



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 22, 2018

Fourth 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. (23 rd):	9:00 am-	Mary Puchala
	7:00 pm-	Funeral Mass for Albert Mitu
Tues. (24 th):	7:00 pm-	+Russell Terlesky
Wed. (25 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME- NORTH
		Anne Kormos
	7:00 pm-	+Alex Puchala
Thurs. (26 th):	9:00 am-	+Tony Spykerman
Fri. (27 th):	9:00 am-	+Rose Banga
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	7:00 pm-	Special Intentions
Sun. (29 th):	7:00 am-	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Minnie Senchuk

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm.

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.



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, you are the Good Shepherd who watches over us and protects us from all harm. Give me the courage to be a loving shepherd and advocate for the poor and vulnerable.

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

Catechism Theme: Christ Offered Himself to the Father (CCC 606-609)

The Resurrection was a mere aspect of Christ's self-giving mission. Jesus came from the Father (his birth). He did the Father's will on earth (his ministry). And he gave himself back to the Father (his death, resurrection, and ascension). In every step, he loved and gave all for others. In every step, Jesus revealed the face of the Father to the world.

Notice Jesus was not only the intermediary. He embodied the Father's offer of love and our positive response. That is the reason his death forgave sins once and for all. In his death, we find the Father's love for us and we find our perfect response to that love. He did it all for us. We could never add to or improve upon his sacrifice.

Have you ever felt the Lord lift your burden? Or the loving care of the Lord? Describe the experience.

Jesus gave his all for us. He did it for love. The love he had for the Father. The love he had for all people. In that love he claimed his place as the Good Shepherd.

We are to shepherd in the same fashion, to sacrifice out of love. We are to lead by giving of self for the good of others. More important, we are to lead in a way that brings others to Christ and through Christ to the Father. So we can lead in this fashion, we need to sacrifice self interest and ego. But the rewards of love make that sacrifice worth the cost.

What sacrifices have you had to make to lead others to Christ? What sacrifices are you willing to make now? Look to the next week. Plan your sacrifice for the good of others.

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COMBINED PASTORAL COUNCIL & GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 AT 7:30 PM

This meeting is open to all parishioners especially our many volunteers. We have been evaluating many of our procedures. There will be restructuring changes that will affect our St. Gerard's staff and some of our volunteers.

If you have any questions, please plan to attend this May 30th meeting.

St. Gerard Parish Personnel Committee.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News April 23 - April 27, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Channel 22 @ St. Mary's in AM		Hosting SHHS Channel 22 Rock band (AM)	Badminton Conference Tournament	(AM) Gr.6,7,8 Ch. 22 Concert @ St. Mary's	
Tues.		9:15am Oratory Competition			Oratory Competition 9am	
Wed.	Student led conferences 4-7pm			SCC Hot Lunch		
Thurs.	Student led conferences 4-7pm	SCC Dairy Queen Hot Lunch 11:45am	AM - Oratory Competition			
Fri.		Gr 8 popcorn/pop sale 11:45am		Gr 2/3 Friendship Celebration (PM)		

"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 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm

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!"



*We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community*

*Miya Taylor Liebrecht
Baptized April 14, 2018*

*May Miya and her family
experience Joy and new life.*



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



News from the CWL



The CWL Diocesan Convention is taking place at St. Gerard's on April 29 & 30. Any CWL member not yet registered and wish to attend, please call Carol at 782-1762 or Linda at 783-3924. All CWL members please pray for those taking part in the Convention, for increased insight and inspiration.

CWL members are invited to attend the special Mass for our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, on Thursday, April 26 at 9:00 am. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Remember: 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care will take place on Wednesday, May 9, starting at 7:30 am. Check your calendar and set aside time to take part in this special prayer pilgrimage for palliative patients and those who care for them. More details to follow.



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 20-22 State Convention

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

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

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.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Our Good Shepherd

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My mother lived for a time on a ranch in Texas. The ranch had cattle and sheep. My mother told me that sheep are pretty dumb and need a lot of care. She had great respect for the ranch hands who patiently got them out to pasture and then rounded them up when it was time to come in. Left to their own devices, she said, sheep would be easy prey for coyotes, foxes, and bobcats that roam the hill country.

Sheep were important for many families living in first-century Palestine as well. They provided food, clothing, milk, and a source of income.

A good shepherd was worth his weight in gold, because he spent his days with the sheep, leading them to pasture, protecting them from harm, and finding them when they got lost.

Shepherds may not have had a high social status, but it would have been hard to live without them.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all these things for his flock, and then goes even further: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The ranch hands my mother talked about would have grieved over a dead sheep but wouldn't have died trying to save it. They made sure the sheep were watered and fed, but they didn't make the sheep's lives more abundant.

But we have abundant life because Jesus laid down his life for us. He is our Good Shepherd. Can we ask anything more?

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

As people of faith, we are called to build up our parish. This takes commitment. Father Robbie says when it comes to commitment, we are either in or we are out. Rather than criticize, become changed yourself. If we want things to be different, we need to be different ourselves. There are three kinds of people when it comes to building community. There are those who let it happen, those who make it happen and those who wonder what happened. Our parish needs committed people who make it happen.

In everything we do there will be some difficulty. We can work through difficult situations without them consuming us. We are sacred vessels on earth. Everyone is sacred to God. We are spiritual beings having a human experience, not the other way around. Our natural instincts get interrupted by our human experience. As always, we need to turn to God. When we do this, our parish becomes better.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

PARISH HALL HAPPENINGS PEROGY BEE – APRIL 23-25

April 23 – 9 am: preparation
April 24 – 9 am: pinching
April 25 – 8:30 am: bagging

**This will be the last
Perogy Bee until the Fall.
Thank you for all your help
this past year**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. (22nd): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
Mon. (23rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (24th): 7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
Wed. (25th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri. (27th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (28th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

COME AND SEE

**What our Parish Committees do for you
at the next meeting of our Parish Council
April 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm**

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Good Shepherd"

This Week...

God loves all of us. We are all God's children. Even the rejected stones can be cornerstones in building God's Kingdom. Jesus is the good shepherd who knows his sheep and cares deeply for all of them. He lays his life down for all of us, even the most rejected ones.

For Your Reflection

- Have you ever taken care of sheep, horses, cattle, or any other animal? Describe the experience.
- Have you ever been to a ranch or farm? If so, what are the responsibilities of the rancher? What sacrifices must a rancher make?
- In what situations have you felt like the responsible one, the one in charge? In what situations have you felt more like the one who is cared for and led around? What are the good points and bad points of each situation?
- What do you think Jesus is talking about when he says he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep? What do you think Jesus wants us to do as followers of a Saviour who lays down his life for those who depend on him?

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

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:

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