

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## The Epiphany of The Lord

January 7 & 8, 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

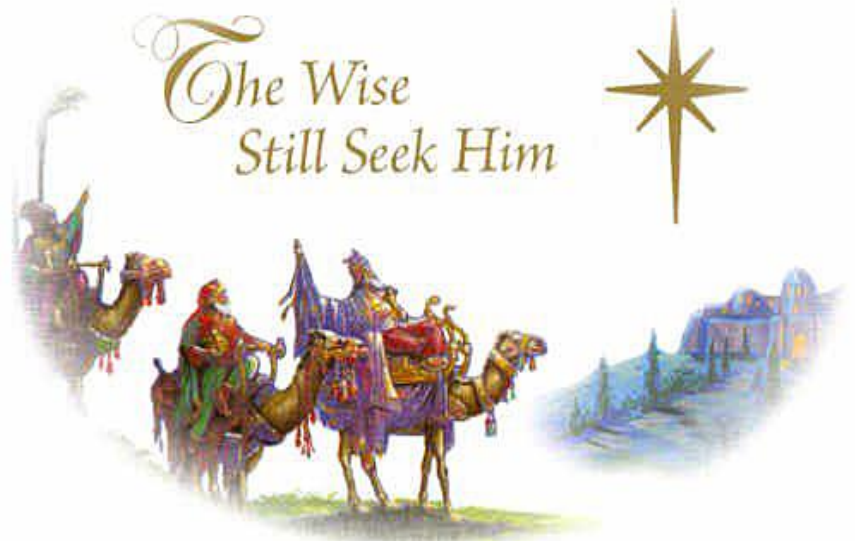
Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Accountant: Lamont Stradeski

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

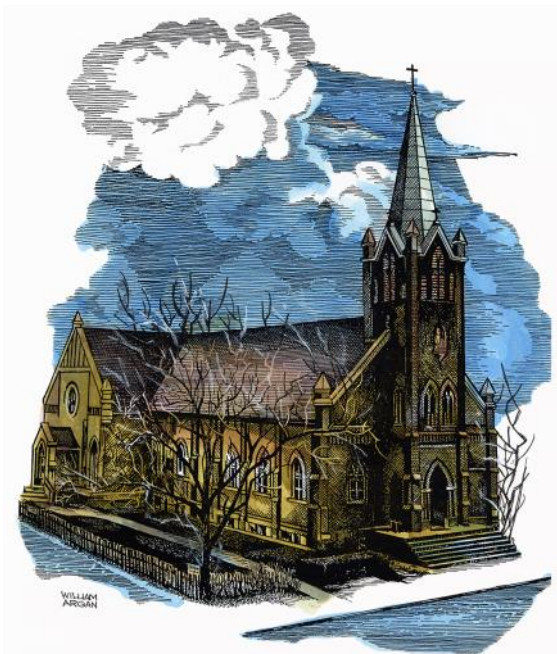
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

Caretaker: Simon Hagos



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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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On this day of Epiphany, we rejoice that Christ came into the hearts of the Magi and is a light to all the nations. The readings today speak of light and of revelation. The light of Christ illuminates the world, just as the star of Bethlehem led the Magi to the enlightenment of faith. Christ, the light has come to show us the way. Let us allow this light to shine in our lives that we may recognize Christ and show Him to the world.

## Saturday, January 7, 2016: 5:10 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito  
**Community Leader:** Jeanne Bonneville-Stroh  
**Lectors:** Helen Ball, Christn Katas  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ernesta Pagaduan,  
Mary Wadsworth, Gail Runge  
**Hospitality:** Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan

## Sunday, January 8, 2017: 10:00 a.m.

**Altar Servers:** Vince Siapno, Patrick Ravasco,  
Melchoir Andes  
**Community Leader:** Wendy Vaughn  
**Lectors :** Gloria Rivero, Joshua Ravasco  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maria Alarcon, Dennis Nacional,  
Dolores Dyck  
**Hospitality:** Sharon Greer, Dolores Dyck



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

- Monday,** Jan 9: Purification, Cipriano & Antonio Amascual  
Requested by E/E Cabigon
- Tuesday,** Jan 10: Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
Requested by a Parishioner
- Wednesday,** Jan 11: Catherine Eberle — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Agnes Weinberger
- Thursday,** Jan 12: Rita Perras — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by the Krause & Anwender Family
- Friday,** Jan 13: Demetria Ongsu — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by the Ongsu Family
- Saturday,** Jan 14: Rosa Escanlar — Repose of the Soul,  
Requested by Dr Modesto Escanlar

**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 km<sup>2</sup> (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.

# Christmas Reflections

## Characters of the Nativity & Their Lessons for Living

*Reflection by Katie Warner @ integratedlife.org*

Christmas and the New Year gives us the opportunity to pause, and very intentionally focus on what we should be doing every day of our lives. The characters of the nativity can each teach us lessons for living our own lives. The Magi in particular help us to encounter “Christ Born For Us”, as well embrace the new year.

