

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16 & 17, 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: 12:05 p.m.

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

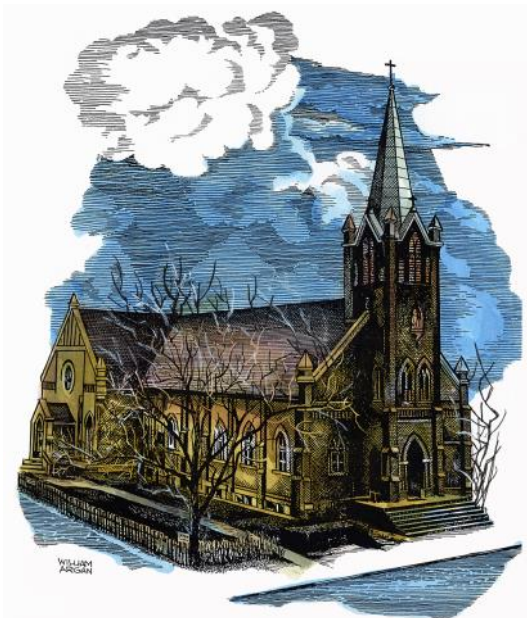
Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

Caretaker: Simon Hagos



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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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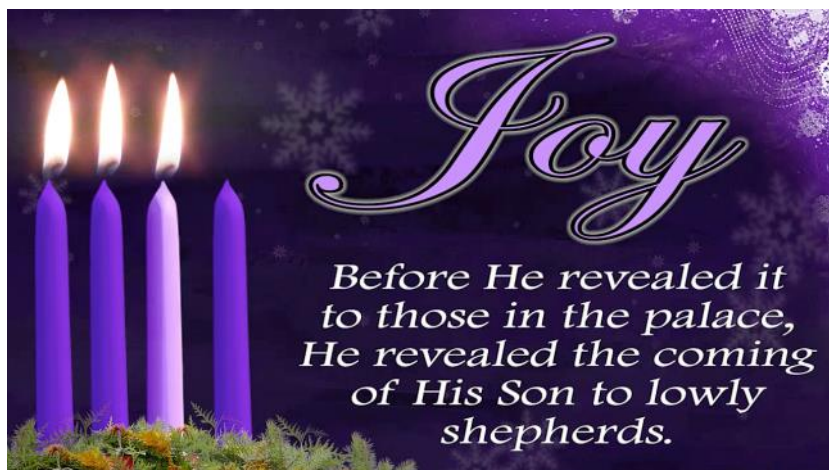
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord. Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin for rejoice). In today's Gospel our attention is drawn to John the Baptist, our Advent prophet. John is a man who is totally faithful to the mission given to him by God. His mission was to point to Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We are an Advent people, called by God, to testify to the light...to make straight the path that leads to the Messiah.

Saturday, December 16, 2017: 5:10 p.m.

Altar Servers: Emil Pelliter,
Timothy Diokno, Patrick Diokno
Community Leader: Loretta Elford
Lectors: Helen Ball, Cristo Katas
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Vincent,
Dolly Dyck, Mary Wadsworth
Hospitality: Jovita Ongsu, Paz Ongsu

Sunday, December 17, 2017: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Andrea Paz
Community Leader: Daniel Nagrampa
Lectors: Janelle Nagrampa, Abby Siapno
Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Nacional,
Gail Runge, Maria Alarcon
Hospitality: Inge Ciarcialini, Sharon Greer



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

- Monday,** Dec 18: Negasi Zemichel & Elizabeth Yowhans — Repose of the Souls,
Requested by Ghenet Negasi
- Tuesday,** Dec 19 Merk Family — Repose of the Souls,
Requested by Christina Merk
- Wednesday,** Dec 20: Robert & Tillie Anwender — Repose of the Souls,
Requested by the Anwender & Krause Family
- Thursday,** Dec 21: Alfred Jelinski - Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Cecile & Auriole Jelinski
- Friday,** Dec 22: Louis Florizone — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by James Sawka

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

- Saturday,** Dec 23: Agnes Weinberger — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by the Weinberger Family

Stewardship Bulletin Bit



“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Project Progress Reports

Weekday Noon Mass Resume Effective Monday December 18, 2017

The general contractor has installed the gyprock to close up the main entrance of the church. The choir loft and bell tower floors will be closed up in the new year. Regular weekday noon Masses resume on Monday December 18th. The three tower bells will be installed in the spring of 2018 when the weather warms up.

