

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Fourth Sunday Advent

December 17 & 18, 2016

Sunday Liturgy

Christmas Eve, Saturday: 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day, Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass
Reconciliation: Until 20 min. before Mass

Weekday Liturgy

Monday to Friday: 12:05 p.m.
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.

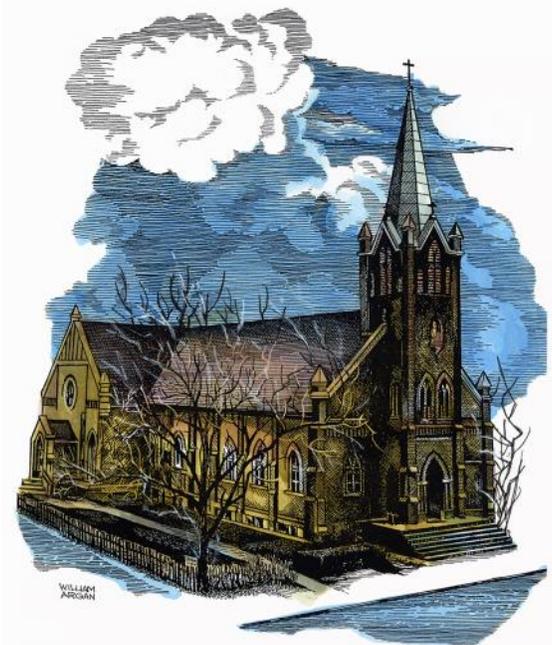
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Our Parish Mission: We, the faith community of Blessed Sacrament Parish, seek to help those whom God has placed in our lives to experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus' disciples, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we strive to become living gospels of life through our daily loving choices to serve God, one another, our parish and our community.

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An Angel of the Lord appeared to him. In today's Gospel, we read about Joseph, a righteous man, who was engaged to Mary, who was to become the mother of Jesus. Before they lived together, Mary was with child. Then, however, Joseph had a dream. An angel revealed the truth to him, namely, that the child conceived in Mary is from the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph did not hesitate to take Mary as his wife.

Saturday, December 17, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Lorraine Vincent

Lectors: Loretta Elford, Jeanne Bonneville-Stroh

Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Runge,
Helen Ball, Mary Wadsworth

Hospitality: Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan

Sunday, December 18, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Angela &
Andrea Paz

Community Leader: Daniel Nagrampa

Lectors : Janelle Nagrampa, Abby Siapno

Eucharistic Ministers: Adolfo Alvarez,
Dennis Nacional, Maria Alarcon

Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Lancy Cheng



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

- Monday, Dec 19:** Intentions of Family & Friends,
Requested by Marvella
- Tuesday, Dec 20:** The Family,
Requested by Pauline Reay
- Wednesday, Dec 21:** Rose Fisher— Repose of the Soul,
Requested by A Parishioner
- Thursday, Dec 22:** Kwan Wong Yuk & Won Yuk Ping,
Requested by Mary Wan
- Friday, Dec 23:** Jose Ongsu — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Ongsu Family
- Saturday, Dec 24:** **Christmas Eve Mass @ 7:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, Dec 25:** **Christmas 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 toponym 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.

Advent Reflections

Characters of the Nativity & Their Lessons for Living

Reflection by Katie Warner @ integratedlife.org

As Christians, we are very familiar with Advent as a season of waiting, but really, our whole life is, essentially, a long season of waiting. Particularly, we wait for the last Advent—the last coming of Christ at the end of time. Every Advent gives us the opportunity to pause, and very intentionally focus on what we should be doing every day of our lives—preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. How are we spending our time in waiting? The characters of the nativity can each teach us lessons for living our own lives in preparation for Christ’s coming this December, as well as for our own death and Christ’s coming at the end of time.

St. Joseph: Humility and Devotion

Oh, St. Joseph. He is such a quiet figure in the Gospels—never speaking a single word, yet his actions speaking loudly about the kind of strong, humble, and devoted man he was. First, St. Joseph teaches us how to be humble.

