



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



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MASS TIMES:

Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour follows Mass

ADORATION:

First Friday of the Month all day,
Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and during Friday's Holy hour when available

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please see our Parish Website for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please see our Parish Website for information and to fill out the Preliminary Form at least 9 months in advance.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Registration forms can be found on our website bskchurch.ca
We are most happy to have you join our Parish Family.

LEGACIES AND BEQUEST

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember Blessed Sacrament Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy. If you wish to make such a bequest in your will please contact the Parish office.

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF

Monday, March 17, 2025

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

† Phil George – Mary George

† Herb Detzler – Cleasby Family

† Jamse McGillivry & Sandy Cleo

– Elisa Oliveira

† Gracinda DaGraca – Roger & Anne Neves

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

† Joseph Dao & Anna Pham - Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m.

† Catherine & Joseph Zaniewski

– Gene & Marj Zaniewski

Friday 9:00 a.m.

† Giovanna Palermo

– Cortina Club Bingo Lady

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

† Frank Peragine & Isaura Oliveira

– Rita Peragine

† Adelino Fernandes - Family

Sunday

8:15 a.m.

For the People of Blessed Sacrament Parish &
The St. Brigid Mission

10:00 a.m.

Int. of Siobhan Brandreth – Kathi & Stephen
Lance

11:45 a.m.

† Grandeza Navarro - Family

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

CWL Lenten Retreat 6:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary 7:45 p.m. Music Rm

Wednesday

Choir Practice 7:15 p.m. Music Rm

Thursday

RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Centre

Friday

Lenten Talk 6:08 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

1st Communion Session #4 6:00 p.m.

Dear Parish Family, Brothers and Sisters,

The **2024 Spiritual and Financial Report** is now ready. Once again, these numbers reflect your incredible commitment and generosity in supporting our faith family and home—**Blessed Sacrament Church and Community**. Through your time, talents, and financial contributions, you not only sustain our parish but also help us extend our blessings to the Diocese and our local community. **Thank you for every gift you have shared!**

To reduce unnecessary printing, the reports are available online, along with our Sunday bulletin. However, a limited number of printed copies are available for those who prefer them, and you are always welcome to request one.

A special thank you to **Mike Stephenson, the Finance Council members, and Keri Smith, our Office Manager and Bookkeeper**, for their dedication in preparing and presenting these reports. Looking ahead, we are planning a **Parish Town Hall** to reflect on where we are as a parish and where we are headed. Every parishioner has an important role in shaping our future, and we warmly invite you to join the conversation. **April 9th 6:00 p.m.**

May we always be grateful for God's blessings and use them to proclaim His goodness, keeping our doors and hearts open to all who seek love and faith. **Thank you for all you do to make our parish a true home and family!**

Gratefully,

Father Luke

Blessed Sacrament Church

March 9 Offertory \$ 9,153.68

total includes Pre-Authorized Giving



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Please take the time to write the dollar amount of your offering on the envelope.

Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS DAY THANK YOU!

We are truly blessed to have over 50 active altar servers in our parish, from Grade 3 to post-secondary students. In recent times, our numbers have doubled—or even tripled—a wonderful gift to our parish community! We always welcome new servers; any boy or girl who has received their First Holy Communion (Grade 2 and up) is invited to join.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Altar Servers Day during March Break a success. Nearly 40 boys and girls took part in a day filled with learning, reflection, and fun. They practiced their roles, deepened their understanding of the liturgy—especially Holy Week—and enjoyed hands-on activities, including crafting their own rosaries and learning about Paramedic response services in our city.

A special thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped organize and run the event—your support is truly appreciated! (Fr. Luke)

CWL LENTEN RETREAT

Date: Tuesday, March 18th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mass to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Place: Blessed Sacrament Church

Speaker: Father Luke

Everyone welcome.

THE LEGION OF MARY INVITES YOU ALL TO ACIES

(Annual Consecration to Our Lady)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Parish Kitchener

Legion Prayers with Rosary

Collective and Individual Consecration.

Holy Mass

Potluck Reception in the Parish Center after

Mass.

