

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Third Sunday Advent

December 10 & 11, 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

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Accountant: Lamont Stradeski

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

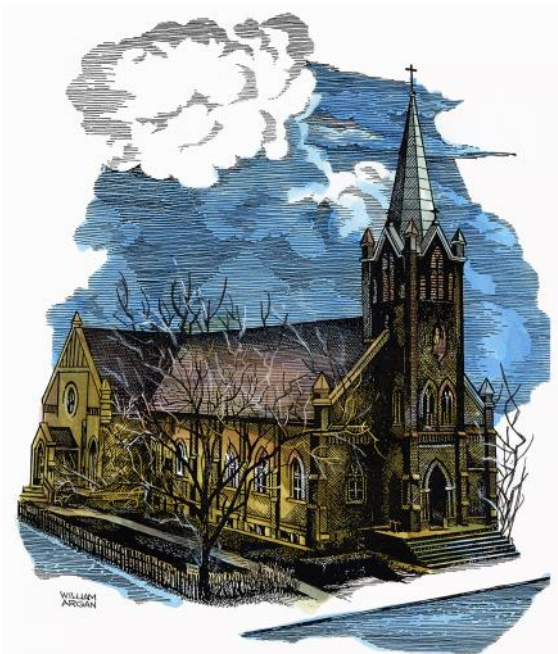
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

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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**The coming of the Lord is near.** Today's Gospel presents us with a poignant scene in the life of one of the great Advent heroes, John the Baptist. He was not afraid to ask Jesus, "Are you really the Messiah? Jesus invites John to look around and see the works that have already been accomplished among the people. The blind receive their sight, the lepers are cleansed and healed, the lame are walking again, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

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

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

**Community Leader:** Rosie Ongsu

**Lectors:** Helen Ball, Pearl Harvey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Wadsworth,  
Larry Ongsu, Marvella Lovely

**Hospitality:** Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

## Sunday, December 11, 2016: 10:00 a.m.

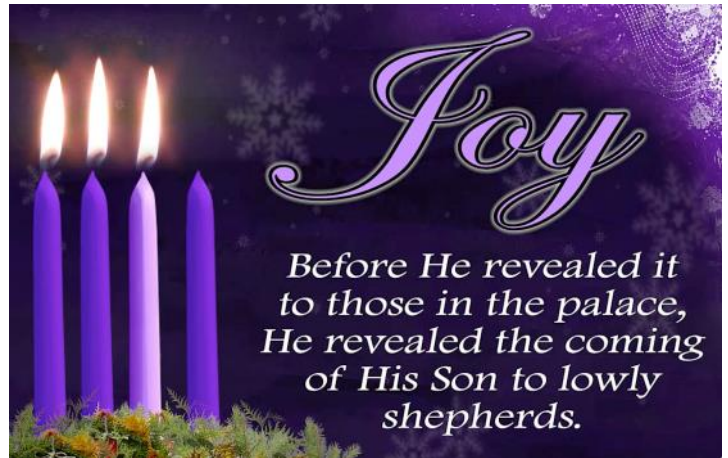
**Altar Servers:** Vince Siapno, Patrick Ravasco,  
Melchor Andes

**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn

**Lectors :** Dennis Nacional, John Harvey Nacional

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gloria Rivero,  
Maria Alarcon, Gail Runge

**Hospitality:** Sharon Greer, Lancy Cheng



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

- Monday,** Dec 12: The Music Ministry,  
Requested by Anita & Gaetan Hammond
- Tuesday,** Dec 13: In Thanksgiving for all we have,  
Requested by A Parishioner
- Wednesday,** Dec 14: Eleanor Schaefer — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by A Parishioner
- Thursday,** Dec 15: For the Souls of Purgatory,  
Requested by Rita
- Friday,** Dec 16: Demetria Ongsu — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Ongsu Family

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

- Saturday,** Dec 17: Simon Reiter — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Anne Reiter

**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.

### Mary: Trust and Obedience

Whenever I hear the story of the Annunciation read at Mass or I read it in my Bible at home, I am stunned—over and over again—by what it must have been like to be Mary, in the presence of an angel, being asked consent by God to carry Jesus into the world. I often reflect on the tremendous amount of trust she must have had in that moment that fueled her “yes” to God and paved way for the incarnation. And that’s the first lesson for living from Mary I want to touch on: trust.

