

April 4, 2021



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Easter Sunday, April 4th

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
1 Cor 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

Monday, April 5th

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6th

Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22
John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7th

Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 8th

Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 9th

Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,
25-27a
John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 10th

Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21
Mark 16:9-15

2nd Sunday of Easter

Octave of Easter, April 11th

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

LIVE STREAM LITURGY

We live stream the 5:10 PM Mass on Saturdays – search on YouTube for: “blessed sacrament parish regina”



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:10 pm • Sunday 10:00 am

Monday - Friday 12:05 pm

No scheduled Mass on Monday, April 5th

- Pre-registration is required to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday at our Church (not required for the daily 12:05 PM Mass).
- We require that everyone must wear a face masks and social distance while in the Church.
- Please register by contacting the parish office during office hours or more preferably by sending an email request.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be available Monday – 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.

Sacrament of Baptism or Sacraments of Initiation: Please contact the Parish Office for Baptisms during the Easter Season.

PARISH STAFF

Office Hours: 1:00–4:00 PM Tuesday to Friday

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Administrator: *The Rev. Dr. James Hentges*
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Caretaker: *Simon Hagos*

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FINANCIAL UPDATE	March 20/21	March 27/28
Regular/Loose Collection	\$2,036.00	\$600.00
Building Fund	\$186.25	\$112.00
Development & Peace	\$310.00	\$5.00
Easter Flowers		\$50.00
Other	\$51.25	\$13.00
Parish Charity & Special Needs		\$140.00
Marian Centre		\$150.00

Parish Financial Reports for 2019 & 2020 are found online under "Bulletins" or go to this link for the current report: <http://blessedsacramentregina.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BI-Sacrament-Financial-Report-20202019-1.pdf>

Parish Pastoral Council

(contact members directly or through parish office)

Mary Wadsworth, chair Patricia Sinclair Perina Sinar
Victor Diokno Timothy Diokno Dolly Dyck

Parish Finance Council

(contact members directly or through parish office)

Pat Bialowas, chair Jim Gallagher Gordon Pilon
Rocky Boyko Dale Kraus

PARISH CHARITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS

During this time of the pandemic, some of our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering. Some of you have asked how you can help. If you would like to assist our parish in directing assistance to the most needy, you can donate funds or gift/food cards. Put your donation in a separate envelope and place it in the donation box.

POPE FRANCIS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!". Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. (...) This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

(Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020)

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday, April 4	<i>For the Parishioners</i>
Monday, April 5	<i>No scheduled Mass</i>
Tuesday, April 6	<i>+Dulzura Pesasico by Fa Paderanga</i>
Wednesday, April 7	<i>+Cathy Arnold by Kay Luttmmer</i>
Thursday, April 8	<i>available</i>
Friday, April 9	<i>available</i>
Saturday, April 10	<i>available</i>
Sunday, April 11	<i>For the Parishioners</i>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Easter Sunday	8 AM	10 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Dolly Dyck	Mary Wadsworth
Community Leader	Jeanette Luttmmer	Jeanne Bonneville
Lector 1	Ray Lalonde	<i>volunteer needed</i>
Lector 2	Todd Pilon	<i>volunteer needed</i>

2nd Sunday Easter	Sat 5:10 PM	Sunday, 10 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Wadsworth	Kim Lovely
Community Leader	Rosita Ongsu	_____
Lector 1	Lorraine Vincent	Dina Tremblay
Lector 2	Domenic Scuglia	Jonah Tremblay

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2021

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

SANTA MARIA FOUNDATION – MASKS FOR SALE

Santa Maria foundation is selling masks to raise funds for mattresses. The cost of the masks is \$10, free delivery or mailing. If you are interested in buying a mask, please contact Terry Conney at 306-537-8875 or tcooney@sasktel.net



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“What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

...No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

*For I am convinced that ...nothing will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” Romans 8:35-37, 39*

April 2, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you a most blessed and joyful Easter!

As we remember the death and resurrection of the Lord in the midst of this holy season, God offers new life to each of us. In Christ Jesus, life has triumphed over death, we are reminded that God is with us, and we have nothing to fear. That faith propels us forward each day in hope.

We begin Easter at yet another unprecedented time. Last year, we were not able to gather for Holy Week and Easter because of the onset of the pandemic. Because the pandemic continues, we are gathering this year in limited fashion and under severe but necessary restrictions. This means that many of you will not be able to join us in person. I miss having all of you present in our church to joyfully celebrate and to mutually enrich our faith as we gather together at the Eucharist.

Most of you probably share my own feelings about returning to normal. All of us want to get back to the way things were. We long to gather not just for Mass here at Blessed Sacrament Church, but we want to attend family gatherings, to hug children and grandchildren, to go on holiday and socialize with our neighbours. These opportunities will return, but as they return let us also acknowledge the grief, agony, loss and perhaps trauma that so many have experienced over the past year. In recalling these challenging times, as the quote from St Paul above reminds us, we also know that this pain and suffering will not keep us from God's love.

Finally, please check the parish website regularly for information about Blessed Sacrament Parish, especially as health restrictions lift and it is possible to have more of the parish community together at Mass and other parish events.

May the Risen Lord keep you and your families safe, and we pray for all medical personnel, first-responders and all who work hard to keep our local shops and necessary services open. May God bless and reward these efforts.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. James Hentges



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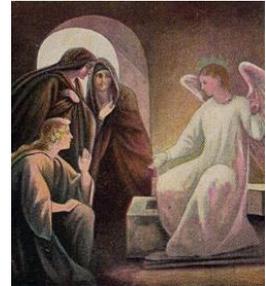
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EASTER 2021

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter, everyone!

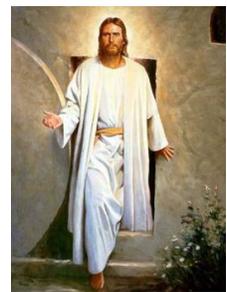
When Jesus first called his disciples, he invited them to leave their homes, the security of their lives, to follow him. And when, after the devastation of his death, they found the stone rolled away, when they found the tomb empty, when the Risen Lord came walking alongside of them, when he showed them his wounded hands and side, their world turned upside down once again. Soon filled with the Holy Spirit, they were sent, with joy, in an entirely new way beyond the bounds of the familiar.



Over the years, I have had a recurring dream. Until a few days ago, I had not thought of this dream as being connected to Easter. Whenever I have had this dream, I have been deeply stirred by it. It comes in two forms. In the first, I am a little child, wondering around in our farmyard, and decide to leave the yard, and to venture out into the field, beyond the safety of the yard. And I find a place there, not too far away, a grove of trees with tall wild prairie grasses, a place of shelter, not far from the farmyard, but a place where I am welcomed, a place where people have dwelt, a beautiful, inviting place.

The other variant of the dream is connected with our little country church of St. Elizabeth's, a few hundred metres from our farmyard. In the dream, this time as an adult, I go out beyond the church yard, past the cemetery, over the slightly more hilly prairies there, and find an old home, a building to explore, a place of discovery.

At one point after having these recurring dreams, I drove out to the home of my early childhood, and to our little country parish, and wondered around, looking for some trace of either of these places, but found none, only beautiful open prairie. The dreams are, strangely, of a treasure hidden in those fields, a treasure connected with the past, as though the land carried its own memories that we can't quite access. Above all, there are of a treasure that we find by leaving the security of home, by leaving the church building and bringing whatever we have received and learned and become, into dialogue and active engagement with the world around us.



To be baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, to live with a paschal faith, is to be a part of a community that is summoned to go into places of struggle, of suffering, of darkness, and to be - above all by our actions - a witness to life. It is to be a community, as St. Paul describes for the Corinthians, that is "afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies" (2 Cor. 4:8-10).

The pandemic has been difficult for us as society, and it has been difficult for us as church. We have had to learn new ways to build up the community, new ways to reach out to others, new ways to evangelize. We have been dragged out of our comfort zones. We've been displaced, and summoned to find a new place in the family of things. Now on this 2nd Easter of the pandemic, having had a year bracketed by two seasons of Lent for something new to gestate within us, I think the Risen Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, is speaking a word to us.

Just as surely as the first crew of disciples, fishermen, tax collectors, and what all, went forth into the world empowered by the Holy Spirit, just as surely as these fields behind me - which are now looking rather barren - will soon be a place of growth and beauty and fruitfulness, so too is the Holy Spirit doing something new in us. Any new way will need to be faithful to the wisdom of the past, but that doesn't mean just repeating things the way they have always been. Jesus told his disciples that those trained for the kingdom are "like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Mt 13:52).

That discernment is upon us now in the church. Some aspects of it seem fairly clear. Faithful to the Lord himself, we need to listen deeply to those who are hurt and wounded in our midst, and in a special way to those whose wounds we as church have caused. We need to learn how to accompany in a truly compassionate Christ-like way. We need to be centred on mission. Moulded by the death and resurrection of Christ, we need to engage the world around us, not with anger, not from a perspective of power, but with a spirit of dialogue, a humble willingness to learn, a readiness to inspire, with convictions about the worth and dignity of life to uphold, praying at all times to be led by the Spirit of the Risen Lord.

As in my old recurring dreams, in the world outside our comfort zones we will find human life, with all its suffering and brokenness, its blessings and joys, its varied history and its promise, it's beauty and struggles, its wonder and mystery. Christian discipleship is an adventure, initiated by a God at work in the created world, the paschal work of undoing the power of death, transforming the created order by self-giving redeeming love. Let us embrace it anew.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Again, Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Bolen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+ Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

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