
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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (18th): NO MASS
Tues. (19th): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko
Wed. (20th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
+Ann Ostapovich
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- Bernie Wlock
Thurs. (21st): 9:00 am- Adrienne Wonchulanko
Fri. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Emil Polegi
Sat. (23rd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Rev. Peter Daoust

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Carol Boychuk

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun. (24th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +John Krasowski

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Jerome Niezgodka
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (19th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed. (20th): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Thurs. (21st): 7:00 pm- RCIA
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
Fri. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (23rd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

*Good Shepherd,
let us hear you
in the beauty of your world,
in your poor and in one another,
on the rocky and rough roads we travel.*

*Please pick us up.
When our legs can walk no more.
Pull us from the brambles that snarl us.*

*Good Shepherd,
hold us close, in your arms.*

Speak to our hearts.

ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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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

9. In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. *Lk 15:1-32*). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.

From another parable, we cull an important teaching for our Christian lives. In reply to Peter’s question about how many times it is necessary to forgive, Jesus says: “I do not say seven times, but seventy times seven times” (*Mt 18:22*). He then goes on to tell the parable of the “ruthless servant,” who, called by his master to return a huge amount, begs him on his knees for mercy. His master cancels his debt. But he then meets a fellow servant who owes him a few cents and who in turn begs on his knees for mercy, but the first servant refuses his request and throws him into jail. When the master hears of the matter, he becomes infuriated and, summoning the first servant back to him, says, “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (*Mt 18:33*). Jesus concludes, “So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart” (*Mt 18:35*). (*cont’d on page 4*)



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



April 18 - April 22, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Bball @ St. Mary •Triple P Parenting Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7/8 Band at Music Festival • Bball vs St. Al 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7/8 Band @ Music Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Earth Week begins 	
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bball vs Springside 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 6 Band @ Music Festival •Gr. 5 Band @ Music Festival •Gr. 4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Face painting •Bball @ MC Knoll 	
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •K of C Special Needs Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PJ Spirit Day 	
Thurs.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bball vs Yorkdale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •So You Think You Can Dance •Gr. 4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Boys Bball vs Norquay 	
Fri.						



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible 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

Confirmation and First Eucharist

will be celebrated at each Mass the weekend of April 30th & May 1st



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

Thane Pasloski

May this child and his family experience joy and new life.

Prayer for Vocations

O God,

who has chosen the Apostles, to make disciples of all nations,

and who, by Baptism and Confirmation, has called upon all of us to build up Your holy church.

We earnestly implore You to choose from among us, Your children,

many priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole heart, and who will gladly spend their entire lives, to make You known and loved by all.

Amen

**Today is the
53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 20 Special Needs lunch
April 25 Articles for "The Word" are due
April 27 Evening bingo

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

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>

It's Time to Talk...

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Monday, June 20, 2016 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parliament Community Church,
4011 Pasqua Street, Regina

Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)

(Mary is a member of the Diocese of Saskatoon's Justice and Peace Commission and a Board Member for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan.)

The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion.

Good News!

April 17, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Rv 7:9, 14b–17 / Jn 10:27–30

I love the sound water makes when it is moving in a fast-flowing stream or curling up to the shore in waves. I am mesmerized particularly by waterfalls, small or large. My husband, who enjoys photography as a hobby, has taken pictures of many of the falls we have visited, and they decorate my office as a constant reminder of the power and beauty of God seen through all creation. I even have a crucifix that was designed to show the living water flowing from Christ—a waterfall tumbling down and over the foot of the cross. It is, for me anyway, one of the most powerful images of God that I can imagine.

Throughout the Easter season, the Scriptures present us with stories of resurrection and life. The preaching of the apostles, the abundance of fish caught in a net, the stirring of hearts in those who see and hear Jesus—they all show what it is like to live in “risen time,” in full knowledge and endless presence of the Lord. Today Jesus talks about God’s closeness, power, and promise. The Father has given the sheep to Jesus and no one can take them away. But in the reading from Revelation we have a clearer picture of our life with God: “The Lamb [will] lead them to springs of life-giving water.” In Jesus’ desert environment, this was a powerful image. In our world today it remains compelling. Jesus is the Living Water that brings life to our souls. Whether it flows as a gentle stream, restless wave, or waterfall from the throne of God, it is his gift to us.

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“Lord, You search me and You know me.”

God has planted our vocation deep into our hearts. Only He knows the plans He has for each one of us.

Through our baptism, we are called to Know Christ, Love Christ and Serve Christ and sanctity is our highest calling and our first vocation.

In discerning where God is calling us, we must continue to grow in an intimate and personal relationship and conversation with Christ. Whether our call is priesthood, consecrated life, marriage or single life, we must discuss with Christ, “Is this the best path for me to holiness?”

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This parable contains a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle’s exhortation: “Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (*Eph 4:26*). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (*Mt 5:7*): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year.

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

******Perogy Bee******

MON.	Apr. 18	9:00 am	Prepping
TUES.	Apr. 19	9:00 am	Pinching
WED.	Apr. 20	9:00 am	Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"God Will Wipe Away Every Tear"

This Week...

Paul and his company were not discouraged when the religious authorities stirred up persecution against them. They were joyful for the followers they gained. Jesus promises eternal life to those who follow him. John's vision is one of comfort - the followers have no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears.

For Your Reflection

What are some of the sufferings you have seen or experienced in your life that have brought you to tears? How are things you cry about today different from the things you cried about as a child?

God promises to end all our suffering and wipe away all our tears. How does that promise help a person who is homeless, with no job, no family, no food, and no hope? How does our Christian community respond to such a person? Are we doing enough? Why or why not?

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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