At the Annunciation, Mary was called to exercise a great deal of trust. Then, at Christ’s birth in a manger in a foreign land...more trust. As Jesus grew, got lost in the Temple, went off to preach and to heal...trust. And then, when Jesus was condemned to die and was crucified as she wept at her only Son’s feet...more, painful trust.

Her whole life, God called Mary to radically trust in His plan for her and for her Son. We, too, are called to have that same radical trust in God. We need to trust Him when our kids wander from the faith, when we or someone in our family are diagnosed with serious illness, when our career status turns from employed to unemployed, when money is scarce, when our marriage is hurting, when our future seems uncertain or when we feel abandoned by God. In those moments, we need to trust that God is there.

Our Mother waits for you to hold her hand in your moments of brokenness, rejection, fear, abuse, betrayal, sickness, and shame. She longs to hold you, and remind you, as she does so beautifully by her own example: trust. Trust that God is nearer to you than ever before. Trust that He has conquered death and wants you to rely more completely on Him.

Mary’s second lesson for living that we will explore is: obedience. The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen has such a beautiful way of illustrating this lesson of Mary that I will simply refer to his words: “In what does your life consist except two things: (1) Active duties; and (2) passive circumstances. The first is under your control; do these in God’s name. The second is outside your control; these submit to in God’s name. Consider only the present; leave the past to God’s justice, the future to his Providence. Perfection of personality does not consist in knowing God’s plan, but in submitting to it as it reveals itself in the circumstances of life.

“There is really one shortcut to sanctity—the one Mary chose in the Visitation, the one Our Lord chose in Gethsemane—abandonment to the Divine Will.” Look to Mary this Advent as a living reminder—the best reminder who ever lived, really—that obedience to God and abandonment to His will for your life is the only shortcut to sanctity.

### Financial Update:



	Collection Dec 3 & 4	Target Dec 3 & 4	Dec 3 & 4 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$3,312.75	\$3,730.00	(\$417.25)	(\$63,591.23)
Building Fund	\$11,467.00	\$38,206.00	(\$26,739.00)	(\$297,277.78)
Annual Spring & Fall Appeal		\$28,466.00		\$11,534.25

**Thank you for your donation!**

***This week:* GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS**

Santo Nino Knights of Columbus: **\$10,000.00**

Rose Schmalz: **\$1,000.00**

***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.

**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 the answering machine.

#### **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

#### **Children helping Children: an Advent Project**

is an Advent Project for Children in your parish! No one is too little to care about others. A little project that can begin teaching about sharing our resources with the poor can start this advent. [www.missionsocieties.ca/about-us/history-childhood-association-hca/#](http://www.missionsocieties.ca/about-us/history-childhood-association-hca/#)

### **This Week In the Archdiocese**

**Sunday** – Acts Bible Study

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

**Tuesday** – CARES; Novena to Celebrate the Upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions; (Weyburn) – Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Living Miracle

**Wednesday** – Advent Veggiestastics

**Thursday** – Acts Bible Study

For more information on any of these events, please go to [www.archregina.sk.ca/calendar](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/calendar)

#### **Advent Veggiestastics**

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](mailto:rdubao@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](mailto:eereginnacc@gmail.com)

#### **The Myriam Family: Advent**

A one day retreat:

- December 15 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with morning prayer, talk, lunch, adoration, Mass, confessions
- 5-9 pm Pot-Luck supper, songs, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Contact information: 306-761-0528 Myriam Family, 2527 E, Margaret Place, Regina

Silent Adoration:

- December 13 - 16 from 4 - 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. Welcome to all!