

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



The Resurrection of the Lord – April 16, 2017

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (17th): 7:00 pm- *Prayer Vigil*
Sheila Desroches

Tues. (18th): 10:30 am- *Funeral Mass*
Sheila Desroches

Wed. (19th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
+Merv Brandt
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
7:00 pm- +Eva Schlechter

Thurs. (20th): 9:00 am- Daniel Wallace
10:30 am- Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)
+Frances Mroczko

Fri. (21st): 9:00 am- +Jonathan Couture
11:00 am- *Memorial Mass*
Edna Sommerfeldt

Sat. (22nd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Noreen Skibinsky

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Alex Herchuk

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun. (23rd): 9:00 am- John & Cecilia Dernisky
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Jay Gustafson, Rita Myrowsky

Non-liturgical Schedule

Tues. (18th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
CANCELLED
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting

Thurs. (20th): 7:30 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.

Raise me up! Renew my life!

Father of life, I see the light again!
I was in darkness and had lost hope
but Jesus Christ, your son,
has won out over death - *for me.*

I celebrate today, your love,
the life you give me.
I feel your presence as you breathe
on my mind and open my heart.

So many times in my life my eyes are closed
but today I *see* the risen Lord
in the breaking of the bread.

Thank you for this morning of hope,
thank you for such incredible love.

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you would like more information about our parish please take this bulletin home, browse the information in the Welcome Area, or visit our parish website www.stgerard.ca

Become a part of our parish family! If this is your spiritual home, we invite you to register with the parish. Please complete a beige form located on the large table in the Welcome Area. You can drop it off at the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket at Mass.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Mt 4.19-20

We are happy to have you join us!



Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious articles including Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion gifts:



Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00	Baptism greeting card	\$1.25
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25	My Angel pewter picture frame	\$6.00
Heart-shaped, "Confirmation" pewter pocket token	\$1.50	Pewter frame for baptism 3x3 photo	\$6.00
Rubber key chain with dove	\$3.00	Baptism Photo Album	\$7.00
Rosary - decade, white glass beads 6" w/ dove	\$4.00	Medium bevelled mirror baptism plaque	\$8.00
Pewter confirmation book mark	\$5.00	Multi-coloured wood cross 5"	\$9.75
Confirmation bracelet w/wood pearls	\$5.00	Hand-painted enamel & metal cross	\$12.00
Boxed confirmation rosary w/prayer	\$6.50	Cross w/ praying boy & guardian angel 3"	\$13.25
Confirmation photo album	\$7.00	Cross w/ praying girl & guardian angel 3"	\$13.25
Bracelet - Boxed w/ dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75	A Catholic Child's Baptismal Bible	\$18.00
Rhodium necklace w/black rope, dove	\$10.25	Blessings & Prayers	\$14.00
Bevelled mini mirror w/pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50	Extreme Faith Youth Bible	\$14.00
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00	Good News Bible (softcover)	\$15.00
Pewter cross w/chalice & dove, 6"	\$17.50	Youcat (Catechism for Youth)	\$25.00
True Faith dog tag w/ dove cutout	\$19.00	Catholic Youth Bible (hardcover)	\$25.00
Communion bookmark	\$1.00	Heart-shaped pendant w/ black string	\$8.50
First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.00	Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Cross	\$9.50
Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50	Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Heart	\$9.50
First Communion Cross, G-F & S-F metal 7"	\$4.50	Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Wavy cross	\$9.50
First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50	Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
First Eucharist photo album	\$7.00	"Faith" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Boxed rosary, heart-shaped white glass beads, 17"	\$8.00	"Hope" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
First Communion ornate cross 4"	\$9.50	"Love" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Silver chalice pendant w/stone on chain, 13"	\$10.00	<i>Plus assorted rosaries starting at \$3.00</i>	



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
April 17 - April 21, 2017 ~ Easter Break



"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

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

Retreat
Saturday, April 29th



News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr. 25 - Articles for The Word due
Apr. 26 - 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

It's time to register for **Witnessing to Christ: Ecumenism, Apologetics, Evangelization workshop** with Archbishop Don Bolen and Shaunavon apologist Matt Nelson!

The workshop will be at St. Joseph's in Moose Jaw on **April 22nd**, so plan to make a day of it in The Friendly City. To register, contact Melissa Gurash at mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or 306-352-1651, ext. 237.

