

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 2, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Frances Mroczko
Tues. (4th): 9:00 am- +Bernice Kolodziejski
Wed. (5th): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
6:30 pm- +Thresia Tedeschi
Thurs. (6th): **12:05 pm-** Scott Ryan
Fri. (7th): 9:00 am- +Agnes Masur
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*
Sat. (8th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Bettie Alberts

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Hadrian Rondilla

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sun. (9th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Minnie Senchuk

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Jay Gustafson, Rita Myrowsky



I will pray for a spirit of hope; I will fast from apathy; I will be more hopeful, loving, and compassionate to the people around me.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (3rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Easter Vigil Choir rehearsal
Tues. (4th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Holy Thursday Choir rehearsal
Wed. (5th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
7:30 pm- Good Friday Choir rehearsal
Thurs. (6th): 7:00 pm- Easter Vigil Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting
Fri. (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sun. (9th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table #6*

~ EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE ~

April 13th **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (until 11:45 pm), Closing with Night Prayer

April 14th **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
(Day of Fast and Abstinence)
3 pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

April 15th **HOLY SATURDAY**
2 pm *Blessing of Easter Food*
8 pm **Easter Vigil**
The Resurrection of the Lord

April 16th **EASTER SUNDAY**
9 & 11 am *The Resurrection of the Lord*

Palm Sunday All parishioners are asked to gather in the **Parish Hall** ten minutes prior to the beginning of Mass on **Palm Sunday**.

The Sacred Heart High School Drama Club presents an evening of


Dessert Theatre


Featuring Three One Act Plays:

Love and Work Enough

a drama by Peggy Sample

Directed by Mr. G. Eiacot
Produced by arrangement with Peggy Sample





Betweenity


a comedy by Lindsay Price

Directed by Mme. F. Ferguson
Produced by arrangement with Theatrefolk

Anne-Arky

a comedy by Lindsay Price

Directed by Ms. F. Enafele
Produced by arrangement with Theatrefolk



Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.
SHHS Performing Arts Theatre
All Seats \$10.00

Admission includes Dessert and Beverage at Intermission
Advance Tickets available from the School Office or any Cast Member



Christ the Teacher

ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL
DIVISION #212

Believe... Belong... Become

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division is now accepting applications for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten education.

Prekindergarten:

Children who are age 3 or who are already 4, may apply for the Prekindergarten program. The Division Prekindergarten programs are offered at:

- St. Alphonsus Elementary School (Yorkton)
- St. Mary's Elementary School (Yorkton)
- St. Henry's Junior Elementary School (Melville)

Kindergarten:

Children age 5 as of December 31st, 2017 are eligible to begin Kindergarten this fall. Applications can be picked up at any one of our elementary schools, from the division office, or downloaded from our website www.christtheteacher.ca.

For more information please contact Christ the Teacher RCSSD #212 at (306)783-8787 or visit our website at www.christtheteacher.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

April 3 - April 7, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHHS Theatre Rehearsal (Gr. 6-8) •Stations of the Cross @ 11:15am 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Community Helper Day •Gr. 6-8 to SHHS for Drama 	
Tues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dessert Theatre 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •St. John's Ambulance Day •Gr. 4 Swimming 	
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student-Teacher Hockey Game 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cdn Blood Services Day 	
Thurs.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. ¾ make Easter Eggs •Movie at lunch 	
Fri.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Super Hero Day •Stations of the Cross 2 9:05am 	

"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 ~

Session #6

Sunday, April 9th @ 6:30pm



News from the CWL



Apr. 3
Apr. 5

- Executive Meeting @ 7pm
- General Meeting @ 7pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr. 5
Apr. 8

- Executive Meeting @ 7pm
- 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

CHRISM MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral
3125 13th Avenue, Regina
Tuesday, April 4th @ 7 pm

Live Stream Link:

<https://livestream.com/archregina/events/7151726>

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.



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

which will be held each **THURSDAY** during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass.

