

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4 & 5, 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

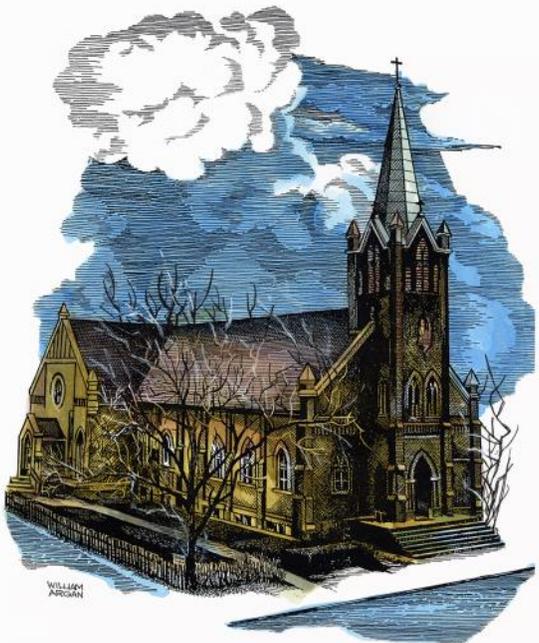


Jesus and the Beloved disciple at the Last Supper



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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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Salt of the earth, light of the world. In today's Gospel reading, images of salt and light are part of Jesus' word to His disciples – and to His followers. The Gospel confronts us with God's gifts and invites us to claim them as the basis for our life. By our baptism, we are called to follow the Lord Jesus, to be the light that shines in the darkness, we are called to be the salt that gives new life to the world.

Saturday, February 4, 2017: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Jovan Juancito

Community Leader: Marvella Lovely

Lectors: Helen Ball, Larry Ongsu

Eucharistic Ministers: Dolores Dyck, Mary Wadsworth,
Gail Runge

Hospitality: Gail Runge, Dolly Dyck

Sunday, February 5, 2017: 10:00 a.m.

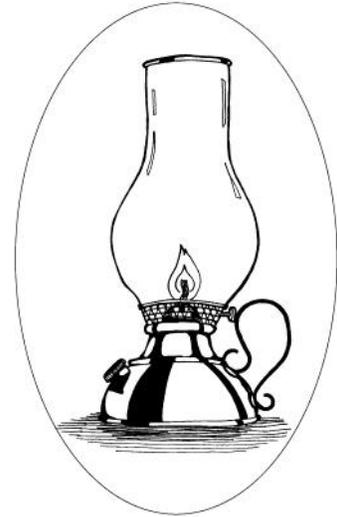
Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Angela & Andrea Paz

Community Leader: Betty Kuntz

Lectors: Gloria Rivero, Joshua Ravasco

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon, Marley Brcic,
Dennis Nacional

Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Gail Runge



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

- Monday, Feb 06:** George Dacog — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Dmelda Picard
- Tuesday, Feb 07:** For Consecrated persons,
Requested by a Parishioner
- Wednesday, Feb 08:** Eleanor Schaefer — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by a Parishioner
- Thursday, Feb 09:** Bernice Krause — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by the Krause & Anwender Family
- Friday, Feb 10:** All Souls in Purgatory,
Requested by Fe Paderanga
- Saturday, Feb 11:** Agnes Weinberger — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by the Weinberger Family



Ash Wednesday Masses

March 1: 12:05 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Please recycle your old palm branches in the boxes at the church entrances **before March 1st**. The old palms are burnt and become the ashes which are blessed and distributed at the Ash Wednesday Mass. Thank You.

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

Catholic Organization for Life and Family - Part IV

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

A call to solidarity

Only God could invent such a response to the mystery of evil. Only God could transform into good the enormous suffering that threatens to destroy us. It is his “love which creates good, drawing it out by means of suffering...” God stands by our side, helping us to face the illness that knocks at our door and to face even death, which will one day mark our passing into eternal life. God’s grace and the strength He gives us are always proportional to the challenges that arise in our lives. All we need to do is welcome His help. We are never alone. The conqueror of all evil, the Risen Christ, is always at our side – especially in the Eucharist.

Sometimes Christ also presents himself to us in a parent, a child, a friend, or a caregiver who consoles, encourages, and comforts. Throughout his or her life, each baptised person is called to be another Christ – Christ the Servant who walks with his friends and helps them to rise to their challenges, supporting them at the time of their suffering so that they remain courageous until the natural end of their lives. For Christians, this is the real meaning of “aid in dying”: it is aid in living until the day when God invites his child to come home. This call to compassion, to responsibility, to fraternity and to solidarity is also always a call to serve the suffering Christ. Christ who is recognized and loved in each ill person who is afraid, who feels alone, impoverished, diminished, overwhelmed, anguished, abandoned... “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40)... Thus, to allow oneself to be loved and accompanied by another is to provide the other with the occasion and the privilege of serving and loving Christ.

