

October 6, 2024



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

2049 Scarth Street, Regina, SK S4P 2H5
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:10 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: October 7th to 11th

Monday - Friday • 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each weekday before Mass 11:35 am

Saturdays before Mass at 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Initiation / Baptism, Confirmation & Communion: *These sacraments require preparation. Please contact the parish office.*

Sacrament of Marriage: *Please contact the parish office at least one year before proposed date of marriage.*

Anointing of the Sick: *after First Friday Masses or by request.*

TODAY'S MUSIC

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM

**Processional: CBW III # 512 God
Created Earth and Heaven** (use
melody 510)

Gloria: JourneySong 226

**Responsorial Psalm: CBW III # 191
May God bless us all the days of our
lives..**

**Preparation of Gifts: CBW III # 532
For the Fruit of All Creation**

Eucharistic Acclamations:CBW

**Communion Procession: CBW # 601
Gather Us Together**

**Recessional: CBW III # 555 Holy
God We Praise Your Name**

PAINTING PROJECT CONTINUES

They have begun the painting of the interior of the Church (see timeline for completion in this bulletin), but the painters will take a lunch break at midday, so that we can have quiet time for the Liturgy. Please consult regularly the parish website, postings at the entrances or the weekly bulletin for adjustments or cancellations - especially if you attend weekday Masses regularly. As always, there will be no change in the Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday.

PARISH OFFICE

Regular Hours • Tuesday to Friday • 11:00–2:00 PM
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Caretaker Teklesenbet Mebrahtu (contact via parish office).

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE ON OCTOBER 7TH

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace on October 7, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. *"In this dramatic hour of our history,"* the Pope said, *"while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations,"* the Christian community is reminded of its call to *"put itself at the service of humanity."*

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Painting Project Timeline

September

Week 1-2: **Phase 1:** Set up scaffolding (nave)

Week 3-4: **Phase 1:** Patch, repair, apply Smoke Sealer to ceilings

October

Week 1-2: **Phase 1:** 1st and 2nd coat, apply stencils

Week 3-4: **Phase 2:** Set up scaffolding (transept)

November

Week 1-2: **Phase 2:** Patch, repair, apply Smoke Sealer to ceilings

Week 3: **Phase 2:** 1st and 2nd coat, apply stencils

Week 4: **Phase 3:** Set up Scaffolding

December

Week 1: **Phase 3:** Patch, repair, apply Smoke Sealer to ceilings

Week 2: **Phase 3:** 1st and 2nd coat, apply stencils

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT IN OUR PARISH

The heart of a parish is the Eucharist, but the parish family is the body that makes it a unique and vibrant community with an exciting parish life. Our parish offers a variety of ways to be part of that communal family in addition to the celebration of the sacraments.

One way to participate in our parish life are the various parish ministries, including liturgical ministries, such as choir member, lector, altar server, Eucharistic minister, greeter/usher etc.

Another way is to serve on parish pastoral or finance councils, or involving oneself in social justice ministries and Knights of Columbus.

Attached to this bulletin is a form to assist you in volunteering in our parish. Please read carefully and consider filling it out and volunteering.

God calls us to use our gifts and talents to glorify Him and make life better for other people. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for getting involved in ministry. And if you have an idea for a new parish ministry, please contact us.

RCIA

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family.

These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are not baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds, and those baptized Catholics in need of Confirmation and/or First Communion. See Fr Jim after Mass or contact the parish office if you are interested. Or pass along this information to someone you know who you think might be interested.

DONATIONS

Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via **E-transfer (interac)** to:
blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net

Auto-Deposit Forms are available at the entrances of the church or at:
blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/



If you wish to direct your donation to the Building Fund or the Painting Project specifically, please indicate on your cheque or transfer.

OPENING OF SYNOD

We are making this journey together

In his address at the opening of the second session of the 16th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis reflected on the journey of the Church since the Synod's inception in 2021.

A constant journey

He began by reminding the participants that the Church is constantly on a journey, one that mirrors the mission God has set before His people since the time of the apostles, stressing that the mission of the Church is to bring peace through the proclamation of Jesus Christ.

Reflecting on the role of the Holy Spirit, the Pope recalled that "the Holy Spirit bends the stubborn heart and will, melts the frozen, warms the chill, and guides the steps that go astray." He emphasised that the Spirit is ever-present, especially in moments of sorrow and despair when humanity is faced with the temptations of hopelessness and division. "The Holy Spirit wipes away our tears and comforts us because he communicates God's gift of hope," the Holy Father added.

