“Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?”

Luke 1.39-45

This week’s ACTION plan:

“Carrying out God’s word as Mary and Joseph did.”

**4th SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT**

**WEEKEND Masses December 18-19**

SAT DEC 18 5:00 pm Mass (La Coste Family 🙏)

SUN DEC 19 10:30 am Mass (Frey Family 🙏)

**WEEKDAY Masses December 21-24**

TUE DEC 21 9:00 am Mass (Louis Leitheiser 🙏)

WED DEC 22 10:30 am Mass at the Church (Patricia Cendon vda De Martinez 🙏)

THU DEC 23 9:00 am Mass (Patricia Cendon vda De Martinez 🙏)

FRI DEC 24 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Patricia Cendon vda De Martinez 🙏)

**WEEKEND Masses December 25-26**

SAT DEC 25 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass (Emily Pollom 🙏)

SUN DEC 26 10:30 am Mass (Louis Leitheiser 🙏)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).** Father Moses is available for confession from Tuesday to Sunday before and after Masses or by appointment. To make an appointment please call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the parish office. The child’s Birth Certificate with parents’ names is required to register for Baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the parish office six months prior to the date.
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas Mass Times:

Friday, December 24 — 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 25 — 10:30 am
Sunday, December 26 — 10:30 am

Mass Times for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Friday, December 31 — 6:30 pm
Adoration followed by Liturgy of the Word
Saturday, January 1 — 10:30 am
Sunday, January 2 — 5:00 pm

A SPECIAL GIFT ON CHRISTMAS

An initiative has been proposed to give Father Moses a gift basket this Christmas to show him our appreciation for the love he has for us and for the great work he is doing in our parish.

Please feel free to deposit in the collection baskets at the entrance of the Church your gift for Father Moses. Use the provided envelopes labeled “Fr. Moses Christmas Gift” to place your donation. If this is in the form of a cheque please make it to Moses Savarimuthu to differentiate it from the customary Church collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity and love for Father Moses.
You can pre-order the 2022 Catholic Calendar through the parish office. Cost of the calendar is $5.00.

Our parish is in need of some volunteers who can clean up the snow only side walk and church entrance before weekend Masses preferably on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Sundays from 8:30 am to 9:30 am during winter time. If you are interested please write your name and phone number in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Together We Serve (TWS) supports 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions that are part of our family of faith. We have now received 92% of the $11,000.00 goal for 2021.

**Sacramental Preparation**

- **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation** starts *Mid-January from 8:45 am to 10:15 am in the Parish Gathering Centre.*
  - **First Holy Communion** TBA.
  - A copy of **Baptism Certificate** is required at the time of registration.

- **The Sacrament of Confirmation** preparation starts in year 2022.
  - Preparation will be held at Blessed Sacrament School. Start date TBA.
  - A copy of **Baptism Certificate** is required at the time of registration.

Registration forms for sacramental preparation are available in the parish foyer, at the parish office and from our website [http://blessedsacrament.caedm.ca > Sacraments.](http://blessedsacrament.caedm.ca)

For more information please contact the parish office 780-842-3487 Mon-Fri from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Upcoming Feast Days**
- Nov. 30– St. Andrew, Apostle
- Dec. 26– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Dec. 27– St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
- Dec. 28– The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Upcoming Memorial Days**
- Dec. 3– St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Dec. 13– St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
- Dec. 14– St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

**SOLEMNITY**
- Dec. 8– The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec. 25– Nativity of the Lord
  - Holy day of Obligation-Christmas
- Jan. 1–The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
  - The Octave day of the Nativity of the Lord
  - Holy Day of Obligation-New Year
  - World Day of Peace

**Winter is coming!**
**Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Reconciliation Service with Visiting Priests**

* Social distancing will be followed.
* Use of the facemask is required at all times, if someone finds difficult to wear a mask due to a health condition or any other reason, please contact the parish office to arrange a confession with Father for a different time or you can fill-up the [online Form](#) to request an appointment with Father Moses.

Tuesday, December 14 – St. Martin of Tours, Vegreville
Thursday, December 16 – St. Mary’s Parish, Provost
Tuesday, December 21 – St. Anthony’s Parish, Lloydminster
Wednesday, December 22 – Holy Name Of Jesus, Vermillion

**Thursday, December 23 – Blessed Sacrament Parish, Wainwright**

All services begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

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**Blessed Sacrament Church Memorial Candles and Flowers**

Memorial candles and flowers are available for order and will be displayed on the altar (sanctuary) during Christmas.

