

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Second Sunday Advent

December 3 & 4, 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

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.

Parish Staff

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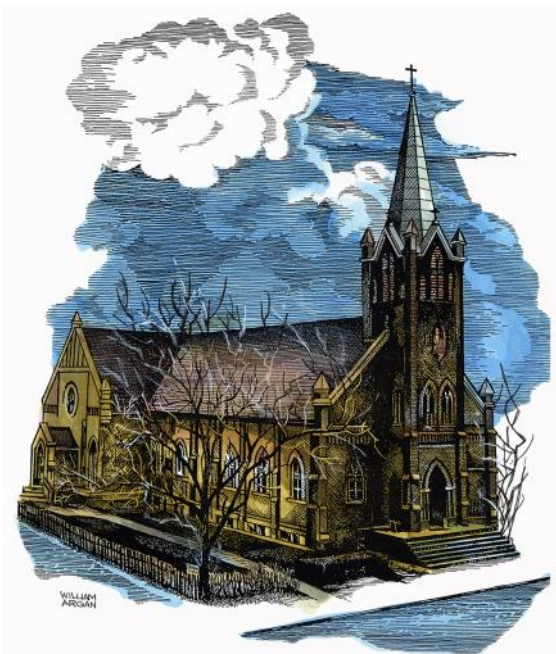
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

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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I am not worthy to carry his sandals. In the readings of today, we are called to prepare for the way of the Lord. 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.' John the Baptist invited people to prepare for the coming of God by acknowledging their sins and asking forgiveness. Jesus completed what John began; he offered a baptism in the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins and the start of a new era of peace. Let us open our hearts in welcome for that gift of the Spirit.

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

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Marvella Lovely

Lectors: Lorraine Vincent, Larry Ongsu

Eucharistic Ministers: Ernesta Pagaduan

Mary Wadsworth, Gail Runge

Hospitality: Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan

Sunday, December 4, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Angela & Andrea Paz

Community Leader: Gloria Rivero

Lectors : Betty Kuntz, Joshua Ravasco

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon,

Dennis Nacional, Marley Brcic

Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Lancy Cheng



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

Monday, Dec 5: Aurlie & Bill Hodges — 50th Anniversary
Requested by Ann Melon

Tuesday, Dec 6: Phil Zucht — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Marianne Zucht

Wednesday, Dec 7: Eduardo Mesana — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Lydia Mesana

Thursday, Dec 8: Leonida Maligalig — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Oliva Zatylny

Friday, Dec 9: Lamontagne Family — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Marvella

Weekend Mass Intentions Celebrated at 5:10 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 10: In Thanksgiving for all we have,
Requested by A Parishioner

Sacrament of the Sick will be offered at the 3rd Sunday, December 10 & 11, 2016 of Advent Masses. This anointing with the Oil of the Sick is provided to individuals who are suffering with an infirmity, long term illness or are experiencing a need for healing and strength: be it physical, spiritual, emotional or psychological.

Christmas & New Year Masses:

Christmas Eve	Saturday	December 24	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Sunday	December 25	10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve	Saturday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day	Sunday	January 1	10:00 a.m.

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.

The Angels: Praise and Evangelization

Angels make appearances all throughout the story of the infancy of Christ. Have you ever thought about why you put an angel on the top of your Christmas tree? As Dr. Scott Hahn has pointed out, many of us put angels on top of our Christmas trees because “Christmas would be inconceivable without angels.”

Angels have much to rejoice about at the birth of Jesus Christ. On that great day when the world saw the incarnation with its very eyes, the angels in heaven rejoiced at the victory of God who came into the world and would open the gates of heaven. So, the angels did as we ought to do. Their first lesson for living is that of praise.

Worship is ingrained in the angels. Regardless of what else they may be “doing”—visiting Mary to announce that God has chosen her to carry Jesus, coming to Joseph in a dream, watching over us and protecting us as our guardian angels—they are always, always praising God at the same time. Worship is the chief mode of being for the angels, and these heavenly creatures, when they worshipped the God of the universe in the form of a little baby, modeled for us from the moment of Christ’s birth how we, too, should be perpetually praising God.

