

October 20, 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

TODAY'S MUSIC

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM

Processional: CBW III # 551
O Praise to the Lord!
Gloria: JourneySong 226
Responsorial Psalm: CBW III # 100
God, let your love be upon us as we place all our trust in you.
Preparation of Gifts: CBW III # 517
Lord Jesus We Must Know You
Eucharistic Acclamations: CBW 227-232.
Communion Procession: CBW # 393
Something Which is Known
Recessional: CBW III # 691 *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH ANNUAL FALL GATHERING

When: Saturday, October 26th, 6 PM (after Saturday Mass)

Where: Copper Kettle Restaurant

Sign up by: October 23rd

- Sign up sheets are near the entrances to the church.
- For more information, Contact: Mary Ann 306.789.1500

No Scheduled Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday, October 21-25

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 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.*

PARISH OFFICE

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

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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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2nd	<i>Westminster FALL CRAFT & TRADE SHOW, 10 am to 4 pm, 3025 13th Avenue - Use Cameron Street Door.</i>
Sunday, November 10th	<i>Holy Cross Parish Harvest Supper, Turkey & Ham with all the trimmings at Resurrection Parish Hall. See Bulletin board for more information</i>
Thursday, November 21st	<i>Blessed Sacrament Parish Finance Council, 4:30 PM, conference room</i>
Saturday, November 23rd	<i>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council, 10:30 am, conference room</i>
Sunday, November 24th	<i>St. Martin de Porres Fall Harvest Supper, 5:00 p.m. Refreshments, 5:30 p.m. Buffet Supper. Details and tickets information: call parish office.</i>

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 to someone you know who you think might be interested.

DONATIONS

Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via E-transfer (*interac*) to:

blessedsacrament@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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING

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.

The volunteer form is available on the bulletin board and can 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.

NEWS FROM THE SYNOD

We are making this journey together

From Vatican News

On October 17th, among the topics discussed was the attention given to young people and to those with disabilities, with hopes for stronger connections between the Vatican and local communities.

Focus on disability and interfaith dialogue

346 people were present in the Hall, and the discussion continued with free interventions on various topics. There was a call to revitalize the role of parishes, more direct involvement of young people, and genuine attention to people with disabilities, including the creation of a specific council for them. Other issues raised included the role of "virtual networks," like Talitha Kum, and how to integrate them into Episcopal Conferences, as well as the proposal for a common platform for students of different religions attending Catholic schools. Tomorrow, Cardinals Jean-Claude Hollerich and Mario Grech, Sister Leticia Salazar, and Bishop Daniel Flores will meet with university students to discuss the Synod's topics.

Stronger ties between Rome and local Churches

Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, highlighted the essential role of religious orders, particularly in places of great suffering and distress or education. He also emphasized the importance of strengthening the relationship between synodality and primacy, which has been discussed in the open forums. Ruffini pointed out that it is surprising that, so many years after Vatican II, the theological status of Episcopal Conferences remains unclear. The suggestion was made to consult local Churches more when preparing documents and for Vatican dicasteries to visit smaller communities and dioceses more often.

Building fraternal bonds

Sister Samuela Maria Rigon, Superior General of the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, spoke about the synodal experience and emphasized the importance of building fraternal relationships. She noted that about a quarter of the Synod participants are

laypeople, young people, and religious, all of whom have the opportunity to speak. While tensions arise from different views on certain topics, she explained that these are not polarizations but multiple polarities, such as the male/female dynamic.

The Synod in the Asian Church

Cardinal Charles Bo, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar, and President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), provided a brief overview of the synodal process in Asia. He spoke about the increased involvement of young people in digital evangelization, creative pastoral initiatives, and the challenges posed by clericalism. Despite resistance from some bishops, the FABC is satisfied with the progress made, particularly the Church's commitment to listening to everyone.

Need for structural change

Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix of Québec, Canada, emphasized the need for the Church to "listen," especially to those who are different, and avoid resolving problems solely through violence. He called for structural changes, particularly in mission practices, the media, and deepening spiritual life.

Adapting to the contemporary world

The conversation also touched on decentralization between Rome and Episcopal Conferences, and the relationship between listening and implementing changes. Prefect Ruffini explained that the idea of granting more powers to local Churches has been a long-standing reflection within the Church, especially since Vatican II.

Possibility of a Ministry of Listening

A proposal for a "ministry of listening" was raised but remains under discussion. Cardinal Bo emphasized that this Synod is unique because it truly is a process, and hopes that each bishop will consider holding a diocesan synod to continue the work started here.

On Friday, October 18th, officials of the Synod will meet with university students to discuss topics from the assembly.

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



Archdiocese of Regina

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Bulletin

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Read. Pray. Vote! Saskatchewan Elections

The October election will offer Saskatchewan voters an opportunity to ensure that the province is guided by leaders who will provide practical and efficient leadership with the good of all in mind – including the unborn, the elderly, the young, families, and those who are too often forgotten by society – as well as workers, farmers, business owners, and all future generations. Catholics are called to participate, in accordance with the full measure of talents entrusted to us by God, each of us in accordance with our own well-formed conscience. At a minimum, this means voting prayerfully and wisely after having considered all relevant issues, the positions of each of the candidates and parties, and relevant Church teachings. Many of us are called to even deeper involvement: volunteering at polling stations and other efforts to get out the vote; engaging personally with candidates and party officials; helping to spread good ideas and encourage others to vote properly; or in some cases volunteering to assist candidates or parties – or even putting ourselves forward as candidates.

To assist you with these efforts, you can visit the Catholic Conscience Page at: catholicconscience.org/Canada/Saskatchewan/2024-provincial-election/

Learn more about your candidates for Catholic School board trustees at archregina.sk.ca/newsstory/regina-catholic-school-board-trustees-whos-running-2/

Cuernavaca Student Mission Trip

Student mission trip with Cuernavaca Project December 25, 2025, to January 3, 2026. Open to all Grade 9 to 11 students. Five from each Catholic High School will be chosen. For more information, call Joan Rink at 306-533-1648.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

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Archbishop’s Appeal

Jesus redefines greatness by teaching that true leadership is found in service to others. He calls us to be servants, just as He came to serve. This principle is foundational to our faith and communal life. We must strive to reflect Christ’s humility and dedication, fostering a community where service is the hallmark of greatness. Through your support of the Archbishop’s Appeal, there are many ways this is lived out, whether it is through participating in the Lay Formation Program, the youth leadership opportunities, or the many ways in which outreach and advocacy for those on the margins is supported. Look for ways to foster this servant leadership in your own lives and parishes this week.



Pilgrims of Hope: Together in Mission

Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, a priest of the Archdiocese of Montreal, has been present in the Archdiocese of Regina since May 2024. During this six-month study leave, he has visited numerous parishes and groups across the Archdiocese, meeting with priests, pastoral staff, and lay leaders, observing and learning from the different ways in which we “walk together” as a synodal church in mission. He will be serving as a table facilitator at the 2nd Synodal Assembly in Rome this October, and upon his return, he will lead us in a diocesan study day. What is the Spirit speaking to the Church through the Synod? How far have we progressed along the synodal path, and how can we deepen our commitment to walking together as we live the call to communion, participation, and mission? Fr. Raymond will have many lively stories to share, and so do each of us! Come and share in this conversation with friends and mission partners from across the diocese. Join us on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The study day begins at 9:30 am with a light breakfast and concludes at 1:00 pm at Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd, Regina.

Free registration is requested to assist with planning. To register email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-721-6734 by Wednesday, November 6.