

January 17, 2021

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10:00 AM
MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:05 PM

Sunday, January 17th *2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
Psalm 40

1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20
John 1, 35-42

Monday, January 18th

Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19th

Hebrews 6:10-20
Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20th

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21st *Memorial of St. Agnes*

Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 22nd

Hebrews 8:6-13
Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23rd

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24th *3rd Sunday Ordinary Time*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20



• **Pre-registration is required for Saturday & Sunday Masses.** Please register after Mass or by visiting or contacting the parish office during regular office hours.

• **Face Masks are recommended to be worn as much as possible,** and are required to be worn when approaching the priest or Eucharistic minister for communion, while joining in any singing and when moving around the church.

• **Social Distancing** is required at all times.

• **Cleaning and Disinfecting** is done immediately before each Mass, and so the doors of the Church open only 30 minutes before each Mass.

Church Visitation: You may visit the Church for prayer each day after weekday Masses, Monday to Friday, until 2 PM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after Mass, until 1:00 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be available Monday through Friday before Mass, 11:30-11:55 AM; Saturdays, 4:30-4:55 PM.

Sacrament of the Sick: The anointing of the sick may be requested by calling the parish office.

Parish Staff

Office Hours: 12:30-4:00 PM Tuesday to Friday

Administrator: *The Rev. Dr. James Hentges*
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Music Director: *Jan Benedict Bitara*
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Caretaker: *Simon Hagos*

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The Parish donation envelopes are available. Please take your box of envelopes for 2021. They are located in the church in the area near the organ. If there are any errors, please contact the parish office. Tax receipts will be available later in this month.

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POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Have I learned to be vigilant within myself so that the temple of my heart is only for the Holy Spirit? To purify the temple, the temple inside and to keep watch. Be careful: what is happening in your heart? Who comes in, who goes out... What are your feelings, your ideas? Do you speak with the Holy Spirit? Do you listen to the Holy Spirit? Be vigilant. Be careful about what happens inside our temple, inside of us.

(Santa Marta, 24 November 2017)

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY 2021

Human Fraternity – may the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all. The Holy Father's Worldwide Prayer Network: thepopevideo.org

GREEN RIBBON SUNDAY

Regina ProLife is sponsoring the Green Ribbon Campaign to remember our pre-born brothers and sisters who were denied life. We specifically ask that you pray for the pre-born and for women seeking abortion. Each year, approximately 2,000 abortions are performed in Saskatchewan hospitals. Please wear a green ribbon to remember those lost to abortion.

40 HOURS FOR LIFE

Please join RPLA for an hour of prayer daily in front of the Regina General Hospital (14th Ave entrance) 4:30 to 5:30pm, from Wed, Feb 17 to Sun, March 28. If you can't make it, please pray from home for an hour each day. Please also consider offering up a time of fasting. Contact Regina Pro-Life for any questions at 306-569-1985.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 16	<i>Sarah and all consecrated women missionaries by a parishioner</i>
Sunday, Jan 17	<i>For the Parishioners</i>
Monday, Jan 18	<i>+Holy Souls in purgatory by a parishioner</i>
Tuesday, Jan 19	<i>Sarah and all consecrated women missionaries by a parishioner</i>
Wednesday, Jan 20	<i>In Thanksgiving, Juanita Tan Wong by Joseph Wong</i>
Thursday, Jan 21	<i>For Seniors by Mary Wadsworth</i>
Friday, January 22	<i>Sarah and all consecrated women missionaries by a parishioner</i>
Saturday, Jan 23	<i>+Christina Tan by Joseph Wong</i>
Sunday, Jan 24	<i>For the Parishioners</i>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

	Jan 16, 5:10 PM	Jan 17, 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Wadsworth	_____
Community Leader	Lorraine Vincent	_____
Lector 1	Todd Pilon	Jonah Tremblay
Lector 2	Jeannette Luttmer	Dina Tremblay
	Jan 23, 5:10 PM	Jan 24, 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Dolly Dyck	_____
Community Leader	Rosita Ongsu	_____
Lector 1	Domenic Scuglia	Richard Alejandria
Lector 2	Larry Ongsu	Jeff Alejandria

FINANCIAL UPDATE	January 1-3	January 9-10
Regular/Loose Collection	\$2,662.50	\$1,141.65
Christmas	\$295.00	_____
Building Fund	\$646.25	\$146.25
New Year's	\$685.00	\$5.00
Other	\$76.25	\$56.25

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**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
POPE URGES “TRUST-BASED
RELATIONSHIP” IN CARE FOR THE SICK**

By Robin Gomes in <https://www.vaticannews.va>

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.” In order to fight hypocrisy and self-idolatry, Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us to “stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them,” the Pope says in his message for the 29th World Day of the Sick on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992, the first World Day of the Sick was marked the following year. The theme of this year’s observance is, “You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8), which calls for “a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick”.

