

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

December 2 & 3, 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

No Mass on Stat Holidays

Monday to Friday: Suspended - Renovations

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

Caretaker: Simon Hagos



assistive
listening

106.1 MHz



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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Beware, keep alert. The Advent season is upon us. It is a time of great anticipation. The Church starts its new year today. The beginning of the liturgical year calls us to anticipate the coming of Jesus. In today's readings, Saint Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, tells us to allow God to 'make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all' and "strengthen your hearts in holiness. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of his return with signs and wonders. That is the redemption that Jesus brings. As we begin the Advent season, let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus.

Saturday, December 2, 2017: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cristo Katas, Emil Pelliter

Community Leader: Rosie Ongsu

Lectors: Helen Ball, Christn Katas

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ongsu, Dolly Dyck,
Mary Wadsworth

Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, December 3, 2017: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Andrea Paz

Community Leader: Gloria Rivero

Lectors: Betty Kuntz, Dennis Nacional

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon, Marley Bric
Gail Runge

Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Inge Ciarcialini



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

No Weekday Masses

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

Saturday, Dec 2: Louis Florizone — Repose of the Soul
Requested by James Sawka



Noon Mass Suspended until Monday, December 18th as the General Contractor works to close up the opened floors and walls in the main entrance of the church, the choir loft and bell tower. Thank you for your understanding and patience. The parish office will continue to remain open during the regular scheduled days and times: Tuesday to Friday, 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Thank You

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marvella M. Lovelly, who passed away this Thursday. We extend our condolences to Marvella's family and pray to console their grief. Marvella was a Blessed Sacrament parishioner since she was a little girl, received her sacraments here and has generously served the parish as prayer leader, lector and communion minister. Marvella faithfully and regularly attended weekday and weekend Masses. She has been our finance council chair-person during the last four years. On behalf of Blessed Sacrament parish, I express our gratitude for Marvella's service and stewardship.

Rev. B. J. Anwender+ Pastor

Project Progress Reports

Weekend Masses Continue at Regular Times
 Saturday Evening 5:10pm & Sunday Morning 10:00am

Weekday Mass Suspended

The Bell-Tower Structural Skeleton steel beams have been installed from the base or the church basement, through the main church entrance, up through the choir loft and into the tower. This week, the BBK Structural Engineer inspected the project and provided the general contractor with approval and direction to fabricate a new steel beam over the main door, as well as how best to close up the opened floors and walls in the main entrance of the church, the choir loft and bell tower. **Weekday noon Mass remains suspended until Monday, December 18th.** The three tower bells will be installed in the spring of 2018 when the weather warms up.

Roof Replacement Project Update

As you can see, the roof replacement project is far from completed. There is no flashing installed on the northeast transept valley, the bell tower, the church chimney and north entrance, no roof cap flashing on any of the completed roof sections. The project began on August 11, 2017. There continue to be perfect roofing weather days and weeks when no work is taking place. The remaining shingles on the link-roof between the church rectory and the south side of the church will now need to wait until next spring. The unfinished flashing areas are causing further water damage. The roofing contractor, Adam Stettner of Pro-Fit Exteriors is working other winter jobs.

GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Special 2017 Building Fund donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation \$80,433.75	
Stewart & Loretta Elford \$8,000	Cecile Jelinski \$2,000
Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Gebhardt \$5,600	Colleen Sich \$1,640
Bilmar Holdings Ltd. \$5,000	Helen Ball \$1,550
Joseph Chipeur \$5,000	George Picray \$1,500
Ernest & Jean Anderson \$5,000	Juliet Budhrani \$1,260
Peter & Cecilia Managhan \$3,000	David McCutcheon \$1,200
Elizabeth Heidt \$3,000	Marcella Chamberlain \$1,100
Estate of Rose Ignatescu \$2,500	Therese Labbie \$1,100
Dr. Tom & Mrs. Vincent \$2,500	Eileen Gerein \$1,100
Ernesta Pagaduan \$2,000	Gabriel Metz \$1,000
Auriole Jelinski \$2,000	Rose Schmalz \$1,000
	Gail Runge \$1,000

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

If you do not want your name published as a good steward to promote parish building fund contributions, then please direct your donations to the parish operating fund and its shortfall.