Silver collection to the Refugee Family Fund & the Salvation Army Food Bank (Lighthouse)



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



The **Triduum** sign-up sheet is posted in the choir room. Please mark your availability.

Also available are **rehearsal schedules**.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

and for the

Sacred Paschal Triduum

are in the Welcome Area.

Please sign up as soon as possible! Thanks.

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.

Don't Be Alone this Easter Sunday!

Enjoy an **Easter lunch** with other members of your St. Gerard Parish Family!!

There is no cost for the lunch, which will be served at 1:00 pm (doors open at 12:30pm).

Please leave your name and telephone number with one of the following to confirm your attendance:

Bernadette: 306-782-0109
Maureen 306-782-2956
Fr. Francis 306-782-2449

Hosted by the
St. Gerard
Community Life Committee





Bringing Home the Word

Newly Alive

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was a child, I saw a picture of Lazarus at the tomb, his face completely bound by a cloth. It scared me badly—the figures looking toward Lazarus were pulling away in fear or disgust. Unable to see his face, they lost any sense of his humanity. Without eyes, nose, and mouth, Lazarus had become the stuff of nightmares.

Much later in life, I reflected on that picture and realized that death—both spiritual and physical—is like that. It robs us of our humanity. We become faceless, unknown to all but those who loved us. If we've committed grave sin, we might even lose those human relationships. But a second look at the picture revealed the steady figure of Jesus holding the raised Lazarus in his gaze. He didn't turn away in fear. Rather, he continued to look at him with love, as a friend.

Jesus, the face of love, is the only one who can confront the two things that make us faceless, that take our humanity from us: sin and death. Sin kills the soul and has the capacity to make us unrecognizable to others. Death kills the body and can take us from our loved ones.

Jesus calls us forth from each of these. From sin, he calls us to conversion; from death, he calls us to eternal life. If we listen carefully, we can hear him call us by name to "come out." And then, with infinite love, he will ask those who love us to untie us and let us go.

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The National Catholic Mission 2017, "Our Final Gift"

with Sr. Sue Mosteller, CSJ and Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI will be broadcast during Holy Week on Vision TV and Salt+Light TV on the following dates:

Monday April 10 (Pt. 1) and Tuesday April 11 (Pt. 2) at 5pm.

To support the Mission or to get more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's toll-free number: 1-888- 383-6277.

**WOMEN
AT THE HEART
OF CHANGE**

Share
Lent 2017

Solidarity Sunday!

Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Did you know that in 1992, Rigoberta Menchú, a friend of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of Indigenous peoples? To learn more about this inspiring woman, visit www.devp.org/insp-women#rigoberta

You are invited to a

Quilt Sale



with Coffee, Tea and Desserts!

Saturday, April 8 from 2 – 4 pm

Everyone is Welcome!

Admission is \$4.00

*St. Paul Lutheran Church – lower level
73 Smith Street, Yorkton, SK*

Proceeds will offset delivery costs of quilts to overseas countries through Canadian Lutheran World Relief.



*All parishioners are asked to gather
in the **Parish Hall** ten minutes prior
to the beginning of Mass on
Palm Sunday (next week!!!)*

The **2016 Charitable Donation Receipts** are available at the Parish Office. Please stop by during regular office hours. Thank you!

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Lazarus Raised from the Dead"

This Week...

Death is a natural part of life. It can be frightening and painful to think about death. We may be afraid to die. We may fear being left alone when a loved one dies. But there is still good news - we will be raised up. Ezekiel told us that was how we would know God. Jesus raised up Lazarus; Jesus himself was raised up.

For Your Reflection

- Do you have a relative that has died? If so, how did this relative enrich your life: What characteristics of hers or his do you share?

- Our faith comforts us in the face of death, because we believe that we will be raised up, like Jesus. What do you think about that? How does it feel to think about your own death or the death of someone you care about?

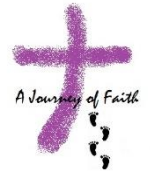
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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