For more information, please contact:

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2025 JANUARY & FEBRUARY TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipt are now available in the lobby for donations made from January 1st 2025 to February 23rd. You can choose to use it towards your 2024 donations or keep it safe to use in 2026. Thank you for your generosity to our beautiful parish. **2024 Tax receipts** are also available in the lobby of the church.

LENT 2025

Lent is a wonderful season of conversion and renewal. We are encouraged to enter more deeply into the Lenten process with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are always invited to partake of the regular devotions we celebrate at Blessed Sacrament to help our Lenten journey as individuals and as a parish community.

DAILY LENTEN MASS: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. Wednesday through Friday. You are encouraged to attend weekday Mass as often as possible during the season of Lent. The Rosary is recited before daily Mass starting about 8:30 a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT: Come spend some quiet time every Friday following the morning Mass until 10:30 a.m.

On the First Friday of each Month, Adoration follows our 9:00 a.m. Mass, continuing all day and ending with Benediction at 8:55 p.m.

LENTEN TALK SERIES: “HERE I AM, O LORD” Parishioners will share their personal vocation stories each Friday before the Stations of the Cross, starting at 6:08 PM (inspired by Isaiah 6:8). After each talk, we will prayerfully transition into the Stations of the Cross. Questions are welcome during the presentations.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used

CONFESSIONS: will be available Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Fridays following the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

PRAYER: Remember the Church is open from early morning to well into the evening for private prayer and adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: it is amazing how connected our spiritual lives and physical lives are and how much they affect each other. Change our routines and habits a little – one less coffee in the morning, no chocolate boost at 3:00 pm, a little less time in front of the TV or computer and life looks a lot different. A little less energy and solace from the things around us and we may start to find God more clearly in our daily lives and the power and peace to live well. The extra time spent in prayer – possibly praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, reading a Lenten Daily Reflection book, taking time to talk about our heartfelt faith with others helps us better appreciate God and the people and things in our lives. Fasting and Abstinence are powerful allies of prayer.

A reminder that Fridays in lent are days of abstaining from meat. (14 years of age and older, the sick and expectant mothers are excused). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are still days of fast and abstinence for all healthy Catholics from **18 – 60 years** of age. Traditionally fasting is having one full meal and two part meals not equaling a full meal and no snacks in between.

ALMSGIVING: With prayer and fasting belongs almsgiving. All three involve giving away in order to receive more authentically in return. Prayer can be the experience of giving our hearts and minds to God and receiving his Grace more fully. Fasting and abstinence direct some of what we need away from ourselves and opens our hearts to share what we have with others. Prayer and fasting lead us to share our time, talent and treasure in the best of ways. Our almsgiving becomes a sincere remedy for the needs of others. Please consider supporting our St. Vincent de Paul who acts on our behalf providing support to people in need

**LENTEN TALK SERIES:
“HERE I AM, O LORD”**

Are we ready to say "yes" to God's call? This Lent, join us as we reflect on our vocations—not just our passions or jobs but God's unique call in our lives. Let us pray for our speakers as they inspire us to discern and live out our Christian Vocations. All are welcome! 6:08 p.m. Fridays before Stations of the Cross

Schedule of Speakers:

- **MARCH 21:** WINIFRED OTOKHINA – *Single Life: Legion of Mary, Lawyer, Activist, Volunteer, New to the Parish.*
- **MARCH 28:** CHRIS REITZEL – *Husband, Father, Teacher, Leader, Volunteer.*
- **APRIL 4:** VERGARA FAMILY (Therese, Joe, Justin, Maddie, and Marion) – *Family Life: Focolare Activists, Parishioners, Volunteers.*
- **APRIL 11:** BONNIE SCHROTH – *Wife, Mother, Parish Programs Organizer, Coordinator, Leader.*

Come, join us, and say together: "*Here I am, O Lord!*"

DIOCESAN FUNCTIONS

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #167

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. They watch every move, take in every word and see how you navigate the world - then they become the mini version of you, their parents. All the traits they take in become part of who they are for life! Help them to be the best people they can be by looking inward and asking yourself if you are doing enough to raise them to be the adult you would like them to be. If not, change how you interact and help them grow strong in mind, body and spirit.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #147 March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your life, your marriage.

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