Roof Replacement Project Update--Stalled

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 continues 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. Our general contractor has helped to mitigate water damage in the unfinished roofing areas. The roofing contractor, Adam Stettner of Pro-Fit Exteriors is missing in action, has stalled his work on our roof and is working at other winter job sites.

GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

Special 2017 Building Fund donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish

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| South Saskatchewan Community Foundation \$173,108.85 | |
| Stewart & Loretta Elford \$8,000 | Enrico Cabignon \$2,000 |
| Dr. Vernon & Mrs. Gebhardt \$5,700 | Colleen Sich \$1,740 |
| Bilmar Holdings Ltd. \$5,000 | Helen Ball \$1,600 |
| 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 \$3,000 | Eileen Gerein \$1,200 |
| Ernesta Pagaduan \$2,000 | Gabriel Metz \$1,000 |
| Auriole Jelinski \$2,000 | Rose Schmalz \$1,000 |
| Cecile Jelinski \$2,000 | 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>Dec 9/Dec 10</u> | Target <u>Dec 9/Dec 10</u> | <u>Dec 9/Dec 10</u> Over (Short) from Target | <u>Jan 1– Dec 31</u> Over (Short) from Target |
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| Operating Fund | \$2,725.50 | \$6,244.00 | (\$3,518.50) | (\$46,601.50) |
| Building Fund | \$94,080.10 | \$9,513.00 | \$84,567.10 | (\$79,654.15) |
| Marion Centre | \$100.00 | | | \$6,144.00 |
| Bishop's Appeal | \$400.00 | \$21,952.00 | | \$17,995.00 |

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

2018 Collection Envelopes are available for pick up at the main entrance of the church. 2018 Collection Envelopes start on January 1, 2018.

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:

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| 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 including Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses 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 and their needs.



Development & Peace

For the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace, free lifetime memberships are being offered until the end of the year, Dec 31, on-line at www.devp.org and type the word Membership into the website search and click on the link or call the regional office at 306.205.2334. Your support is appreciated.

Thinking Faith! TF65: "Spiritual Not Religious" or "I don't think that word means what you think it means"

So you're sitting around the table at your up-coming Christmas Family Feast and right after grace, in between "pass the turkey" and "where's the cranberries?" your cousin Rene comments on how spiritual you are closing with, "I'm spiritual, but not religious". How do you respond? Don't let fear and trepidation seal your lips. On this part 1 of 2 episodes of Thinking Faith, Eric and Brett will begin discussing what those words mean, and what they don't. We'll see just how much common ground you share with your beloved cousin (or uncle, or sibling), and the opportunity for some interesting conversation around the plum pudding!

The Holy Childhood Association

Designed for Catholic Children so they can help other children around the World. A little project that can begin teaching about sharing our resources with the poor can start this Advent. www.missionsocieties.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08Advent-Calendar-2017.pdf

Birtheright

Participate in a Corporal Work of Mercy. At Birtheright you can spend a short amount of time - helping others! Become a volunteer and call 306-359-1862 (soon to be 306-543-4343). Learn more about us at www.birtheright.org

The Autumn Edition of the Arch

The Autumn Edition of the Arch is available at archregina.sk.ca Topics include: Spiritual Care Funding, Clarifying Position of HPV Vaccinations, Task List for Archdiocesan Priorities Ready in Spring, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting.