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# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

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## Third Sunday of Easter – April 10, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sun. (10<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- *Prayer Vigil – Roy Pelletier*  
(Yorkton Friendship Centre)  
Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Rudy Gulash  
11:00 am- *Funeral Mass – Roy Pelletier*  
Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Marion Novakowski  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa  
+Bernice Saretsky  
7:00 pm- *Family Icon Prayer Service*  
Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Emil Polegi  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Marie Jules Tessier

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (10<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*  
Session #6  
Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Refugee Family Planning Mtg.  
7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting  
Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg  
7:00 pm- RCIA  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- *Come Join Us at the Table*  
Retreat  
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Sun. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Cecile Steinmacher

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### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich  
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky  
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell  
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett

*A special welcome to*  
**Father Gary Kuntz**  
*who is celebrating Mass with us*  
*this weekend.*

## **REFUGEE FAMILY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend as we prepare for the welcoming of St. Gerard's refugee family from Eritrea.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Rejean 306.783.6767  
Father Francis 306.782.0323



## What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

*“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”*

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

7. With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus’ entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them (cf. Mt 9:36). On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him (cf. Mt 14:14), and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd (cf. Mt 15:37). What moved Jesus in all of these situations was nothing other than mercy, with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need. When he came upon the widow of Nain taking her son out for burial, he felt great compassion for the immense suffering of this grieving mother, and he gave back her son by raising him from the dead (cf. Lk 7:15). After freeing the demoniac in the country of Gerasenes, Jesus entrusted him with this mission: “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you” (Mk 5:19). The calling of Matthew is also presented within the context of mercy. Passing by the tax collector’s booth, Jesus looked intently at Matthew. It was a look full of mercy that forgave the sins of that man, a sinner and a tax collector, whom Jesus chose – against the hesitation of the disciples – to become one of the Twelve. Saint Bede the Venerable, commenting on this Gospel passage, wrote that Jesus looked upon Matthew with merciful love and chose him: *miserando atque eligendo*. This expression impressed me so much that I chose it for my episcopal motto.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



April 11 - April 15, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 4 Swimming</li> <li>•SCC Meeting</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Easter Liturgy @ St. Mary’s Church</li> </ul>	
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys Bball vs Norquay</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 4 Swimming</li> <li>•Gr. 7/8 Band Parent Meeting</li> </ul>		
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 8 NET Retreat</li> <li>•Boys Bball @ Columbia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 8 Retreat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 8 Faith Retreat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 8 NET Retreat</li> </ul>	
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Family Lunch</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 4 Swimming</li> </ul>		
Fri.		No School	No School	No School	No School	No School

**“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”**

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## ~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

*The parish-based sacrament preparation program for Confirmation & First Eucharist*

### NEXT SESSION

TONIGHT @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

### RETREAT

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated at each Mass the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>.



**We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community  
all those who were baptized  
recently at St. Gerard:**

Kylie Aamodt      Avery Almasi  
Ben Ferguson      Jaxon Ferguson  
Jackson Urbanoski

**May these children and their families  
experience joy and new life.**

**BILLETS REQUIRED this week** – NET (National Evangelization Team) will be leading the Grade 8 Faith Retreat on April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Gerard's. Billets are required for the nights of Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. They will require supper on April 12<sup>th</sup>, breakfast and supper on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and breakfast and a bagged lunch on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females please contact Deanna Pellatt **today** at 306-783-3287 or 306-621-3859 or email [deanna.pellatt@ctcs.ca](mailto:deanna.pellatt@ctcs.ca)

**The 2015 charitable donation receipts are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular office hours.**



## News from the Knights of Columbus



April 13      Holy Family Icon Celebration @ 7pm  
First Degree  
General Meeting with introduction of the budget

April 20      Special Needs lunch

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### The New Evangelization Summit

Inspiring Catholics to effectively evangelize  
Streaming to Regina LIVE from Ottawa

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:30pm  
Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 8:45am to 4:30pm  
(Lunch included, Mass at 8:00 am)

Holy Rosary Cathedral Auditorium (Regina)

Cost \$30.00 (Tickets must be purchased in advance). Contact Carol at [306-543-3203](tel:306-543-3203) or [cachimnosky@sasktel.net](mailto:cachimnosky@sasktel.net) or visit [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca)

See the poster on the bulletin board for more details!!!

HUNGRY HEART?  
LONGING FOR THE "BIG PICTURE"?  
WANTING "SOMETHING MORE" OUT OF LIFE?

