

Sunday, January 19, 2025



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

Saturday 5:10 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Monday through Friday, 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass: weekdays at 11:30 am, Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Initiation / Baptism, Confirmation & Communion: *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 Mass, February 7th or by request.*

PARISH OFFICE

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TODAY'S MUSIC

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY 5:10 PM • SUNDAY 10 AM

Processional: CBW III # 545 *Sing Out, Earth and Skies!*

Gloria: JS # 226

Responsorial Psalm: CBW III # 117
Proclaim the wonders of God among all the peoples

Preparation of Gifts: CBW III # 517
Lord Jesus, We Must Know You
Eucharistic Accl: CBW 227-232.

Communion Procession: CBW III
520 *Here I Am, Lord*

Recessional: CBWIII # 533 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* (use 534 melody)

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

DONATIONS 2025

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 blessedsacramentregina.ca/donations/



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Beginning Sunday, January 26th at the 10 am Mass, we will begin a "Children's Liturgy" which is for all young children. We aim to provide the children with an adapted Liturgy of the Word which will encourage them to listen, pray and respond to the word of God within a safe place. We are looking for volunteers who will learn about children's liturgy and be able to continue these at our parish. If interested, please contact Fr. Jim or office.

Blessed Sacrament Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

ENVELOPES/DONATIONS IN 2025

Packets of envelopes for this year are available in the front entrance area of the church. In the coming year, we urge more parishioners to adopt the pre-authorized debit method of donating regularly.



Automatic withdrawals from one's chequing account on a weekly/monthly basis is the most efficient and cost effective way to donate to the Parish and it helps the Parish best manage financial contributions. Forms for *Pre-Authorized Donations* are found at the entrances to the church. Thank you!

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS TIME comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the Divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God. Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the Magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969, we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: January 6, January 13, and on the following Sunday.

All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority, and the power of Jesus.

In today's liturgical calendar, the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In Canada, we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holyday of obligation, it is celebrated on January 6.

In the Canada, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany.

January 5, 2025

ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL IN THE VATICAN

On Friday, reflecting on the lessons learned from the synodal process, the Pope reminded the faithful that Christian unity is not uniformity, but harmony. He said that “unity is harmony among the diversity of charisms”, brought to life by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of all Christians. This harmony, he explained, does not come from human efforts but from the Spirit, whom Saint Basil described as “harmony itself.”

Urging Christians to move forward in love and service, confident that difficulties will not stop the journey toward unity, Pope Francis appealed: “Let us trust the Holy Spirit, who draws us to unity in the harmony of a multi-faceted diversity.”

Unity for the sake of mission

Turning his attention to Christian witness, the Holy Father stressed that Christian unity is essential for mission.

Quoting the Gospel of John, he said, “That they may all be one... so that the world may believe” (Jn 17:21), highlighting the Council Fathers’ conviction that division among Christians “scandalizes the world” and harms the Church’s mission to preach the Gospel.

He pointed to the “ecumenism of blood,” exemplified by the Roman protomartyrs and by Christians of various traditions who, in many parts of the world today, lay down their lives together for their faith.

“Their witness speaks more powerfully than any words,” he said, reminding the faithful that unity is born of the Cross of Christ. “The witness of martyrs speaks more powerfully than any words.”

A call to overcome division

In conclusion, Pope Francis expressed his hope that the ongoing Synod would provide an opportunity for Christians to overcome the divisions that continue to hinder their common witness. “The world needs our common witness,” he said, “and we are called to be faithful to our common mission as missionary disciples of Christ.”

Reflecting on the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who received his mission before an image of the Crucified Christ, Pope Francis prayed that the Cross of Christ would guide Christians in their daily journey toward full unity and harmony with one another and with all creation.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things

(Col 1:19-20).”