



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (15 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (16 th):	7:00 pm	+Grace Walsh
Wed. (17 th):	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH) +Karl Heinz Cattelaens

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thurs. (18th): **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**
7:00 pm Father Louis

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 pm

Fri. (19th): **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
11:00 am *Living Stations of the Cross*

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
3:00 pm

Sat. (20th): **Holy Saturday**
2:00 pm *Blessing of Festive Food*

The Resurrection of the Lord
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
8:00 pm

Sun. (21st): **At the Mass of Easter Day**
9:00 am +Heiner Cattelaens
11:00 am Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Half-hour before Saturday morning and Saturday evening Mass, or anytime by appointment.

Infant Baptism: Please contact Fr. Louis at least one month prior to Baptism.

RCIA: Adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church should contact Fr. Louis.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis at least 6 months prior to the time you would like to be married.

Anointing: Please contact Fr. Louis at any time.

For Anointing of the Sick and other emergencies, you may contact Fr. Louis at 1.306.530.0126



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Lord, your life teaches the way of peace and nonviolence. Help me to imitate your example in times of conflict.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Apr. 18 Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 11:45pm*

Apr. 19 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

*Living Stations of the Cross
11:00 am*

The Celebration of the Passion
3:00 pm

Apr. 20 Holy Saturday

2:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 pm

Apr. 21 The Mass of Easter Day

9:00 am 11:00 am



2019 National Catholic TV Mission: Sin, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt + Light and Vision TV during Holy Week.

Vision TV

Part 1: Monday, April 15 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Salt + Light TV

Part 1: Tuesday, April 16 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Wednesday, April 17 8:00 pm Eastern Time

“The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, in fact, like a ‘second baptism’...[and] when we go to confess with our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession.” – Pope Francis

Please note that the deadline for bulletin submissions for the Easter Sunday bulletin is Tuesday, April 16th at noon.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News April 15 - April 19, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Student Led Conferences		•Stations of the Cross Service	•French Junior Concert		
Tues.	•Student Led Conferences	•School Oratory Competition	•School Oratory	•English Oratory •SCC Rice Lunch	•School Oratory	•Open Lit Night
Wed.		•Gr. 4 Band tryouts •Badminton Tournament	•Gr. 4 Band orientation •Gr. 4 swimming •Badminton Tournament	•Gr. 4 Band tryouts •Special Needs Lunch •City Badminton Tournament	•Gr. 4 Band tryouts •Lenten Rice Lunch •Badminton Tournament	•Badminton Tournament
Thurs.		•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 10:45am	•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 10:45am	•Last Supper Service @ 1pm	•Holy Thursday Service @ 10:45am	
Fri.	No School – Good Friday					

Annual Teacher-Student Benefit Hockey Game - Wednesday, April 17th at 7:45 pm (Farrell Agencies Arena)

“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

TRIDUUM MINISTRIES SIGN-UP SHEETS

The sign-up sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are available on a table in the Welcome Area.

Sign-up sheet for altar servers are in the sacristy.

TRIDUUM REHEARSAL

Monday, April 15 @ 7pm

There will be a rehearsal for ALL those who will be ministering during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Commencing Saturday May 4th, the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently Saturday evening at 5:00 pm) will be celebrated at 7:00 pm.



**Thank you to all who attended
LENTEN LUNCHES**

**Free-will offering proceeds - \$750.00 -
to Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth.**

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

The special collection for **Papal Charities** is Holy Thursday. The Office of Papal Charities is the department of the Holy See charged with offering charitable assistance to the poor in the name of the Holy Father.

God of Life, you know intimately how much we need you and each other. Break down our resistance to our own needs. Help us to embrace our need for you and one another. Teach us to delight in being able to respond to other in need. Amen.



