Welcome to
Blessed Sacrament Parish

Feast of The Holy Family
& Mary, The Holy Mother of God
December 30 & 31, 2017 & January 1, 2018

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
New Year's Day: 10:00am
Tuesday to Friday: 12:05 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1 hr. prior to Mass
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
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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Today we celebrate the importance of family. We begin our life in a family. We form families, either biological or in other ways. This basic relationship of the biological family with mother, father and children is given to us throughout our Scriptures and is the basic of civil society. Jesus, Mary and Joseph kept their union with God as the foundation and glue of their lives. This resulted in a tranquility that let them meet each challenge they faced…conquering the surrounding chaos instead of being destroyed by it. During Christmas we thank God for the gift of the Christ Child, let us also thank God for our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and the wonderful gift that we have been given, our family.

Feast of The Holy Family

Saturday, December 30, 2017: 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 31 2017: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Andrea Paz
Community Leader: Jeanne Bonneville
Lectors: Dennis Nacional, Angela Paz
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon,
Dennis Nacional, Gail Runge
Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Lancy Cheng

New Year's Day

Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January1, 2018: 10:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Vince Siapno, Andrea Paz,
Patrick Ravasco
Community Leader: Jeanne Bonneville,
Lectors: Dennis Nacional, John Harvey Nacional
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Alarcon,
Gail Runge
Hospitality: Sharon Greer, Inge Ciarcialini

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

Monday, Jan 1: New Year's Day - 10:00am — Fr. Barry's Intentions

Tuesday, Jan 2: Louis Florizone — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by James Sawka

Wednesday, Jan 3: Primo A. Narca — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by a parishioner

Thursday, Jan 4: Alfred Jelinski — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Cecile & Auriole Jelinski

Friday, Jan 5: Jose Ongsu — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by Ongsu Family

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

Saturday, Jan 6: Agnes Weinberger — Repose of the Soul,
Requested by the Weinberger Family

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Significance of Christmas is known to people, all over the world. Though Christmas is celebrated as the Birth of Christ into this world, it also reveals a deeply significant spiritual truth designed into the fabric of every human being. Jesus Christ is the very personification of our maker. The Christ child was born at a time when ignorance, superstition, greed, hatred, lies and hypocrisy prevailed upon the land. Purity was forgotten, morality was neglected and truth was suppressed. In that dark period, the seeker had no thought of God or of a spiritual life.

In the midst of these human conditions, Christ was born and His presence sparked a transformation in the lives of people. The Christ child brought a new pure light from heaven to help people turn their lives around. There came a change upon the land and in the cosmos. People embarked upon a new way of life and a new era dawned for the world. Seekers are gifted with a new choice of spiritual aspiration, of purity and devotion. This Christ-spirit must make its birth within each person's heart with a uniquely personal choice. A deep significant choice which begins to express itself in the heart and grow as new light to shine where darkness was before.

A very small, but very beautiful, point of deep significance is attached to Christmas. Jesus Christ was born in a simple lowly place, a corner of a stable. He was born to humble and poor parents, who had nothing to boast about, except their own spotless character and holiness. In like manner, spiritual awakening comes to the seeker, who desires to be "humble", "meek" and "poor in spirit." The human quality of true humility is one of life's indispensable fundamentals. Then we find simplicity, holiness and the renunciation of all desire for worldly wealth and pride of learning. Even as Christ was born unknown to the world and in the obscurity of darkness, even so, the advent of the Christ-spirit can take place in the inwardness of people when there is conscious choice to seek new life.

Sincerely in-through-with The Christ Child,

Rev. Barry J. Amuerden + Valerie Terras

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.

Christmas & New Year Masses:

Holy Family, Saturday	Dec 30 @ 5:10 pm
Holy Family, Sunday	Dec 31 @ 10:00 am
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 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 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.

Our Lady of Peace Concert Series

Please Join us at Our lady of Peace Concert Series, 425 Broad Street North- Sunday January 14, 2018 – Regina Nigerian Catholic Community at 3:30 pm. Refreshments and cookies. Free Will Offering.

Stewardship Bits - Feast of the Holy Family

"…as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - *Colossians 3:13* Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co- worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Sacred first class relic of St. Francis Xavier's

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.
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.

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign

Together for Peace. Please note the following Share Lent 2018 workshop schedule in the archdiocese:
Jan. 18: Little Flower Parish (7– 9:30 pm)
Jan. 30: Webinar (evening, 7-8:30 pm)
Everyone is welcome! Call the regional office at 306-205-2334.

Thinking Faith! TF66: I'm Spiritual But Not Religious Part 2

Eric and Brett continue the Christmas table-talk around the topic of being "spiritual but not religious". Part one looked at the spiritual part of that statement and asking what is really meant by the term 'spiritual'. This week they take it to the next level, looking at whether it is possible to live as a spiritual person without being in any way religious. Who says you can't talk about religion over Christmas dinner? That's what we're doing this week on Thinking Faith! archregina.sk.ca

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!