



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (16 th):	9:00 am-	+Alex Puchala
Tues. (17 th):	7:00 pm-	+Tony Ottenbreit
Wed. (18 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME- SOUTH Marianne Dierker
Thurs. (19 th):	9:00 am- 2:30 pm-	+Ed Fissell YORKTON CROSSING Fran Meehan
Fri. (20 th):	9:00 am-	+Meg Feldner
Sat. (21 st):	8:00 am-	+Florence Kruger
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	7:00 pm-	+Christine Ooi
Sun. (22 nd):	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
	9:00 am-	Special Intentions
	11:30 am-	Mass for the People

*The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm.
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.*

Please note: Mass on Sunday, April 22nd will be at 9 am and **11:30 am** (not 11am) due to the Knights of Columbus State Convention.

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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Risen Lord, your resurrection revealed to the world the hope and promise of new life. Help me to be a faithful, hopeful, loving presence to all people.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Catechism Themes: The Mission of the Church (CCC 849-856)

"All of you are witnesses to everything that has happened." As witnesses, the early disciples were charged to tell others what they saw. Not only did Jesus command them, the Spirit impelled them to preach to all nations as the Father desired. Hence the missionary activity of the early disciples, as it is now in the Church, stemmed from the activity of the Trinity. As Father, Son, and Spirit are now working in the world, they desire that we, the Church, lead all people into union with the Godhead.

As the commentary above implied, we are called to share what we have seen, heard, and touched with others. We, like the early Christians, are to witness to God activity in his creation and among his people. Witness involves speaking the truth in love. Telling others God's truth about faith in Christ. Extending God's love (that we enjoy) to others. The cost of this endeavor is high for it leads to the cross. The reward is that much greater, for it leads to the resurrection.

How has your Christian experience change you? How have you had to change in the face of Christian witness?

Over the past two weeks, the Sunday gospels have recalled the confusion and fear caused by the Resurrection. They have also echoed Jesus' greeting of Shalom that soothed the emotions of the early followers. This Sunday added a new element to the disciples' vision experience: a context for understanding. This context would sustain the changes the Church would undergo in its first few generations of believers.

We, like most Christians, are tempted to take the context for granted. The Good News might become the old news. To shake off this inclination, let us place ourselves in the company of those who first heard the words of the two from Emmaus. Better yet, let us place ourselves in the company of those who evangelize others by word and deed. Let us walk with those who serve the poor and needy in the name of Christ. Let us walk with those who serve the children or those outsiders who seek Christ. In the mere process of being witness, the context comes alive. For Christ walks with us when we serve others.

Alleluia! Jesus truly is risen! Alleluia!

Reflect over your experience of the past Easter. If it hasn't sustained you, plan to seek out others who will help you rekindle the Easter fire. Spend some time with those friends. Listen to their Easter stories and their Christian passion. If your experience has sustained you, seek out others you can encourage and enlighten.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

April 16 - April 20, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•SCC Meeting @ 6:30pm	•Easter Liturgy @ 10:45am			
Tues.	•York City Badminton Tournament	•City-wide Badminton Tournament	•Badminton Tournament		•Badminton Tournament	
Wed.	•Easter Divine Liturgy @ 11am		•Gr. 4 Swimming			
Thurs.		•Hip Hop Dance Tour			•Easter Liturgy @ 9am	
Fri.		•Gr. 4 Band tryouts	•Gr. 4 Band tryouts		•Gr. 4 Band tryouts	

"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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #9 – April 22nd @ 6:30 pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 18 Special Needs Lunch **CANCELLED**
April 20-22 State Convention

Volunteers are still needed to help with meals for the State Convention on April 21 and 22 (breakfasts and lunches). Please call or text Wayne 306.783.7380 or email wex13@sasktel.net

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

Please note: Mass on April 22 will start at **11:30 am instead of 11:00 am**. Knights and their spouses from all over the province will be attending. There may be as many as 300 guests. The Mass will be extended. Please adjust your schedules to accommodate these guests.



THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS

*who attended LENTEN LUNCHES
and contributed to the free-will offering
in support of the*

***“Catholic Education Matters”
Fundraising Campaign.***

\$808.90 was raised.

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Public Workshop on Eucharistic Agreement

April 27 & 28, 2018

One of the least known achievements of the ecumenical movement is the consensus on the doctrine of the Eucharist. Join the dialogue with Rev. Claude Schroeder and Dr. Brett Salkeld on Friday evening, April 27 as they explore the Anglican-Roman Catholic agreements. Then, on Saturday, April 28 we will break open the bilateral agreements as well as the World Council of Churches’ seminal text Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry. What is the significance of the agreements reached? What does this mean for inter-church families and ecumenical shared ministries? Further details to follow. Contact Nick Jesson, 306.352.1651 ext. 220 or email jesson@ecumenism.net

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

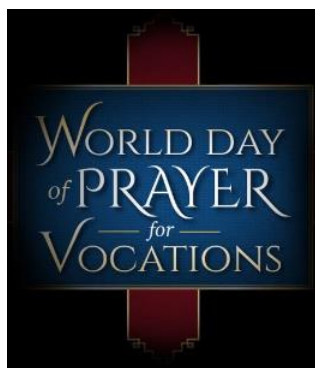
Every Tuesday evening at 6pm



Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"



March for Life

Monday May 7: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass dedicated to the Unborn at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Donald Bolen. Social to follow.

Tuesday May 8: 12:00 p.m. Registration and gathering at Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street. The March to the Legislative Building begins at 1:30 p.m.



ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES



The 2018 **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies**

is scheduled for **May 4-6**. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details and to register go to:

www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org



Bringing Home the Word

Putting Our Fears to Rest By Mary Katharine Deeley

During a particularly difficult period at one place I worked, I would come home at night and rehash conversations and events, wondering whether the outcome would have been different if I'd said or done something else.

I wonder whether the apostles asked themselves the same kinds of questions after the crucifixion. "Should we have done something differently? Could we have prevented this somehow?" Perhaps they locked the door because they were afraid they'd be put to death too.

When we're in a bad situation, sometimes all we want to do is hide. It's a child's response: If I don't look at it, maybe it will go away. But the locked door was no barrier, and Jesus came and stood in their midst. Rather than ridicule their fear, he gently put it to rest: "Peace be with you." The more Jesus talked, the more they heard, and they came to know that the peace of the Lord is not like the world's peace.

It's not a temporary measure that will only give way to more turmoil. Jesus calmly and lovingly put their fears to rest. It wasn't that the world was suddenly going to be welcoming; rather, they would be confident in the new life that was in them and in the grace Christ alone can give.

Jesus does this for us as well. He walks through the locked doors of our hearts and blesses us with peace. The more we listen to Jesus' words, the more we can understand and witness to his truth.

Is the Lord with you today?

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YOUTH CONNECT (For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

God answers our prayers for the building up of community. When it comes to these prayers, it may be a yes right away, sometimes it's answered in due course. It may be a lengthy wait ... a not yet ... or something better is on it's way. Your prayer is always answered. It will be with a yes, maybe later, or a no. We must allow God the room and space He needs to work in us. Just as God answers our prayers, He also gives us many gifts. When it comes to building community, there is no need to compare our gifts. We are all creative. In a parish building there are many occasions and situations to help us grow and to help our community grow. We need to invent new ways to branch out for this time and age and work within the time and context that we are in.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

The committee that is working to welcome our refugee family from Eritrea would like to let St. Gerard parishioners know that the family has passed their medical tests and are now waiting for their visas. This means that the family may be here within the next 2 months!

The Refugee Committee will meet Tuesday, April 17th at 7:30pm at 43 Gladstone Avenue S. All those interested in assisting the committee are welcome to attend this meeting.



THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (16th): **9:00 am- Perogy Bee** (preparation)
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (17th): **9:00 am- Perogy Bee** (pinching)
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
7:30 pm- Refugee Committee Mtg.
(43 Gladstone Ave S)
- Wed. (18th): **8:30 am- Perogy Bee** (bagging)
- Fri. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (21st): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (22nd): 6:30 pm- GUC Session

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Have You Anything Here to Eat?"

This Week...

It is such a struggle to turn away from sin. Jesus knows that. We try to follow his ways, but we sometimes fail. And we are deeply troubled. That is where repentance and forgiveness come in. They are as basic to our needs as food. And Jesus is concerned with both when he asks, "Why are you troubled, and have you anything to eat?"

For Your Reflection

Jesus shows up at a gathering of friends, and the first thing he does is ask what might be troubling them, and whether there is anything to eat. Eating is an important part of sharing time with friends. Who would ever think of having a party without having food? Jesus knew how important sharing food with friends is.

- Describe one of the best times you had sharing food with your best friends.
- When Jesus appeared, his friends were shocked. They felt joy, fear, confusion, and disbelief all rolled up together. It was too good to be true. Did you ever experience anything that was too good to be true? What happened? How did you and your friends, or your family, react? What did you do to celebrate?

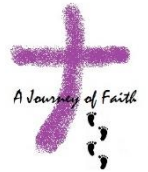
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 2004



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 our city 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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