Theology of the Body Conference

St. Therese Institute invites you to join them in Bruno, Saskatchewan **April 30th to May 4th** for a Theology of the Body conference led by internationally renowned speaker and author Christopher West. This unique approach to John Paul II's teaching includes reflections on St. Therese of Lisieux that Christopher West only teaches at St. Therese Institute! Early bird rate is \$445 – visit www.St-T.ca/TOB or call [306.369.2555](tel:306.369.2555) for more details.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.

Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about or to register for the April 28th – 30th, 2017 weekend in Saskatoon, call Ben & Joanne at 306.652.7155 or email retrouvaille@sasktel.net

16th Annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 23rd, 2017** at St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg St. & 13th Ave. Regina, SK.

Program begins at 12:15 pm, with Adoration, Confessions and Presentations by Very Rev. James Owolagba, & Shirley Oleskiw, Benediction, and concluding Mass with Archbishop Don Bolen at 3:05pm.

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD
AT MASS?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining a Youth Choir who rehearse weekly and minister monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093



THANK YOU
TO ALL PARISHIONERS
who attended LENTEN LUNCHESES

*\$668.85 was raised to support
the Refugee Family Fund &
the Salvation Army Food Bank (Lighthouse)*

The Sequence is a hymn of joy, of varying length and meter, sung before the gospel on certain feasts. It is a meditation on the Alleluia verse of the Mass. We sing the Sequence on Easter Sunday, Pentecost and Corpus Christi. After the Second Reading, the Sequence is sung, followed by the Gospel Acclamation (when all rise).



Bringing Home the Word

Nothing? Or Everything?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

No angel.

No trumpet blasts.
No remarkable glow of light.

The only thing Mary saw was a stone that had been moved from its place at the entrance of Jesus' tomb. The only thing Peter and the beloved disciple saw were burial cloths set aside, the one for Jesus' head in a separate place.

Some have pointed out that this tells us only that a body that was supposed to be in the grave was not. It does not "prove" Jesus rose from the dead. But there was an empty tomb—there was nothing when there should have been something.

We preach Christ risen from the dead on Easter. Is it foolishness? The whole of creation began in mystery—God took emptiness and created the world. Our new life begins in mystery, too. It starts with an empty tomb. God goes on to create stars, planets, animals, and human beings. Jesus, who had taught in the synagogues, healed the sick, and raised the dead, opens our eyes and hearts little by little and shows us that the empty tomb means abundant life for all who believe—a new relationship with God.

A little later in the day, Mary encounters Jesus in the garden, though she doesn't know him at first. When she understands it is Jesus, she touches the mystery that is life. When Jesus appears to the disciples, nail marks still visible, he wishes them peace and invites them and all of us into new life with God.

We've told this story for almost two thousand years, and it has never worn out or grown stale. What other evidence do we need?

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"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

PEROGY & SAUSAGE SUPPER

for St. Michael's Camp at Madge Lake

Sunday, April 23rd – 5pm to 7pm

St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Adults: \$15 12 & under: \$10

5 and under – No charge

WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE

Share Lent 2017

Thank you for your support to the 2017 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent.

Thanks to your generosity

~~\$4107.15~~ **\$5341.15**

was collected in our parish!! This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.



You are invited to attend the Celebration of Confirmation & First Communion

on Sunday, May 7th @ 11:30 am

Archbishop Donald Bolen,
Celebrant



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G	N	D	O	K	R	N	I	L	C	MARY
N	I	A	N	D	R	A	E	P	R	TOMB
S	L	R	E	U	T	O	M	I	I	STONE
R	A	K	D	R	O	L	B	C	P	PETER
E	R	U	T	P	I	R	C	S	T	LORD
S	H	T	O	L	C	T	G	I	S	DISCIPLE
R	Y	A	M	A	Y	R	E	D	R	LINEN
Y	D	O	B	R	E	T	E	P	E	CLOTHS
										GROUND
										SCRIPTURE



YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Folded Linen Cloths"

This Week...

To believe that Jesus rose from the dead is to believe in something that never happened before. Minds have to adjust to seeing things differently. Old ways of thinking have to be thrown out and new ways of thinking brought in. The Resurrection happened, Jesus is the Messiah, and the only remaining trace of death is the folded linen cloths left in the tomb.

For Your Reflection

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The napkin and linen cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this "death business" for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to now the sufferings of death again.

- Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way?

Obviously Mary, Peter, and the other disciples were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

- Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

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

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

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 or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html