News from the CWL



REMINDER: Membership fees are overdue. If you haven't paid your 2019 C.W.L. membership fee (\$30.00), please do so as soon as possible. You can put your money (cash or cheque) in an envelope, mark it C.W.L. Membership, and put it in the collection basket, leave it at the parish office, or put it in the C.W.L. mail slot in the sacristy.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr. 17 Special Needs Lunch
Apr. 23 Evening Bingo
Apr. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Apr. 26-28 State Convention (Moose Jaw)

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

The Knights of Columbus encourage all parishioners to attend the Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm. Good Friday plays a central role in the heart of Christianity.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

New Evangelization Summit 2019 On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class **Catholic speakers**: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize.

This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca

Where/Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina
When: May 4, 2019 - 8:45 am-4:30 pm
Cost: FREE

The Archdiocese of Regina has issued a statement with regards to the pending extradition of Fr. Robert MacKenzie to stand trial in Scotland.

Details can be found in a letter located in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.

Application Form for the Social Justice Commission

You are invited to apply to be a member of the Social Justice Commission. Please visit the website below to fill in the online application.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LR8BM2Z>



Bringing Home the Word

Recognizing the Companions We Need

By Mary Katharine Deeley

On Palm Sunday, we gather as a Church to celebrate Jesus' coming into Jerusalem and hear the story of his passion and death. Each Gospel writer tells the story a little differently. Each one lifts up different faces and characters, and through their eyes we watch what unfolds.

Luke's Gospel is the only one that mentions the women who followed Jesus from Galilee (23:55-56). We know nothing about these women other than where they came from, but two things stand out: These women temporarily set aside their Passover preparations to care for a man who had been publicly condemned as a criminal, and they were willing to look their beloved Jesus' death full in the face. They watched while Joseph of Arimathea laid him in the tomb and made sure that Jesus would be cared for even in death. They saw where he was buried and laid out and then went to prepare the spices and oils that would anoint his body and honor it.

Today, these women are examples of the countless anonymous disciples who quietly challenge culture and politics to follow the Lord's call. We rarely notice them, even now, but they are in our churches and our neighborhoods, willing to do what needs to be done, even if it means suffering, sacrificing, or looking rejection and death in the face. As we enter Holy Week, these people just might be the companions we need.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

AFTER EACH MASS TODAY!!
(Last chance before Easter)

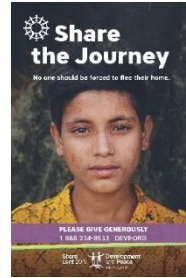
WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

**The next fundraising day is
Thursday, May 2nd from 3pm to 6pm**



Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign!



Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **\$3,246.00** was collected in our parish. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at www.devp.org/give Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada **Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on April 19, 2019 for the benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 19, 2019. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude,
Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- **All-Ministers Triduum Rehearsal**
- Tues. (16th): 1:00 pm- Setup Hall for Triduum
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass and Holy Thursday
- Wed. (17th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for Good Friday
7:45 pm- Choir rehearsal for Easter Vigil

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Divine Forgiveness"

This Week...

Jesus is mocked, beaten, tortured, and finally killed. He forgave every violent act committed against him. He healed the slave's ear cut by his disciple; he forgave the soldiers who drove the spikes into his body, and he forgave the thief hanging beside him. No sin is too great for his divine forgiveness.

For Your Reflection

It is hard to imagine the kind of violence that took Jesus' life. It is hard to imagine having spikes pounded into your wrists, and hanging from a crossbeam so you can hardly breathe. It is hard to imagine having people watch you struggle in pain and mock you as you die. It is hard to imagine anyone purposefully inflicting death on another person. It is even harder to imagine a victim of that pain forgiving everyone who took part in it.

- What would be hardest for you - enduring the physical pain? Forgiving the enemies causing you the pain? Forgiving the friends who deserted you?
- Who in your life has been the person hardest to forgive? What has been the most hurtful thing ever done to you? What has been the most difficult situation for you to recover from? What can you learn from Jesus' example that can help you when it is hard to forgive?

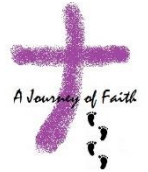
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004



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. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

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.

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.

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.

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 Regina on a daily basis.

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. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

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

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca