

January 24, 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 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

Monday, January 25th *Feast of Conversion of St Paul*

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Psalms 117:1BC, 2
Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26th *Memorial Sts Timothy & Titus*

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27th

Hebrews 10:11-18
Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28th *Memorial St Thomas Aquinas*

Hebrews 10:19-25
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-67
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 29th

Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30th

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31st *4th Sunday Ordinary Time*

Dt 18:15-20
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

• **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: 1:00-4:00 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.



POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15). These words are in no way a threat. On the contrary, they are a blessed proclamation, a joyful message. Each of us is invited to believe in the "Gospel": God's authority is brought close to His children. This is the Gospel. And Jesus announces this marvellous thing, this grace: God, the Father, loves us, is close to us and teaches us to walk on the path of holiness. The Kingdom of God is certainly a great strength, the greatest one there is, but not according to worldly criteria. This is why it never appears to have the absolute majority. It is like leaven that is kneaded with flour: it apparently disappears and yet, it is what makes the dough rise (cf. Mt 13:33). He described Himself as a "grain of wheat" that dies in the earth, but only in this way can it bear "much fruit" (cf. Jn 12:24).

(General Audience, 6 March 2019)

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.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI RECEIVE VACCINE

Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI receive their first doses of the Covid-19 vaccine in the Vatican.

By Vatican News - January 14, 2021

The vaccination campaign against Covid-19 in the Vatican which began on Wednesday continues with both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI receiving their first doses of the vaccine.

"I can confirm that as part of the vaccination program of the Vatican City State, as of today, the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine has been administered to Pope Francis and to the Pope Emeritus," said Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office in response to journalists' questions.

The Pope referred to the vaccination as "an ethical action, because you are gambling with your health, you are gambling with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others."

Previously, Pope Francis had announced during an interview that he planned to receive the vaccine this week. Private Secretary to Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop Georg Gaenswein, had also confirmed that the Pope emeritus would be vaccinated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 23	+Christina Tan by Joseph Wong
Sunday, Jan 24	For the Parishioners
Monday, Jan 25	Medical personnel who are exposed to the covid-19 by a parishioner
Tuesday, Jan 26	+Loretta Gustafson by Joanne Tremblay
Wednesday, Jan 27	+Joseph McGeady by his family
Thursday, Jan 28	Sarah and all consecrated women missionaries by a parishioner
Friday, January 29	+John Ziegler by a parishioner
Saturday, Jan 30	+Khahsdy Mebrahu by Ka Mebrahu
Sunday, Jan 31	For the Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

	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

	Jan 30, 5:10 PM	Jan 31, 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Wadsworth	_____
Community Leader	Lorraine Vincent	_____
Lector 1	Todd Pilon	Jonah Tremblay
Lector 2	Jeannette Luttmer	Dina Tremblay

FINANCIAL UPDATE	January 9-10	January 16-17
Regular/Loose Collection	\$1,141.65	\$515.00
Building Fund	\$146.25	\$70.00
Other	\$56.25	\$40.00

***IS IT OKAY FOR A CATHOLIC TO BE
VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19?***

Excerpts from Letter of Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NW Territories – December 2, 2020

Is it okay for a Catholic to be vaccinated against COVID-19? The short answer is: Yes, it is.

Reading this, many people might be surprised that the question is even being posed. What could be wrong about receiving a vaccine, when we know that vaccinations save lives? The Catholic Church does certainly support and encourage ethical scientific research into the development of vaccines that will mitigate or even end the harm caused by this terrible disease. The virus is linked with the death to date of more than one million people, and has caused great harm to millions more.

The moral issue arises from the fact that vaccine development and testing often make use of cell lines derived from either the tissue of aborted fetuses or destroyed human embryos. Reception of a vaccine developed and produced from this unethical research presents us with a dilemma that seriously engages our conscience. We know that widespread vaccination is a public health imperative to keep ourselves, our families and other citizens safe; on the other, we worry that receiving the vaccine would render us complicit in the moral evil of abortion, and thus unfaithful to the teaching of the Church on the sanctity of life.

Making use of abortion to create cell lines for research and development is an affront to human dignity and cannot be morally justified. Sadly, such cell lines are so widely used in the biopharmaceutical industry that a vaccine that has not been ethically compromised in its production and/or testing by their use may very well not be available for employment against COVID-19. Doctors and families should normally seek out ethically acceptable vaccines. When this is not possible, then there arises the specific question we address in this letter: in the midst of a pandemic that poses a serious threat to public health, is it morally permissible to receive a vaccine that has been produced unethically when an ethical alternative is not readily accessible?

In such a situation, we are guided by the Church's teaching, which directs us to differentiate among various degrees of cooperation in the evil of the act of abortion. Differentiation in degrees of the moral gravity of cooperation first pertains to the original abortion(s), then the derivation of cell lines, the process of vaccine development using these cell lines, the subsequent production and eventual sale, and finally the use of such a vaccine.

With respect to someone simply receiving the vaccine, the degree of connection with the original evil act is so remote that, when there also exists a proportionately grave reason for vaccination, such as the current, urgent need to halt the COVID-19 pandemic, then the Church assures us that it is morally permissible for Catholics to receive it for the good of personal and public health.

**VATICAN CDF SAYS USE OF ANTI-COVID
VACCINES “MORALLY ACCEPTABLE”**

By Vatican News – December 21, 2020

“It is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”

Due to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, “all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) made these statements in a note signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, and the Secretary, Archbishop Giacomo Morandi. The text was explicitly approved by Pope Francis on 17 December.

Clarifying doubts

The CDF document, which was published as many countries are preparing to implement vaccination campaigns, authoritatively intervenes to clarify doubts and questions which have emerged from sometimes contradictory statements on the subject.

‘Remote cooperation’

The CDF says the reason for considering these vaccines morally licit is the “kind of cooperation” in the evil of abortion, which is “remote” on the part of those receiving the vaccine.

Therefore, the “moral duty to avoid such passive material cooperation is not obligatory” since there exists a grave danger, in the form of an “uncontainable spread of a serious pathological agent.”

The Covid-19 pandemic, says the CDF, fulfills this requirement.

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Not a legitimization of abortion

The Congregation clarifies that “the morally licit use of these types of vaccines, in the particular conditions that make it so, does not in itself constitute a legitimization, even indirect, of the practice of abortion, and necessarily assumes the opposition to this practice by those who make use of these vaccines.” Nor should it imply a moral approval of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses.

The CDF note calls on pharmaceutical companies and government health agencies to “produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience.”



Archdiocese of Regina *Bulletin*

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3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

NEWS from the OFFICE of YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry:

There are lots of new things going on! Check out the website for small group ministry: <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/join-young-adult-small-group>

As well as Theology on Tap, Gloria Patri and ministry opportunities: <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/young-adult-events>

Youth Events:

Check out new opportunities for teens to gather (virtually) learn, connect and grow. Check out all that is new at <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youth-events-0>

Youth Ministry Support/Training:

The Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers Annual Gathering

This gathering will take place on Jan. 29th and 30th. Join the Diocesan Youth Office Staff PLUS others from all walks of life across Western Canada who are passionate about sharing the gospel and particularly about ministering to young people. (You do NOT need to be a youth minister) There is no charge for this event. Join us! For details check out <https://www.wcacym.ca/ag-2021.html>

When Youth Group Can't Gather:

Join the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry online for one hour at NOON on Feb. 4th for a look at what ministry to our young people CAN look like now, and some foundational pieces to consider down the road. So if you are a priest, deacon, religious, parent, educator, parish volunteer or a youth minister, join us to spend some time focusing on the possible. If you are interested but unable to join us on the 4th, email us as and we will make arrangements to chat with you. (mbraden@archregina.sk.ca) The workshop can be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81611081478?pwd=ekhlMzVYVEFuZjRhY051NWZYVXNRQT09>

TF228: Brendan Steven - From Young Atheist to Lay Apostolate - Who doesn't like a great conversion story? Brendan Steven of catholicconscience.org shared his journey from young atheist to leading a lay apostolate and God's relentless, loving pursuit of his soul this week on Thinking Faith! Show Snippet: "A lot of normal human beings would have given up on me, would not have waited ten years, and would not have spent that relentless kind of nudging, and pushing and gentle cajoling towards the outcome that they desired, but God did **that for me.**" <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/brendan-steven-from-young-atheist-to-lay-apostolate-part-1>

The Diocese Tonight – The Church: Called to be Forever Young - "The Diocese Tonight" airs on Sunday February 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM. It can be found at www.youtube.com/user/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.

For almost a year we have had an inter-church committee [Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran] planning and providing webinars on stewardship. We are happy to further the stewardship approach in our congregations by sharing resources. To this end the Anglican diocese of Qu'Appelle has graciously provided their online resources for use in our Archdiocese. it can be accessed at: <https://quappelle.anglican.ca/stewardship>.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.