
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

Second Sunday of Easter – April 3, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (4th): *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*
7:00 pm- +Helen Flavel

Tues. (5th): 10:00 am- Stella Fulawka

Wed. (6th): 12:30 pm- St. Michael School
+Horace Jackson
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
6:30 pm- +Mary Ostafie

Thurs. (7th): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress

Fri. (8th): 9:00 am- +Yvonne Hryhoriw

Sat. (9th): 6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Bruce Wonchulanko

Third Sunday of Easter

Sun. (10th): 9:00 am- +Don Ostafie
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Eva Schlechter

New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!

Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (3rd): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

Mon. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting

Tues. (5th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wed. (6th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass

Fri. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (9th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session #6

They knew Jesus' words,
peace be with you.
But Thomas,
absent from the
rejoicing, was indignant.

Imperfect
and in need of mercy.

O Lord, you who love us
in our struggles,
breathe your life into our flawed lives.

Let us find your grace and mercy
when we touch your wounds,
in all your children
everywhere.



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

7. “For his mercy endures forever.” This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God’s revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God’s history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually “for his mercy endures forever,” as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the “Great *Hallel*,” as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days.

Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, “when they had sung a hymn” (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. While he was instituting the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial of himself and his paschal sacrifice, he symbolically placed this supreme act of revelation in the light of his mercy. Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: “for his mercy endures forever.”



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



April 4 - April 8, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Easter Mass @ St. Gerard's @ 10am •Bball vs. St. Paul 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •After Easter Divine Liturgy @ 10:45am 			
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Student-Teacher Benefit Hockey Game 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Easter Mass @ 12:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student-Teacher Benefit Hockey Game 	
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7/8 Science Fair 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Meeting @ 7pm
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 2F Friendship Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7 "In Motion" Swimming 	

"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

Please contact the Parish Office 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

NEXT SESSION

Sunday, April 10th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

RETREAT

Saturday, April 16th

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated at each Mass the weekend of April 30th & May 1st.

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 will rehearse weekly and minister regularly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306-621-0093.

*THANK YOU to all who participated in the
"Lenten Lunches for
Habitat for Humanity Faith Build"*

In total \$794.70 has been donated to this project.

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



News from the CWL



April 4
April 6

Executive Meeting
General Meeting



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 3
April 6
April 13

Parish Brunch
Executive Meeting @ 7pm
Holy Family Icon Celebration @ 7pm
First Degree
General Meeting with introduction of the budget

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

MARTHA HOUSE VACANCIES

Martha House - a home for retired priests and seniors, both men and women has vacant rooms.

We are accepting those can descend and ascend stairs independently. (Level 1) It has conducive rooms, and it is a beautiful and serene place for seniors who love to PRAY. We have daily recitation of the Rosary and daily Masses. Martha House offers the lowest and most affordable cost in the city.

For more information contact: Sr. Jessica or Debra Kirkpatrick 306.545.0509 or write to: Martha House 1855 2nd Avenue North Regina, SK S4R 0Y1

Martha House is a Registered Charitable Institution

The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary have a house on Pells Drive, a quick fifteen or twenty minute walk to the University of Regina. **We welcome young women who are looking for room and board.** Residents have enjoyed our meals, our company, our support and a place that responds to their need for quiet and study.

For more information please contact:

Sister Emma Rousseau
5 Pells Drive
Regina, SK S4S 4S8
Phone: (306) 584-3652
E-mail: erousseau03@gmail.com

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 118

Good News!

April 3, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (C)

Acts 5:12-16 / Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ's rising. But in the Church's reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar (and reality) remains steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter Octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God's time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit. Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the Good News. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus' teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father's promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, and existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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REFUGEE FAMILY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 12th @ 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend as we prepare for the welcoming of St. Gerard's refugee family from Eritrea.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Rejean 306.783.6767

Father Francis 306.782.0323

Operation Pilgrimage!



Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camps 2016

AUGUST 15th @ 6:00 p.m.
to **AUGUST 18th @ 2:00**
for those ENTERING
Grades 10- 1st year University

AUGUST 19th @ 6:00 p.m.
to **AUGUST 22nd @ 2:00**
for those ENTERING
Grades 7- 9

WHO: Any student in the Archdiocese is looking for some summer excitement with "No Passport Required"

WHAT: A fun-filled, faith-filled experience with a "Pilgrimage" theme!

Come enjoy swimming, hiking, games, camp fires, prayer, FOOD! And friendships!

WHERE: "Glen Harbor Camp" (about 40 minutes from Regina)

COST: \$140.00

HOW: For more info or to register contact Michelle at 352-1651 OR mhraden@archdiocese.ca



Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: Sunday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm



PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Doubting Thomas"

This Week...

"Seeing is believing." That could have been Thomas's motto. Jesus replies that blessed are the ones who have not seen and who still believe. We have not seen Jesus with our own eyes but our faith has led us to see him in our hearts and in one another. That kind of faith led the early Christian community to care for one another with so much zeal.

For Your Reflection

"Thomas did not quite "get it" when the other Apostles were telling him that Jesus had risen from the dead. He wanted to see for himself. Is that really so strange? Would you believe it if your friends told you that while they were locked up in a room someone who had recently died walked through the door and appeared to them? Would you want to see it yourself?

When it comes to Christianity, do you think you "get it"? Do you "see the light"? If so, what is it all about? If not, what don't you get? What questions do you have about Jesus' Resurrection?

The continuum of doubt and belief has two extremes. On the "extreme doubt" side is cynicism. A cynic doubts everything, especially people's good intentions. It can be a negative, unhappy way of seeing things. A person on the opposite side, the "extreme belief" side, is gullible. That person believes whatever anyone says. It can be a happy, but sometimes dangerous, way of seeing things.

Are you a doubting Thomas? Do you think you are cynical? Do you think you are gullible? 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.

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