Then come experience...  
**THE COR SEMINAR – LIVE!**  
with Christopher West

awaken your DESIRE...  
embrace your DESIGN...  
reach your DESTINY...

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016, from 7-9pm and  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016, from 9am to 4pm

For more information or to get your tickets,  
call: 306-543-3838 or visit:  
<https://corseminarregina2015.eventbrite.com>

Lord, what a blessing is the sea  
with fish in plenty.

*(From Ghana, a fisherman's prayer)*

# Good News!

April 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Rv 5:11–14 / Jn 21:1–19

It has become the habit in our family to say, "I love you" at the end of phone calls and emails. I love these frequent reminders that I am valued and worthy of love, and I like the opportunity to remind my daughters and husband that they are the same. We underscore these reminders with little acts of love. Our daughters joke that my husband and I are the only parents they know who still date. And when we do go out, we take turns paying for the other's dinner. My husband once sent me flowers when I didn't get a job I had hoped for. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me" not once, but three times. When Peter responds positively (though progressively with more irritation), Jesus continues, "Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep." It isn't enough to say we love someone. We show it by caring for them and for who and what they cherish. The best way that Peter could show his love for Jesus was by caring for the people of God. He could love all the disciples and invite others to follow Jesus as well.

Pope Francis once exhorted priests to "be shepherds, with the 'odour of the sheep.'" Jesus is telling Peter—and all of us—much the same thing. To love the Lord is to truly live among his people: to touch them, tell them and show them they are valuable and desired. This is the face of love.

All people deserve to know they are loved, but in our world that is not always the case. How might we respond?

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## Upcoming Special Collection Dates

Apr. 17 Education of Seminarians  
(Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday)

*If you are part of the Pre-Authorized Giving Program and would like to contribute to the special collections, please place your donation in an envelope, indicating the name of the collection as well as your name and address. Thank you!*

# Operation Pilgrimage!



## Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camps 2016

**AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**to AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00**  
for those ENTERING  
Grades 10- 1<sup>st</sup> year University

**AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**to AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00**  
for those ENTERING  
Grades 7- 9

**WHO:** Any student in the Archdiocese is looking for some summer excitement with  
"No Passport Required"

**WHAT:** A fun-filled, faith-filled experience with a "Pilgrimage" theme!  
Come enjoy swimming, hiking, games, camp fires, prayer, FOOD! And friendships!

**WHERE:** "Glen Harbor Camp" (about 40 minutes from Regina)

**COST:** \$140.00

**HOW:** For more info or to register contact Michelle at 352-1651 OR [mhraden@archdiocese.sk.ca](mailto:mhraden@archdiocese.sk.ca)

## St. Henry's Parish – Refugee Sponsorship

### Steak Night BBQ

(Steaks prepared by Brian & "Slow Helen's" Helen Hicke)

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm  
St. Henry's Parish Centre  
729 Main St., Melville, SK

\$25.00 per person

Only 200 tickets available!

**Deadline for purchasing tickets is  
April 11, 2016**

(Available at St. Henry's Parish Office)

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

**306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255**

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Have You Caught Any Fish?"**

#### **This Week...**

The Apostles recognized Jesus when he told them to cast their empty net on the other side of the boat and it was filled. Jesus was already cooking fish on a fire - he anticipated their needs and was ready to minister to them. He later made Peter assure him three times that he would take care of the followers. Sure enough, Peter and the Apostles kept preaching despite the warnings to stop. John had a vision of what the Holy Spirit could bring about.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Have you ever been fishing? If so, did you enjoy it? If not, do you think you would enjoy it? What would you say are the biggest challenges of fishing? What is most frustrating about it? What is most rewarding?

If you were fishing on one side of the boat and you were not catching any fish, would you follow someone's suggestion to switch sides? Do you think that could help? Jesus had the disciples do this more than once in the Gospel stories. Why do you think he told them to do that? Why do you think they listened to him?

The Apostles became courageously loyal to Jesus. Eventually, most of them were martyred. How would you explain such conviction? Is there anything or anyone you could feel that loyal to? Why or why not? What would you be willing to do for that person or that cause?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

**Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.** If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



**Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation** can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith please contact Fr. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

*And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.*



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## LOST SOMETHING?

**Mitts, toques, etc.** – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

**Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc.** – contact the Parish Office.

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## OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in our city on a daily basis.

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## **The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission**

**St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission** – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca)

### **Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.**

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships, you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net), or call 1-306-480-8911.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, [diplomainministry@stfx.ca](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

[www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html](http://www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html)