Pope Francis then went on to speak of the humility required to recognise our own need for forgiveness. He referenced the Penitential Vigil that took place Tuesday night, where those gathered experienced the grace of reconciliation. "We put aside our pride and presumption, imagining that we are better than others. Have we in fact become more humble?" he asked.

The transformative power of the Holy Spirit

The Pope then described the transformative power of the Holy Spirit as a fire that kindles love and exultation within us, a love so strong that it would embrace all of humanity without discrimination. "This is because God always embraces everyone," the Pope said, before reminding the Church of the need for constant forgiveness. He urged participants to mirror God's infinite mercy, inviting them to "always forgive others, since readiness to do so is born of our own experience of having been forgiven."

Speaking then of the synodal process, Pope Francis said that it is not just a momentary event but a continuous journey, one in which the Church learns to better understand herself and discern the most effective ways to carry out her mission. He described the synodal Assembly as a "plural subject," where bishops, laypeople, priests, and consecrated men and women work together in service to God's mercy.

The importance of a lay participation

Highlighting the significance of lay participation in the synodal process, Pope Francis explained that the presence of lay members in the Assembly does not diminish the authority of bishops. Rather, it strengthens the Church's relational nature, emphasising the need for collaboration. "No one is saved alone," the Pope stressed.

Pope Francis also invoked the wisdom of Saint Paul VI, who instituted the Synod of Bishops in 1965. He described the Synod as a process of continual learning, a reflection of the Church's mission to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and to journey toward the fulfilment of God's plan. "The synodal process is also a learning process, in the course of which the Church comes to know herself better," the Holy Father explained.

Bringing his address to a close, Pope Francis called for all participants to remain open to the action of the Holy Spirit, who he described as the Church's "sure guide and comforter."

"We are making this journey together," the Pope concluded, "with hope, humility, and trust in the Lord."

Full coverage of the Synod and many other articles and news are found at [vaticannews.va](https://www.vaticannews.va)

HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER INTENTION

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



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27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Join “Companions in Hope: A Prayerful Space for Healing and Support

An Online Mental Health Prayer Group
Emmaus Mental Health Ministries warmly invites you to Companions in Hope, an online prayer group for those living with mental health challenges and the allies who accompany them. This is a sacred space of safety, acceptance, and healing, where we come together in prayer and reflection, offering support to one another on our journey toward hope.

Through the practice of Lectio Divina and other traditional contemplative prayers, we will reflect on God’s healing presence and our need for grace, fostering peace, consolation, and connection. Whether you’re seeking comfort in your mental health challenges, or encouragement as you accompany and support loved ones, you will find a quiet, peaceful community of prayer and support.

We meet on Zoom every second Thursday of the month, starting October 10. To Register: Please contact emmausmentalhealth@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link and



Archbishop’s Appeal

Jesus speaks about the sanctity of marriage, emphasizing that what God has joined together, no one should separate. This profound union mirrors the unity we strive for within our Church family. As we reflect on the strength of these bonds, we’re called to foster unity in our broader community. Through our combined efforts, we uphold the fabric of our faith, ensuring that love and unity remain at the heart of our mission.



A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life Fall Series

“A Great Symphony of Prayer: Mary, the Saints and Scripture” (English) 11:00 AM SK

Thursday, October 10: Praying with the Saints/St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, October 17: The Prayer of Jesus/John 17

Thursday, October 24: Lectio Divina/The Storm at Sea

Register at cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9_IWw#/registration

« Une grande symphonie de prière : Marie, les saints et l’Écriture » (En Français) 11:00 AM SK

Mardi 8 octobre 2024: Prier avec Marie/le Rosaire

Mardi 15 octobre: Prier avec les saints/Saint Dominique

Mardi 22 octobre: La prière de Jésus/Prier avec les Psaumes

Mardi 29 octobre: Lectio Divina

Register at: cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CzdiOZHCSXWbt_OUXfwONA#/registration

Pope Francis’ Monthly Intentions - October

For a shared mission - *Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of coresponsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.* popevideo.org

Go Make Disciples

Become a leader in your parish and the wider community, by serving the people of God as an evangelizing disciple of Jesus Christ. The Archdiocese of Regina’s Lay Formation Program provides you with the skills, tools, and opportunities to deepen your spiritual life and assess your God-given gifts and talents. Join our weekend sessions at Campion College starting this November and become part of a community of leaders serving God’s people in a variety of roles. Our three-year program will deepen your understanding of Church and faith through solid teaching by our own diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women who are experts in their respective fields of theology, ethics, social justice, and more. For more information on how to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-721-6724 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca.

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Stewardship Bulletin Bit

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.” (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn’t something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.