Financial Update:

	Collection <u>Nov 25/Nov 26</u>	Target <u>Nov 25/Nov 26</u>	<u>Nov 25/Nov 26</u> Over (Short) from Target	Jan 1– Dec 31 Over (Short) from Target
Operating Fund	\$3,356.95	\$3,744.00	(\$387.05)	(\$40,630.73)
Building Fund	\$551.00	\$2,060.00	(1,509.00)	(\$153,915.25)
Marion Centre	\$700.00			\$5,754.00
Bishop's Fall Appeal	\$250.00	\$21,952.00		\$15,470.00



Thank you for your donation!

The operating and building fund targets are based upon an estimate of our 2017 expenses, as well as the particular week donations from the previous year.

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sacrament of the Sick will be offered at the 3rd Sunday, December 16 & 17, 2017 of Advent Masses. This anointing with the Oil of the Sick blessed by Archbishop Daniel Bolen at the annual Chrism Mass 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	Sunday	Dec 24@7:00pm
Christmas Day	Monday	Dec 24@10:00am
New Year's Eve	Sunday	Dec 31@No Mass
New Year's Day	Monday	Jan 1@10:00am

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.

Volunteer Ministry positions are available at Blessed Sacrament: Altar Servers, Greeters, Communion Ministers. Training will be provided to help you feel comfortable.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Office will be closed between Christmas December 24, 2017 and the New Year until Tuesday, January 2, 2018, For emergencies, please leave a message on the answering machine.

Blessed Sacrament Weekly Rosary/Prayer Group



Every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, the Rosary and a variety of other prayers are recited with some time for personal reflection. To enter the Church use the Side Entrance (north door) as the Scarth Street Entrance will not be opened. Please join the intercessory prayers for the world.

Holy Cross Parish Mass Time Change

Holy Cross Parish - 315 Douglas Ave., no longer has a Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. We have switched to Saturday 5:00 pm Mass instead. Please help us spread the word! Thank you.

The Holy and the Profane: A Rabbi and A Bishop Remember Leonard Cohen One Year On Rabbi Jeremy Parnes and Archbishop Donald Bolen discussed the songs of the late Leonard Cohen. His work explored religion, politics, isolation, and personal relationships. An observant Jew, Cohen was strongly influenced by Christian and Buddhist themes. In case you were unable to attend the event, or you want to watch it again, here is the link to the video of the event: archregina.sk.ca

Thinking Faith! TF63: The Eucharist

Part Three- Remembrance and Anticipation

There's something unique and mysterious that happens whenever we remember anything. Our brains and our bodies have been gifted with this remarkable ability to radically return to the past and make it present to us right here and now. This week Eric and Brett conclude their three-part look at the theology of the Eucharist for Catechists and parents by discussing this very phenomenon and how God uses it as the centerpiece of this ultimate encounter with Jesus Christ. Everything old is new again. archregina.sk.ca

Archdiocesan Resource Centre

Looking for a fruitful and meaningful Advent and Christmas Celebration with your family? Advent and Christmas DVDs are available in the Archdiocesan Resource Centre, 445 Broad Street North, Regina. Email: rdubao@archregina.sk.ca

The Holy Childhood Association

Designed for Catholic Children so they can help other children around the World. Use (download) the attached Advent calendar for your child. www.missionsocieties.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08Advent-Calendar-2017.pdf

Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers

Every year, the Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (WCACYM) hosts a winter gathering which is meant to provide an opportunity for renewal and encouragement as well as some professional development for all those involved in ministering to young people (youth ministers, campus ministry, priests, religious, catechists, volunteers, teachers, parents) This year Regina has the privilege of hosting this exciting event on Jan. 19-21. Further details can be found at www.wcacym.ca We would be pleased and honored to have you join us!