One of the most beautiful human responses to suffering is indisputably that of palliative care, which never seeks to hasten death. By associating sophisticated treatment of physical pain with a personal accompaniment that is marked by attentiveness, tenderness and compassion, so many health professionals and volunteers who work in the palliative care units and homes confirm the dignity of the terminally ill. These admirable and model teams of human solidarity consider all the needs (physical, psychological, social and spiritual) of the people who have arrived at the end of their earthly journey. They invite the dying to continue to share the precious pearls of wisdom gleaned from their life experience, and help them to understand the meaning of their last weeks and their last days, until they arrive naturally at the most important moment of their life: their passage into eternity and their face encounter with God.

Open the door to eternity



No, suffering is not useless. And it does not diminish human dignity. Hanging on the wood of the cross, disfigured, unrecognizable, Christ was not undignified. At the time of our own suffering and death, we do not lose our dignity. Human dignity depends neither on the quality of our lives nor on our autonomy. It finds its source in God, who created us in his image and likeness and who calls each of us to live and die in the manner of Christ – to bring the world back to Him.

When we unite our lives and our sufferings to those of Christ through love, they become a prayer offering. We thus give ourselves the opportunity to bring those we love closer to God; in turn they may welcome his love and give their lives for others, walking in the footsteps of Christ, who is the Way to eternal life: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6).



Financial Update:

	Collection Jan 28 & 29	Target Jan 28 & 29	Jan 28 & 29 Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Regular Collection	\$2,909.75	\$3,033.00	(\$123.25)	(\$3,087.40)
Building Fund	\$551.00	\$410.00	\$141.00	\$6,827.00

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.

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Stations of The Cross will be prayed during the season of Lent every Friday after the noon Mass.

Ministry Schedules for February 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.

The Myriam Family

Bible activity for children: Sunday, February 26
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Myriam Little Praise Challenge:
Kindergarten - Gr 2

Myriam Light Challenge: Gr 3 - 5
Parents' Challenge

Bible activities for youth: Saturday, February 25

Myriam Challenge III: Gr 6 to 9
5:00 p.m. Mass at Resurrection parish
Supper 6:30 p.m. Myriam Family House
(bring your lunch, lunch won't be provided), ending at to 8:45 p.m.

St. Valentine's Dinner and Dance

hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 4704 and Catholic Engaged Encounter. Saturday, Feb 11 in the Holy Rosary Auditorium. 7 pm buffet dinner, 8 pm program (including Don Stevenson-magic and comedy) and dance. Tickets \$25.00/person, contact Raul Roduta @ 306-351-2033 or Miri Schiller @ 306-550-7518.

World Day of the Sick

"Amazement at what God has accomplished: The Almighty has done Great things for me..." Lk 1:49)

To be recognized on 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. We recognize all persons who work in health care, and honour them for their great passion and commitment. Let us pray in solidarity with those who are sick and those who serve the sick around the world. w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco-20161208-giornata-malato.html

TF21: Thinking Faith Smackdown: Proselytism Vs. Evangelization

Recent exhortations from Pope Francis against proselytizing persons and cultures have resulted in what Brett terms 'calumny and slander!' as media outlets make the mistake of coupling this with the Church's evangelizing mission.

thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/tf21-thinking-faith-smackdown-proselytism-vs-evangelization

Holy Trinity Parish Presents

An Evening in the Roaring Twenties

Chase those winter blues away with an evening of Jazz-era fun and dancing! Friday, February 10, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 5020 Sherwood Drive. Tickets \$10 available at 543-3838. Happy Hour/Cash Bar-6:30 p.m.; Supper-7:00 p.m. (Menu from the Philippines!) Embrace the era by coming in period dress/costume.

Christ the King Players present

"Spur Trek" - The Final Frontier

at Christ the King Parish Hall, 3239 Garnet St., Regina. March 23, 24, 25 and 29, 30, 31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call Marlene at 306-586-6948 or 306-586-9020. Cost: \$25.00 per ticket and table of 8 at \$190.00.(doors open at 6:45 pm.)

Puschennia Dinner and Dance

St. Basil's Parish , 1717 Toronto St. Regina, Sat. Feb 25. The Tavria Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Tickets, Adults: \$40. Children 5-12: \$20 and under 5 free. Call Lesia (306)551-3575, Katrina (306)550-5098 or Luba (306)550-5087.