Do you praise God in all things, at all moments? Do you praise God when things are going well, thanking him and worshipping him for even small blessings of your ordinary day? Do you praise God when you are in the midst of suffering, worshipping Him who never abandons you, even in moments of trial, pain, loneliness, and fear? Angels are always surrounding you, and ready to have you join them in praise and worship of God. This Advent, make a commitment to join the angels in praising God each day for the day’s joys and sufferings.

Angels are messengers of God. That’s what the name “angel” or “angelos” means—messenger. The angels’ ministry is one of evangelization, which should also be a lesson for us in living and in ministry today.

We, as members of the Church, the communion of saints, like the angels, are called to share the Good News. As the Pope Paul VI famously said in his encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, evangelization is part of the Church’s deepest identity. How can you better evangelize this Advent? And, like the angels, how can you share this Good News with joy?

Think of someone in your life who may be far from God or have wandered from the Church. Be a loving friend to them, and share the Good News that God loves them and came for them, too. A gentle way to do this may be through sharing the moving and gentle Catholics Come Home Keep Christ in Christmas evangelism that we have on our CatholicsComeHome.org website. You also may want to consider getting a copy of my book, *Head & Heart: Becoming Spiritual Leaders of Your Family* for yourself or for one of your children, or for a neighbor or other relative as an Advent or Christmas gift this year, as a way of sharing the Good News of what God designed family life to be at home.

So, this Advent, like the angels, praise God everyday, and share the Good News with at least one other person in your life.



Financial Update:

	Collection Nov 26 & 27	Target Nov 26 & 27	Nov 26 & 27 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$2,449.95	\$1,943.00	\$506.95	(\$63,174.98)
Building Fund	\$1,849.00	\$4,082.00	(\$2,233.00)	(\$270,538.78)
Annual Fall Appeal	\$10.00	\$28,466.00		\$11,534.25

Thank you for your donation!

Blessed Sacrament Parish

No Saturday Noon Mass at 12:05 p.m. only a 5:10 p.m. Mass.

Ministry Schedules for December are available for pick-up at the entrance of the Church or download from our Parish Website.

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 answering machine.

Thinking Faith!

TF10: Taking Your Kids To Mass

thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf10-taking-your-kids-to-mass

TF11: Battle Royale! Pastoral Care

Let the smack-down begin! This week Eric and Brett place pastoral care and Orthodoxy in a head-to-head fight to the finish cage match as they examine how Catholics are to hold together these two seemingly opposite responses to faith. Do we really have to choose between staying true to the faith and being compassionate? thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf11-battle-royale-pastoral-care-vs-orthodoxy

Advent Veggietastics

The Archdiocesan Resource Centre will be hosting movies/crafts for little ones. Wednesday, Dec 14, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at 445 Broad Street North. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To pre-register, please call Sr. Rufina Dubao, sihm at 352-1651, email at rdubao@archregina.sk.ca

2016 Day of Prayer in Solidarity

It was agreed some years ago by the Permanent Council that this day of prayer be celebrated on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe www.archregina.sk.ca/calendar

This Week In the Archdiocese

Sunday – Acts Bible Study

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

Tuesday - CARES

Thursday – Acts Bible Study

Friday – Steve Bell Concert

Saturday – Private Screening of “Apparition Hill”

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

2017 Annual Appeal

We are ½ way to our goal of \$1.4 million for the Archdiocese of Regina! Thank **you** to all who have already donated to the Annual Appeal this year. Please remember, you can still donate to the 2016 Annual Appeal right up until December 31st. You can give online at www.archregina.sk.ca, send in your gift card through your parish, or contact the Annual Appeal office directly at 306.352.1651 ext. 210. Thank you for working with us to help the love and mercy of our Lord touch the lives of so many!

New Bible Study

In our busy lives we are faced with obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and can even hinder our relationship with Christ. Finding the time to address them is often lost by the business of life. How do we overcome these obstacles, and hear God’s voice in our lives? Loneliness? Anger? Shame? Overcome your struggles with Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart Bible Study by Jeff & Emily Cavins. Through prayer, reflection, guidance and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ. Mondays, January 9 to Feb. 27 — 9:15 to 11 am, Holy Trinity Church, 5020 Sherwood Drive, Regina. For more information or to register for the study, call Brenda 306-530-1412

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2pm

St. Peter's Church Hall, 100 Argyle St.

Wheelchair accessible

Freewill offering

Refreshments

Call Patricia 306-924-0418