### The Magi: Watchfulness and Action

The magi were commonly thought of as astronomers, charting and tracking the stars and looking for heavenly bodies as predictors of earthly events. In the Old Testament, the term “wise men” is used in place of magi. What is it that made these men wise, as opposed to purely superstitious? They have this lesson for living to teach us: watchfulness.

The magi had a desire to know truth and were watchful for God’s presence and for His plan, for a spiritual lesson to glean from their attentiveness to His movements in time and in their lives. That watchfulness opened the door for them to come face to face with the Savior. How often do we get so caught up in our lives—our family situations, our jobs, our medical problems, day to day tasks and chores, that we fail to be truly watchful, focused, and attentive on God’s presence and on His will for our lives? Do you allow your worries, responsibilities, and other things to distract you from the way God is working in you? These distractions are keeping you from meeting Jesus in an intimate way this Christmas and on a regular basis in your life.



Take a moment to think about something in your life that is burdensome or distracting to you in some way. Maybe a relationship or a problem at work or a medical condition is keeping you from seeing how God is working—not necessarily in spite of that obstacle—but through that very obstacle, to make you a holier person in this new year.

Their second lesson is related to the first: action. The magi didn’t just see the star of Bethlehem and say, “how nice.” They got up and they followed it! And their journey wasn’t nearly as comfortable as many of our journeys are these days with our ease of modern travel. But that didn’t matter to them. They knew they needed to take action.

Is there an area in your life where you are failing to take action right now when God may be calling you to move, to do, to change, to act? Maybe it’s in regard to that obstacle we spoke about just a moment ago, that obstacle that God is trying to work through to make His will known to you. How can you not only recognize God working in that area of your life, but then take some action, on your own part, to cooperate with God’s will?

### Financial Update:



	Collection <u>Dec 31 &amp; Jan 1</u>	Target <u>Dec 31 &amp; Jan 1</u>	Dec 31 & Jan 1 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>	Jan 1– Dec 31 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>
Christmas	\$952.35			
New Year’s	\$5,302.10	\$6,682.00	(\$1,379.90)	(\$1,379.90)
Building Fund	\$5,437.00	\$455.00	\$4,982.00	\$4,982.00

**Thank you for your donation!**

*This week: GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS*

**Loretta Elford \$5,000.00**

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



## **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

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

**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.

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

## **2017 Camp Monahan**

Camp Monahan sends out a very Happy New Year! Following our trial year with an online registration, we are making some improvements to the online process. Registration will open in February by visiting [www.campmonahan.ca](http://www.campmonahan.ca).

Other announcements include Day Camps on March 17 & May 19. More info will be out soon.

## **Stewardship: Faith-Raising not Fund Raising**

will be held at Little Flower Parish on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This event will focus both on the spiritual and practical benefits of adopting a stewardship way of life practised personally and within your parish community. The presenters, Ray Dies and Fr. John Weckend of St. Cecilia's parish. Please contact Diane Goski – [diane.goski@myaccess.ca](mailto:diane.goski@myaccess.ca) or contact Little Flower parish office – [littleflowerregina@sasktel.net](mailto:littleflowerregina@sasktel.net) or call 306-522-8583.

## **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

The General Secretariat received a request from the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People to share with you the 2017 Message of the Holy Father for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on January 15, 2017. The theme is "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and Voiceless" and is available: [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca)

## **The Winter Edition of The Arch**

is available at [archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/thearch/pdfissues/Winter%202016-17%20Arch.pdf](http://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/thearch/pdfissues/Winter%202016-17%20Arch.pdf)

## **Catholic Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation Retreat Weekend**

Engaged to be married? There are openings left for our January 20-22, 2017 Moose Jaw, SK. To register go to [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com) and click on "Regina" or call Stella and Ron Anderson at (306)-596-2951. A Wedding is a Day. A Marriage is a Lifetime! Spend the weekend with us to assist you in preparing for a lifetime of marital love!

## **Winter 2017 Holy Yoga**

Holy Yoga classes are offered at various days and times at two Regina church locations. Classes will start the week of January 17/2017. Holy Yoga is exercise, stretching, relaxation, Christian scripture and prayer all in one enjoyable class. For further info and registration go to [www.bigfishyoga.ca](http://www.bigfishyoga.ca).

You may also phone Connie at 306-551-6933 or email [mokerw@sasktel.net](mailto:mokerw@sasktel.net).

## **Week of Prayer For Christian Unity**

January 22, 3:00 p.m.

St Cecilia Church

5020 7th Ave. Regina

with Archbishop Donald Bolen

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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". The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches developed the international resource, using material provided by an ecumenical group in Germany representing a variety of Christian traditions. Particular emphasis is on the 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Reformation, focusing not on the painful divisions that originated in that period, but on a common commitment to Christ today.