Pope Francis says that the annual day “is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.” He expresses his spiritual closeness and the Church’s loving concern for those suffering the coronavirus pandemic, especially the poor and the marginalized.

Fighting hypocrisy

Drawing attention to the theme of this year’s observance, the Pope warns Christians about the danger of “self-idolatry” when our “faith is reduced to empty words and we are unconcerned with the lives and needs of others.”

Noting that Jesus criticizes those who “preach but do not practise”, the Pope says “none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity.”

Sickness and faith

Sickness, the Pope notes, makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It raises the question of life’s meaning, which we bring before God in faith, in order to seek a new and deeper direction in our lives.

In this regard, the Pope holds out the biblical figure of Job as a model. Abandoned by his wife and friends in his misfortune, he says, Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others.

The Lord hears Job’s cries and confirms that his suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less a sign of God’s indifference.

Closeness between the “sick” and carers

The Pope says that sickness has many faces. They are the sick, as well as all those who are ignored, excluded and are a prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights.

The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick, with the elderly, weak and vulnerable people not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. The pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious.

The Holy Father pays them homage, saying they are “a silent multitude of men and women” who “chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family.”

“Such closeness,” the Pope remarks, “is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering.” As Christians, he says, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin.

He says that as a community, we too are called to be merciful like the Father and to love in particular our frail, infirm and suffering brothers and sisters, leaving no one behind, especially those most in need.

Fraternal solidarity and relationship

Pope Francis then speaks about the importance of fraternal solidarity towards our neighbours, which takes a variety of forms. “Serving means caring for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people.”

We are called to set aside our own wishes and desires, the pursuit of power, and look to the faces of the most vulnerable, touching their flesh, sensing their closeness and helping them.

For a therapy to be effective, the Pope points out, “it must be relational, as it enables a holistic approach to the patient.”

This path of healing grounded in a trusting interpersonal relationship, he emphasizes, can help doctors, nurses, professionals and volunteers in caring for the sick. This relationship between the sick and carers, based on mutual trust and respect, openness and availability, he says, will help to overcome defensive attitudes, respect the dignity of the sick, safeguard the professionalism of healthcare workers and foster a good relationship with the families of patients.

Jesus, the Pope concludes, proves this by healing “not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship.”



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2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18 - 24, 2021**

WPCU Bible Study 2021

A daily Bible study on the theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Monday, January 18 to Monday January 25 from 12:15-1:00pm CST (except Sunday, Jan 24 at 1:00pm CST) Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721>

Hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches, this study is free and open to all. A different Christian leader will guide us each day as we explore the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9).

The 2021 theme calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

WPCU Online Ecumenical Service

You might also want to register for the WPCU Online Ecumenical Service planned by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism (Montreal) on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3pm (Eastern). The service is bilingual. Register to receive the Zoom or YouTube links at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvWflnQX5_1870OoiXcWKWgmDkwGJXY5mYZHSNJXq9Njp-GA/viewform

Young Adult Small Groups

Young Adult Small Groups are now open for registration and will begin "gathering" at the start of February. At this point almost all groups are gathering virtually and will gather for a time commitment of 6-8 weeks. There are a variety of groups, based around a variety of interests and stages of life. So if you are looking to grow in faith, meet some new people, build some community, this is for you. Check out the registration link at <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry> For more info, contact Braden Kuntz at bkuntz@archregina.sk.ca

The Diocese Tonight Episode 4 – The Church: Forever Young - The next episode of "The Diocese Tonight" airs on **Sunday February 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. It can be found at youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina The Diocese Tonight is a "virtual family gathering" that celebrates the diversity of people that make up our diocesan faith family. Join us to laugh, learn, pray, sing and celebrate.

TF227: A Visit with Catholic Conscience - Part 3

Brendan Steven of catholicconscience.org discusses how his former work in Canadian politics led him to assist Catholics in discerning the relationship between Catholic social teaching and the role of our faith in deciding how our votes might be cast.

Show Snippet: "We often like to use this phrase, and I love this phrase, "God meets us where we are." We have to meet our politicians where they are. Even with folks that, from our perspective, are supporting really unsupportable policies, we have to treat them like children of God." <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/a-visit-the-catholic-conscience-part-3>

Catholic Conscience Webinar: Voting Like a Catholic

"If you vote for a certain political party, you'll go to hell."
"I can't vote because there's no truly Catholic option."

These are just two common myths about voting as a Catholic. What does the Church teach us about our responsibility to vote? And how do we discern our consciences and choose who to vote for? In this webinar, we interview Catholic author and theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld on how to truly vote like a Catholic.

When: Wednesday, January 20 7 PM - 8 PM EST

RSVP at: <https://votinglikeacatholic.eventbrite.ca>

Tickets for the Free webinar are limited.

RPLA Respect for Life Novena - January 21-29

Please join RPLA in praying this 9-day novena for an end to the culture of death. Novena: Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Concluding Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and a Glory Be.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.