

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21 & 22, 2017

### 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

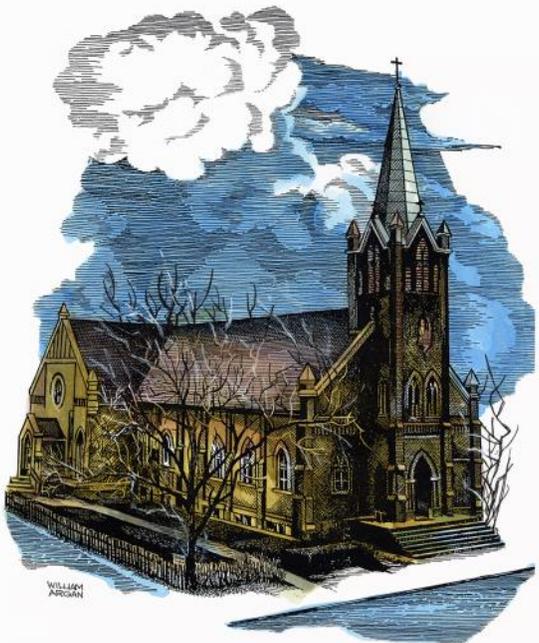


*Jesus and the Beloved disciple at the Last Supper*



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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 Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus says to four fishermen "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of people." They left their nets and followed Jesus. They became fishers of people. How ready are we to let go of our convictions, to change, and to follow Jesus? The invitation to help bring about God's reign of justice and harmony is ours. Do we hear the call to follow Jesus?

**Saturday, January 21, 2016: 5:10 p.m.**

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

**Community Leader:** Lorraine Vincent

**Lectors:** Pearl Harvey, Larry Ongsu

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge, Marvella Lovely,  
Mary Wadsworth

**Hospitality:** Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan

**Sunday, January 22, 2017: 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 Ubistondo

**Hospitality:** Allan Ngui, Art Vanderzalm



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

- Monday,** Jan 23: For those who have no one to pray for them  
Requested by a Parishioner
- Tuesday,** Jan 24: Rae Matonovich — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Eileen Gerein
- Wednesday,** Jan 25: Roland Anwender — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Krause & Anwender Family
- Thursday,** Jan 26: Eveline Switzer — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Lou & Terry Jule
- Friday,** Jan 27: Joseph McGeady — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by the Wadsworth Family
- Saturday,** Jan 28: Adolf & Barbara Weinberger — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Agnes Weinberger

## **GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS**

*Special 2017 Building Fund donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish*

Stewart & Loretta Elford \$5,000.00

Ernest & Jean Anderson \$1,800.00

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

# LIVING, SUFFERING AND DYING... *what for?*

## Catholic Organization for Life and Family - Part II

*“The enigma of pain and death, which outside the Gospel crushes us, is illuminated through Christ and in Christ.” - Pope John Paul II*



### Loving for all Eternity

We must go far back in time, back to the creation of the world, to really start to understand the passionate love of God for each of his children on earth. Yes, God’s work is a work of love: He wants to share his life with every human person, and for all eternity. Every time He creates, in cooperation with a man and a woman, a new human being in His image and His likeness, He says: “With age-old love I have loved you” (Jer. 31:3), and “Upon the palms of my hands I have written your name” (Is. 49:16).

From the beginning, God wanted to establish a relationship of friendship with humanity. He allows each person to decide freely whether to work with Him to give life and transform the world. But man and woman refused and rejected the Creator’s plan, preferring instead to be like gods during their stay on earth. Their choice allowed death to enter the history of humanity.

Yet God could not bear to be separated from his children for eternity and conceived of the inconceivable: the Creator of the universe took on our human nature! He chose to become one of us, to establish a new Covenant between Himself and humanity. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to live the life of a man to teach us how to love as God loves. Jesus demonstrated that God will go as far as dying on a cross, to offer his forgiveness and friendship to each of us: “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:13). Each person is invited to freely accept this reconciliation.

With his whole life – his years of humble work as a carpenter in Nazareth, his years of preaching and his public life, his Passion, his Death and his Resurrection – Christ freed us from the evil that prevents us from concretely responding to God’s love. He saved us from the greatest possible evil: eternal death, that is, eternal separation from God. For we, who are created by God who is Love, are made for Love.