St. Joseph never thought too highly of himself. Even in Scripture, in Matthew’s genealogy at the beginning of the Gospel, the Gospel writer lists all of the people in the genealogy as the “father of” so-and-so except for Joseph. When we come to Joseph’s introduction into the genealogy, we read that Joseph was not the “father of” but the “husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ” (Matt 1:15-16). To reflect on the rest of St. Joseph’s first lesson for living, I’d like to refer to the words of Fr. Steve Grunow from Word on Fire Catholic Ministries:

“Saints are not celebrities, who leverage every detail about their lives as a means to be known and recognized. A saint is someone who in their desire to be like Christ is able and willing to disappear into the mission God gives to them. For some saints, this mission brings with it a great deal of attention. But for most saints, the life of grace involves a much lower profile and a death to self which requires an immersion into the most ordinary of circumstances. These circumstances are accepted by the saint because they know that it is precisely in the experience of what is apparently ordinary that God is accomplishing extraordinary things.

“Therefore, it is all of us, who right now find ourselves immersed in the mission to be the unnoticed saints of ordinary circumstances, who know that the silence of Saint Joseph speaks louder than any words.” Before we move on from St. Joseph, let’s briefly discuss his second lesson for living that I’ve decided to focus on: devotion.

St. Joseph was a man entirely devoted to God and sacrificially devoted to his family. Pope Leo XIII called St. Joseph the “guardian of the Holy Family”—that’s how devoted a spouse and father to Jesus he was. Matthew’s Gospel tells us that Joseph was a “just man” (Matt 1:19), meaning he was righteous and devoted to following God’s laws. I like to say that St. Joseph was devoted to spiritual leadership in his family. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI put it, he was “at the service of life and growth...St. Joseph...gave proof of great devotion. For the sake of Christ he experienced persecution, exile, and the poverty which this entails. He had to settle far from his native town. His only reward was to be with Christ.”

This Advent, become a stronger spiritual leader for your family, a devoted member of your family like St. Joseph, and you too will take a step closer to achieving that great reward of being with Christ.

Financial Update:



	Collection Dec 10 & 11	Target Dec 10 & 11	Dec 10 & 11 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$4,085.15	\$3,510.00	\$575.15	(\$63,016.08)
Building Fund	\$8,537.00	\$22,237.00	(\$13,700.00)	(\$310,977.78)

Thank you for your donation!

This week: GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Charles Lee Lasby: **\$5,000.00**

George Caron: **\$2,000.00**

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish

2016 Collection Envelopes are used until December 31, 2016.

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.

Side Entrance Ramp for cane, walker or wheelchair accessibility.

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

Give The Gift of Camp this Christmas

Your donation of \$50.00 will assist in helping to pay for a day of camp: covering the costs for one day at camp for one lucky camper. Tax deductible receipt. Camp Monahan Ass., P.O. Box 26035, Regina S4R 8R7 Phone: (306) 522-1047 or Fax: (306) 522-1558 www.campmonahan.ca

Simbang Gabi: a Filipino Christmas

Tradition that was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. Simbang Gabi is also known by its popular Spanish name as the Misa de Gallo, or mass of the rooster. Celebrated at Holy Child Parish, 2636 – 7th Ave. E from December 15 - 23, 2016 with Mass at 6 p.m. except for Saturday, December 17 when the regular 7 p.m. schedule will be followed. On Friday, December 23, the last day of the celebration, Archbishop Don Bolen will preside and there will be a potluck after Mass. Welcome everyone.

This Week In the Archdiocese

Thank you for your support of the Annual Appeal. So far, we have raised just over \$722,000!

Monday – Free Drop-In Program for Refugee Women and Children; Bereavement Sessions
Tuesday - CARES

Thursday – Acts Bible Study

For more information on any of these events, please go to www.archregina.sk.ca/calendar

Thinking Faith! TF13: Praying Boldly

Eric and Brett discuss praying boldly, something which we can be very nervous to do and yet it is a challenge placed directly at our feet by Jesus Christ who assures us that "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13). But how bold should we really be in prayer and how do we find that balance between boldness in prayer, and accepting God's will? <http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf13-praying-boldly>

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 eereginacc@gmail.com

Responding to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

A series of short locally-prepared videos about "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 K of C Charitable Foundation. The first two videos – one focused on Palliative Care and another focused on Care for the Elderly – can be found online at: www.findingthegifts.ca or for more information contact(306)659-5844

or communications@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Children helping Children: an Advent Project

is an Advent Project for Children in our parish! No one is too little to care about others. This is the last week of Advent and now is a good time to make a plan to show your child how they can care about others. What can be done this week? Www.missionsocieties.ca/about-us/history-childhood-association-hca/#