If you wish to participate in memory of a loved one, **place the completed form and a $10 contribution in the envelope provided.**

The final day for ordering will be **December 20th.**
Cheques may be made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church. Forms and envelopes will be available at the church’s entrance; please inquire to the volunteers at the door.

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**Knights’ News**

♦ The Next Knights’ meeting is on **Thursday, January 20th at 7:30 pm.**
♦ For more information on how to become a Knight, please contact **Grand Knight, Dallas Degenhardt,** or contact the parish office.
♦ Please visit their website [www.Knights.net](http://www.Knights.net) to know more about their charitable work.
Parish Announcements

- 2022 Collection envelopes are available this weekend before or after Masses, or you can pick them up at the parish office Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Year-end donations are an important part of our fiscal sustainability and we thank all those who remember Blessed Sacrament parish with an extra donation at this time of year. Any year-end donations should be received by December 26 to allow time to process before year-end. Deposits made in January cannot be back-dated and will be credited to the 2022 tax year. Thanks to all parishioners for your ongoing support of our parish. May God bless you abundantly!
- Father Moses will be away starting December 27, 2021—February 3, 2022. There will be no weekday masses during those days.
- In observance of the Holidays, our parish office will be closed—Friday, Dec. 24th, and Friday, Dec. 31st.

COVID-19 Restrictions Update

- We are allowed to have only 33% of our church’s capacity, which is 160 people.
- Hall area can be use during Christmas Eve mass, which can accommodate 100 people.
- Readers, speakers, and soloists are allowed to remove their facemask while speaking provided they maintain 2 meter distance from others while doing so. Once finished speaking, the speaker must put on their mask again.
- Masses at Battle River Lodge has been canceled until further notice.

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Pre-Authorized Monthly Giving (PAG)

PLEASE NOTE: During this pandemic, you can participate temporarily in the Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving; you can choose to make your parish offerings by pre-authorized debit from your bank account. The funds will be deposited directly into the parish bank account. If you cannot attend Sunday Masses and want to continue your support to our parish, you can do so. Application Form is available here or from our parish website. For more information, please contact the parish office.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?
We welcome you if you are a new member to the parish and invite you to register. Registered parishioners please use the registration form to keep the parish updated on any changes to your family information. We encourage you to share in a parish ministry program. Registration forms are at the back of the Church or contact Rhonavie, Parish Secretary.
To all beloved parishioners at the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Wainwright:

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. With these words, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people of God what would be eight centuries later the Christmas message that the whole world needed to hear. This message is as true today as it was when the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the most miraculous and mysterious way, gave birth to the Saviour of the world.

Rejoice, I say it again rejoice, always rejoice in the Lord, The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. This way, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Philippians when he presented Christ to them. The required response to properly and justly experience the birth of Christ is to for all of us to be joined together in rejoicing since though Jesus incarnation and birth, we have been cleansed of our sins and death has been abolished. In Christ God’s love for us has been manifested in all its splendor and glory. This is the reason for our rejoicing, in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ, the world has been made new and finally we have become the children of God again.

Our dear friends, this last few years have been challenging for all of us, our families, our parish, and the whole world. It seems that the forces of evil have unleashed all their malicious power on humanity and we have been hurt. Many of us have suffered the consequences of this horrific sickness that has left the whole world paralyzed with terror and affliction. Our civil and religious leaders seem unsure of what to do to protect us, our families, and our society. Even our freedom has been severed here at home and abroad, as we see how many people struggle for answers without ever finding them. But don’t disappear; Christ is born. He is the answer to all our afflictions and troubles; Jesus is God’s response to the covenant He made to His chosen people two thousand and twenty-one years ago. He, Christ, is the only One that can keep us safe and overcome all our tragedies and temptations. In Him is that we can finally rejoice. I say it again rejoice.

In the joy of Christ’s presence among us is that we need, more than ever, to come together to venerate, adore and glorify God for His gift of light and life that He has bestowed on us in Christ. It is more imperative than ever that we are all joined in thanksgiving to Him for all the love and blessings He has given us.

Come back home! All of us at Blessed Sacrament Parish need you with us to make our joy complete. Join us so that we may rejoice together in praise and adoration for all that God has done for us.

Your pastor, Father Moses Savarimuthu, and all the staff of the Blessed Sacrament Parish want to wish you a very Merry Christmas. We pray to the newborn Jesus, that in His power and mercy, He may allow us to come together once more, as He intended it when He became man and dwelt among us. May the peace and love of Christ be with you this Christmas and forever! Amen.

Rev. Moses Savarimuthu SAC
Deacon Carlos Lara