

# WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23 & 24, 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

Tuesday to Friday: **No Noon Mass**

### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday: Closed

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Barry J. Anwender

Office Manager (Pt): Valerie Perras

Music Director: Gaétan Hammond

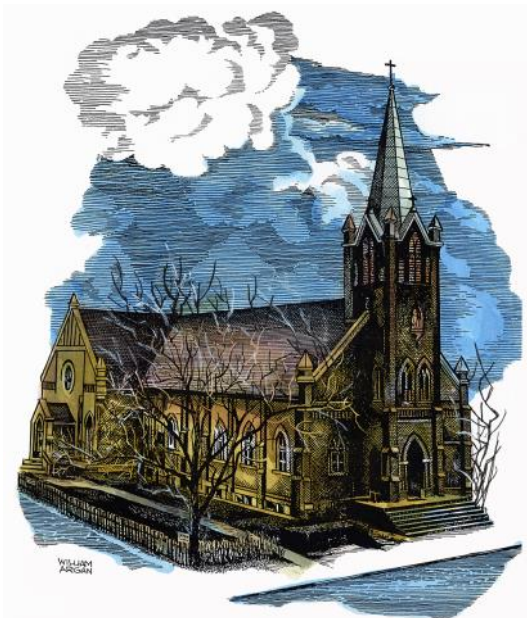
Caretaker: Simon Hagos



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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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**Here am I, the servant of the Lord.** Today's Gospel focuses on the well-known story of the Annunciation. An angel came to Mary and said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Mary was perplexed, puzzled, and confused as to what sort of greeting this was. Then she asked for clarification. Mary heard God's call and said "Let it be done to me according to your word."

## Saturday, December 23, 2017: 5:10 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Cristo Katas  
 Timothy Diokno, Patrick Diokno  
**Community Leader:** Lorraine Vincent  
**Lectors:** James Sawka, Larry Ongsu  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gail Runge,  
 Ernesta Pagaduan, Mary Wadsworth  
**Hospitality:** Gail Runge, Ernesta Pagaduan

## Sunday, December 24, 2017: 7:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Arnel Urbiztondo,  
 Patrick Ravasco, Melchor Andes  
**Community Leader:** Joseph Alejandrai  
**Lectors:** Richard Alejandria, Reuben Merca  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pete Escanlar  
 Urbis Urbistondo  
**Hospitality:** Art Vanderzalm, Allan Ngui



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

**Monday,** Dec 25: Christmas Day — Fr. Barry's Intentions  
**Tues - Fri,** Dec 26 - 29: No Masses

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

**Saturday,** Dec 30: Rosalia & Annie Wolfe — Repose of the Souls  
 Requested by Weinberger Family

### Financial Update:



	Collection <u>Dec 16/Dec 17</u>	Target <u>Dec 16/Dec 17</u>	Dec 16/Dec 17 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>	Jan 1– Dec 31 <u>Over (Short) from Target</u>
Operating Fund	\$2,704.70	\$4,189.00	(\$1,484.30)	(\$48,085.03)
Building Fund	\$3,409.00	\$68,300.00	(\$64,891.00)	(\$144,545.15)
Marion Centre	\$1,000.00			\$7,144.00

**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.

## The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Helps



Almost 3 years ago, Blessed Sacrament Church began a very necessary, but very complicated, restoration project. Required repairs and renovations were more extensive than first anticipated, although it is a blessing that structural deficiencies were discovered while repair was still possible! The expenses, however, were likewise greater than anticipated. We needed help and turned to the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* (SSCF).

The *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* graciously offered Blessed Sacrament a **large matching grant**, which has made it possible for our project to continue. This vital gift was provided through the Anonymous Donor Fund of the SSCF.

The donors to the Anonymous Donor Fund recognize Blessed Sacrament Parish as an important inner city faith community serving the spiritual and social needs of its increasing new Canadian congregation. They are also aware of its role in providing daily Mass to down town workers, to those visiting our city, and staying in down town hotels. The donors acknowledge the church's significant historical importance and are anxious to preserve it as heritage property.

It is difficult to convey adequately our gratitude to the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* and to the Anonymous Donor Fund in particular for this large and generous gift. The work of repairing, restoring, and renovating Blessed Sacrament Parish would simply not have been possible without their financial help.

The *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* is a public foundation serving the people of South Saskatchewan. The foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing needs and opportunities of the community and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in culture, health, education, environment, recreation, and social services sectors.

Should you be interested in further information about the *South Saskatchewan Community Foundation* and their important philanthropic and community work, you are encouraged to visit their website at [www.sscf.ca](http://www.sscf.ca)

### GRATITUDE & PRAYERS FOR OUR BENEFACTORS

#### *Special 2017 Building Fund donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish*

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation \$173,108.85	
Stewart & Loretta Elford \$8,000	Dr. Erico & Mrs. Cabignon \$2,500
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 \$1,280
Peter & Cecilia Managhan \$3,000	David McCutcheon \$1,200
Elizabeth Heidt \$3,000	Eileen Gerein \$1,200
Estate of Rose Ignatescu \$2,500	Therese Labbie \$1,100
Dr. Tom & Mrs. Vincent \$3,000	Marcella Chamberlain \$1,100
Ernesta Pagaduan \$3,000	Gail Runge \$1,100
Auriole Jelinski \$2,000	Gabriel Metz \$1,000
Cecile Jelinski \$2,000	Rose Schmalz \$1,000
George Caron \$2,000	

***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.

## 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.

### 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 23 @ 5:10pm  
Sunday Dec 24 @ 10:00 am

### Christmas & New Year Masses:

Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24 @ 7:00pm  
Christmas Day Monday Dec 24 @ 10:00am  
Holy Family Saturday Dec 30 @ 5:10pm  
Sunday Dec 31 @ 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 January 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.



## 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!  
[archregina.sk.ca](http://archregina.sk.ca)

### 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](http://www.missionsocieties.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08Advent-Calendar-2017.pdf)

### The sacred first class relic of St. Francis Xavier's forearm is making a rare visit to Canada

It will be in Regina for only a very short time on Saturday, January 20 at Resurrection Parish. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss. It is presented by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, Catholic Christian Outreach and the Jesuits in Canada. More details at [cco.ca/relic](http://cco.ca/relic).

10:00 a.m.: Mass (with Archbishop Donald Bolen)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Veneration

7:00-10:00 p.m.: Relic Event

(Talk, Testimonies and Veneration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at various times during the day

### The Autumn Edition of the Arch

The Autumn Edition of the Arch is available at [archregina.sk.ca](http://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.