

June 21, 2026

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY • 5:10 PM**

**SUNDAY • 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY • 7 AM**

**GE'EZ RITE CATHOLIC MASS**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 12:05 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday to Friday at 11:30 &  
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.*

**Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing):**  
*after Mass on each First Friday of the  
month, or by request. Next Friday, June  
5th at 12:05 Mass*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday • 10 am–2:00 pm**

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**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

*music for today's liturgy*

**Processional: Journey Song # 599**  
*Halleluiah We Sing Your Praises*

**Kyrie: CIS 3.1 - Gloria: CIS 3.2**

**Responsorial Psalm Response**



**Preparation of Gifts: Journey Song # 673**  
*Be Not Afraid*

**Eucharistic Acclamations: CIS 3.3-3.6**

**Communion: Journey Song # 823**  
*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

**Recessional: Journey Song # 713**  
*All I Ask of You*

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

**For the values of sports.**

*Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue  
among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect,  
solidarity, and personal growth.*

## DONATIONS

Donations to Blessed Sacrament Parish can be sent via  
E-transfer (*interac*) : [blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net](mailto:blessed.sacrament@sasktel.net)  
Auto-Deposit Forms are available at the entrances of  
the church or at:



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## DISCUSSIONS WITH POPE LEO

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This past week, Pope Leo held discussions on some of the most pressing issues facing humanity today, including artificial intelligence and its impact on human dignity, healthy ageing, sports diplomacy, and environmental sustainability.

### *Reimagining moral leadership*

Addressing the participants at the conclusion of a meeting, Pope Leo described the gathering as “the first step of a process aimed at renewing and reimagining moral leadership in a world that today appears fractured and forgetful of its historical roots.”

Reflecting on some of the themes developed in his Encyclical *Magnifica humanitas*, the Pope reiterated the importance of dialogue in confronting contemporary challenges. “We seek to identify new paths for the common good and for promoting a dignified life for all,” he said, recalling his call “to engage in dialogue with all men and women of our time, with whom we share in the events, questions and aspirations of humanity.”

The Holy Father warned against what he called a growing “spiritual and cultural blindness” that risks disconnecting society from its historical memory. “A false pragmatism,” he said, “urges us to sever the roots of our history, as if it were possible to inaugurate a kind of ‘new creation’ detached from the past.” He also cautioned that even those who invoke moral principles can fall into a form of “historical nihilism,” mistakenly believing that the tragedies of the twentieth century cannot be repeated.

Pope Leo then went on to note that the dialogues were inspired by the Church’s vision of synodality, bringing together diverse voices while seeking unity around shared concerns. He commended participants for their commitment to promoting ecological, social and economic renewal despite their different backgrounds and areas of expertise.

### *The challenges of technological development*

Turning to the ethical challenges posed by technological and economic development, the Pope contrasted two opposing visions of society. “In the face of the temptation to build the ‘Tower of Babel,’ which represents the idolatry of profit at the expense of the most vulnerable and enhances the risk of dehumanisation,” he said, Christians are called instead “to contribute to the construction of the New Jerusalem, the civilization of love.”

The Pope explained that such a civilisation is built not through grand gestures but through daily acts of fidelity and care. “The civilisation of love will not arise from a single or spectacular gesture, but from the sum total of small and steadfast acts of fidelity that serve as a bulwark against dehumanization,” he said.

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## Nativity of John the Baptist

**WE DON’T** know the actual date of the birth of John the Baptist. No biblical or historical record tells us. But Luke’s Gospel (1:36) says that John’s mother, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant when the angel Gabriel obtained Mary’s consent to become the mother of Jesus. A tradition eventually established December 25 for the liturgical observance of the birth of Christ, so the Nativity of John the Baptist was placed on the calendar six months earlier.

In the northern hemisphere this works out especially well because of something John the Baptist said in reference to Christ, according to John 3:30: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” The hours of daylight begin to decrease with the birth of John the Baptist, only to increase with the birth of Christ.