### Simply living for God



Each human being is offered the possibility of living with God and for God. That is where we find our happiness and the fulfillment of our lives: rising each morning to live in His presence and to work together with Him in building a world that is more just and more humane. Very simply, to live with God in our everyday work and family life, in our leisure and social activities, is to talk with God and offer him everything: our efforts, our joys, our disappointments, our enthusiasm, our sufferings, our projects, our errors, our successes, our failures, our dreams and our hopes.

Everything in our ordinary life can become an occasion for an extraordinary encounter. It is there that God awaits us patiently, wishing to share with us each moment of our lives, and to give it a divine meaning. Indeed, Christ offers us the possibility of saving the world with him, of being co-redeemers! “If anyone would come after me, he must...take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23). This may be the cross of a smile offered when we’re tired, the cross of work achieved with difficulty, the cross of a jobless greeted with confidence, the cross of a sickness endured with patience...

*(to be continued)*



### Financial Update:

	Collection Jan 14 & 15	Target Jan 14 & 15	Jan 14 & 15 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$2,076.70	\$1,733.00	\$343.70	(\$1,542.35)
Building Fund	\$579.00	\$330.00	\$249.00	\$6,746.00

**Thank you for your donation!**

These targets are based upon an estimate for 2017 expenses. They will be revised, as soon as the parish finance council reviews and formally approves the 2017 operating and construction budget.

### Attention Please

**Our new Entrance Matts have been damaged and new flooring has been harmed by individual(s) wearing cleats on their footwear. Cleats are meant to be used outdoors on sidewalks and streets. All footwear with cleats are prohibited inside the Lord's House.**

### Blessed Sacrament Parish

**2017 Collection Envelopes** are available for pick up at the main entrance of the church.

**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.

### Thinking Faith!

TF16: The Bible: How'd We Get It? Part 1

This week on Thinking Faith! Eric and Brett break open that dusty tome on the coffee table and discuss how we ended up with this collection of stories and chronologies we call the Bible. In this first of two episodes, we'll look at the development of the Hebrew Scriptures, what we commonly term the 'Old Testament'. If you've ever wondered where these stories came from, who decided which books would be in the Bible, and why we'd invite you to listen in and find out!

<http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/the-bible-howd-we-get-it-part-1>

### Bazaar at Our Lady of Peace Parish

425 Broad St. N. , on Sunday, January 22nd from noon - 6:00 p.m. Fish pond, bingo, grocery hampers, raffles, and wonderful food. Enjoy!



### Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be taking place the week of January 18-25, 2017. The theme is: "Reconciliation. The Love of Christ compels us". Germany's kingdoms and principalities were united by a common church until the Reformation, which led to schisms within Western Christianity and wars between Catholic and Protestant forces. As a result, German people lived in regional isolation, with widespread mistrust and animosity between denominations. Although the 19th century saw the rise of their churches, they were relatively small. This isolation changed following World War II. About 12 million people of German ancestry fled or were expelled from Eastern Europe and when they settled in Germany, Protestants and Catholics came to live in the same areas.

### Regina Development & Peace Share Lent

The 2017 Share Lent workshop and theme is "Women at the Heart of Change". What does this mean in development work? Everyone is welcome! Jan. 25th, 7 to 9:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 7th Ave E, Regina. For further information, please call Marian (306.789.8276) or regional office (306.937.7675).

### Discovering All God Has For You

A women's retreat at Holy Family Parish, Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9am - 4pm. No matter where you are at in life: Come and take a day to reflect with other women. Christy Dupuis, a facilitator and dynamic speaker uses personal stories to share the "more" that God has for us. Contact Shelan Schnell at [shelanms@hotmail.com](mailto:shelanms@hotmail.com) or (306) 529-4623.

### World Day of the Sick 2017

"Amazement at what God has accomplished: The Almighty has done Great things for me..." Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017: February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1992. We take to heart Jesus' special attention to the poor and suffering – and see ourselves as His hands, ministering to those who are ill with the same love and compassion.

### Inaugural Meeting of the Campion Brew Society

You are invited to our first gathering with Archbishop Don Bolen. Sunday, January 29, 4:30 p.m. in the Campion College Senior Common room, University of Regina. Q & A, Mash, Munchies & Mass to follow.

### Holy Child's 40th Anniversary

January 29, 1 p.m.. Welcome and enjoy this 'retro' experience with fun, prizes and concession treats!