph Alejandria

Lectors : Richard Alejandria, Reuben Mercado

Eucharistic Ministers: Newton Miranda,
Urbis Urbistondo

Hospitality: Allan Ngui, Art Vanderzalm



Weekday Mass Intentions Celebrated at 12:05 p.m.

- Monday,** Dec 26: Boxing Day — No Mass
- Tuesday,** Dec 27: Agnes Weinberger — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by the Weinberger Family
- Wednesday,** Dec 28: Kebedom (Father in Eritrea) — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Solomon
- Thursday,** Dec 29: Ester Gonzales — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Oliva Zatylny
- Friday,** Dec 30: Souls of Purgatory,
Requested by Rita
- Saturday,** Dec 31: **New Year's Eve Mass @ 5:10 p.m.**
- Sunday,** Jan 1: **New Year's Day Mass @ 10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME



Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes the Eritrean Catholic Community, who have chosen to make our parish their spiritual home. They will gather in the church, Sunday evenings for fellowship and an ethnic prayer service. There are approximately 100 Eritrean immigrants who live in Regina. The majority are new immigrants to Canada and have moved to Regina within the last 12 months. Most have several jobs to make ends meet.

Eritrea is a country in the Horn of Africa. With its capital at Asmara, it is bordered by Sudan in the west, Ethiopia in the south, and Djibouti in the southeast. The northeastern and eastern parts of Eritrea have an extensive coastline along the Red Sea. The nation has a total area of approximately 117,600 km² (45,406 sq mi), and includes the Dahlak Archipelago and several of the Hanish Islands. Its toponymal Eritrea is based on the Greek name for the Red Sea. Eritrea and northern Ethiopia, rose somewhere around the first or second centuries and adopted Christianity around the time Islam had spread through Egypt and the Levant. Most people in the territory adhere to Christianity or Islam.



Dear Friends In Christ:

As Christmas approaches, the gift of "family" becomes a focal point. Families making it home for Christmas to be together to celebrate and create special memories is inspirational. May we also be inspired by the example of the Holy Family and praise God, in gratitude, for His gift of "family" - all families, including a special significant family, our Blessed Sacrament Parish Family together with the Santo Nino Knights of Columbus Family and the new members of the Eritrean Catholic Community Family.

There is comfort in family and belonging. May those who no longer have family for whatever reason, find comfort knowing, in Blessed Sacrament's Parish Family — you do belong.

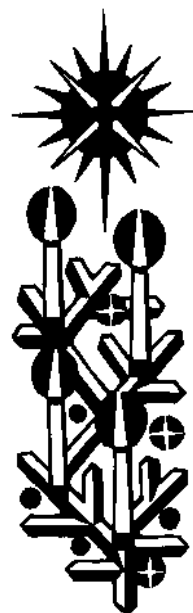
May we give thanks for our abundant blessings and recognize the beauty that surrounds us - the diversity of our parish family; the beauty of our church facility; and the many opportunities available to everybody to participate in our parish ministries and grow as individuals. There is beauty in participating, belonging, and being involved. Whether tall or small, young or mature, something is available for everybody.

As we celebrate Christmas and honor the greatest gift of all, our Savior Jesus Christ, let us especially celebrate the gifts of family and each other. May the Spirit of Christmas with its Peace, the Joy of Christmas with its Hope; the Glory of Christmas with its Love, be with you always.

Sincerely in-through-with The Christ Child,

Rev. Barry J. Amurden⁺

Valerie Ferras



Blessed Sacrament Parish

2017 Collection Envelopes are available for pick up at the main entrance of the church. 2017 envelopes start on Jan 1, 2017.

Parish Registration Forms for new parishioners are available at the main entrance of the Church.

Prayer of Petition for the formation of the diaconates and for the seminarians, that God would bless them as they prepare to serve the people of God in our Archdiocese, we pray to the Lord.

Lost and Found items have been placed in a box under the side pew near the confessional.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Office will be closed between Christmas December 24, 2016 and the New Year until Tuesday, January 3, 2016. For emergencies, please leave a message on the answering machine.



Finding the Gifts in a World of Choices is being produced in Saskatchewan under the direction of a Saskatchewan Bishops' advisory committee, thanks to financial support from the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation. Responding to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: www.findingthegifts.ca or (306)659-5844 or communications@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Circle the Cities with Love Communal Silent Meditation

Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Ave E, Regina
Sunday, January 15, 2017 2:00- 2:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Holy Child Social Justice Committee
& Associates of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Archbishop Donald Bolen's Christmas Mass from Holy Rosary Cathedral will be available by live streaming on our webpage on Christmas Eve. www.archregina.sk.ca

Regina Catholic Engaged Encounters

invites all engaged or married couples and your children to our Christmas Celebration Potluck. Please join us between 2 and 7 pm for an afternoon of festivities and goodies on Sunday December 18, 2016 at the Regina Senior Citizens Centre, 2404 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK. Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share. Wishing you a blessed Christmas! RSVP to Stella Juma-Anderson @ 306-596-2951 or eereginnacc@gmail.com

Thinking Faith!

TF14: Thinking About the Incarnation

Time to discuss the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. They'll talk about what exactly the Incarnation is and how this one aspect of our Christian faith provides an invaluable lens that helps us to see and understand nearly everything else about our Church and our faith. Pour a glass of eggnog, cozy up by the fire and enjoy! thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf14-thinking-about-the-incarnation

Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School 50th Anniversary

Alumni and staff are invited May 13, 2017 to be part of celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education. School Tours and pictures from 1 to 3, fries and gravy in the cafeteria at 2, Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 4:30, Supper at Miller at 6:30. Supper tickets 30\$ – only 300 will be sold. Tickets available at Miller or call Laura at 791-7230.

Financial Update:



	Collection Dec 17 & 18	Target Dec 17 & 18	Dec 17& 18 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$2,741.15	\$6,740.06	(\$3,998.85)	(\$67,014.93)
Building Fund	\$61,293.80	\$37,181.00	\$24,112.80	(\$286,864.98)

Thank you for your donation!

This week: GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Inc \$60,051.80

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