Normally, the Catholic liturgical calendar celebrates the anniversary of a saint’s death because it marks the birth of that saint into eternal life. There are three exceptions. The calendar observes the nativity of these central New Testament figures: Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist. John foreshadows Christ by his birth, his preaching, and his martyrdom. So important is his nativity that we observe it every year, even when it falls on a Sunday. We replace the usual readings and prayers of Ordinary Time in order to honor the birth of an extraordinary saint.

The Missal offers two sets of presidential prayers, one for the Vigil Mass on the evening of June 23, and the other for the Mass during the day on June 24. These prayers allude to biblical passages about John as the Precursor of Christ. Among these is the Benedictus, the hymn sung by John’s father Zachariah, which forms part of the Church’s Morning Prayer every day of the year.



# Canada Day Mass

Wednesday, July 1, 10 am  
Blessed Sacrament Parish  
2049 Scarth Street

Celebrant  
Archbishop Don Bolen

Concelebrants  
Rev. James Hentges  
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish

Rev. Warren Dungen  
Pastoral Administrator, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon,  
St. Basil Parish Regina, and Montmarte District Parishes

After Mass, join in fellowship at the barbeque hosted  
by the Santo Niño Council of the Knights of Columbus



# Archdiocese of Regina

## Bulletin

June 21, 2026  
12th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

### Archdiocese of Regina Youth and Young Adult Events

The Archdiocese of Regina's Youth Leadership Camp is back for another amazing year. It'll take place August 10-14 at Glen Harbour Kids Camp.

This year's theme is Story Time, which will see us journey through some of the stories of our faith. We'll laugh, we'll cry, and ultimately discover how these stories of old are still relevant to our lives here today.

If you're interested in growing in faith, developing your ability to lead in various situations, expanding your network of friends and community, and enjoying the beach, great food, fantastic music, and amazing games along the way, then you need to join us!

Register now at [bit.ly/oyyam-camp](http://bit.ly/oyyam-camp). If you have any questions, email us at [oyyam@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca).

Press Pause & Pray: A Young Adult Retreat is back once again! Join us August 15-16 at Glen Harbour Kids Camp for a weekend filled with prayer, music, community, and inspiring talks to help you grow in your faith journey. Cost is \$50. For more info or to register, check out [bit.ly/archoyyam](http://bit.ly/archoyyam), or email [oyyam@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca) if you have any questions.

Ever since the early years of our Church, Christians have left the comfort of their homes to journey to sacred places around the world. Following this rich tradition, World Youth Day pilgrims travel to the host city seeking something in particular out of that experience.

While on the surface, these pilgrimages may seem like any other vacation or trip, they are much more than that. "To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God".

If you are interested in taking part in this incredible pilgrimage, join us for an information night on July 9th. Visit [bit.ly/oyyamtrip](http://bit.ly/oyyamtrip) to learn more and to register for the meeting.

### Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Letter: Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas, was released today. It focuses on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. The letter is dated 15 May, to commemorate the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical Letter, *Rerum Novarum*. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development offers the following synopsis of the Encyclical Letter: "Magnifica Humanitas offers insights into the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognizing a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress. The Church's social teaching accompanies these transformations, pointing to the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity as the fundamental benchmarks for understanding and interpreting the transformation currently underway. It proposes, as an alternative to the culture of power and war, a civilization of love founded on justice, dialogue and shared responsibility."

You can read the letter at the Vatican site:

[vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html](http://vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html)

### Catechists, What do you Seek? You are a guide, guiding Souls

September 19th, 2026: A seminar, recognizing the catechist's role as a witness, not just a teacher. Explore what it means to be a synodal catechist, to grow in holiness, sustain ministry and accompany others as they grow in faith. For more information contact: [rbarr@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:rbarr@archregina.sk.ca)

*With special thanks, made possible through the Ursuline Sisters' Legacy Gift.*

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32*

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

The weekly report is published every Friday and features top stories, reflections, Catholic news, from our Archdiocese and around the world.

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