



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday  
of Lent

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

|                             |   |                        |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Mon. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):   |   | NO MASS                |
| Tues. ( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):  | 7:00 pm                                       | Michael & Aggie Geysen |
| Wed. (10 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 10:30 am                                      | ASPEN VILLA            |
|                             |   | +Grace Walsh           |
|                             | 7:00 pm                                       | +Eileen Griffith       |
| Thurs. (11 <sup>th</sup> ): | 9:30 am                                       | +Helen Thiemann        |
|                             | 2:30 pm                                       | LAKESIDE MANOR         |
|                             |   | +Peter & +Rose Osika   |
| Fri. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                       | Con & Rita Rodney      |
| Sat. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                       | +Lottie Wihak          |
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|                             | 5:00 pm                                       | +John Jason Himpe      |
| Sun. (14 <sup>th</sup> ):   | <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> |                        |
|                             | 9:00 am                                       | Special Intentions     |
|                             | 11:00 am                                      | Mass for the People    |

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

**Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion**  
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

### 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

### PARISH SURVEY

Please return your completed survey by Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. One per household. Thank you!

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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| Caretaker.....                   | Mario Guerra         |              |  |



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Lord, your grace and love make me whole. Help me to trust in the endless possibilities of the present moment.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

# THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**Apr. 18 Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

7:00 pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until 11:45pm*

**Apr. 19 Friday  
of the Passion of the Lord**

*Living Stations of the Cross  
11:00 am*

**The Celebration of the Passion  
3:00 pm**

**Apr. 20 Holy Saturday**

2:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food

***The Resurrection of the Lord***  
**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

8:00 pm

**Apr. 21 The Mass of Easter Day**

9:00 am      11:00 am



## 2019 National Catholic TV Mission: Sin, Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt + Light and Vision TV during Holy Week.

Vision TV

Part 1: Monday, April 15 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Tuesday, April 16 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Salt + Light TV

Part 1: Tuesday, April 16 8:00 pm Eastern Time

Part 2: Wednesday, April 17 8:00 pm Eastern Time

“The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, in fact, like a ‘second baptism’...[and] when we go to confess with our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our Baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful, it is like celebrating the day of Baptism in every Confession.” – Pope Francis



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News April 8 - April 12, 2019



|        | Sacred Heart   | St. Alphonsus                          | St. Mary               | St. Michael                        | St. Paul                             | St. Theodore |
|--------|--|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mon.   |  | •Stations of the Cross<br>•SCC Meeting | •Wear Green Day        |                                    | •Green Shirt Day<br>•Lenten Assembly |              |
| Tues.  | •Nurse Practitioner<br>•Jr. Badminton @ Kamsack<br>•Sr. Badminton Tourney @ SHHS | •Penitential Service                   |                        | •Development & Peace Presentations |                                      |              |
| Wed.   | •Party Program @ the hospital  |  | •Gr. 4 Swimming        | •Pink Shirt Day                    | •Pink Shirt Day                      |              |
| Thurs. | •Skills Canada (S'toon)<br>•Jr. Badminton @ Melville                             | •Pre-K at St. Gerard Church            |                        | •Bazaar                            | •Spring Book Tasting                 |              |
| Fri.   | •Skills Canada (S'toon)<br>•Report cards   | •Pre-K Dance Innovations               | •Stations of the Cross | •Stations of the Cross             |                                      |              |

**“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*



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

Hannah Pineda      Lorenzo Te  
Kendra Parala

**May these children and their families  
experience joy and new life.**

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Apr. 12      Led by Altar Servers

### TRIDUUM MINISTRIES SIGN-UP SHEETS

The sign-up sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are available on a table in the Welcome Area.

Sign-up sheet for altar servers are in the sacristy.

### TRIDUUM REHEARSAL

Monday, April 15 @ 7pm

There will be a rehearsal for **ALL** those who will be ministering during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil).

*Jesus, draw lines in the sand of our judgment and help us to see you in ourselves and each other. Where we desire revenge or punishment, help us to replace these sins with a longing for reconciliation, healing, and hope. Amen.*



### News from the CWL



**REMINDER:** Membership fees are overdue. If you haven't paid your 2019 C.W.L. membership fee (\$30.00), please do so as soon as possible. You can put your money (cash or cheque) in an envelope, mark it C.W.L. Membership, and put it in the collection basket, leave it at the parish office, or put it in the C.W.L. mail slot in the sacristy.

The date for the C.W.L. Monthly Meeting has been changed. It will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 10th following Mass. All C.W.L. members are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening with your C.W.L. Sisters.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr. 7      Parish Brunch  
Apr. 10      General Meeting  
Apr. 12      Afternoon Bingo  
Apr. 17      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). More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

### Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00      Under 6 \$5.00      Family \$25.00

### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

*A reception in the Cathedral Auditorium will follow the Mass.*

**New Evangelization Summit 2019** On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class **Catholic speakers:** Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize.

This year, the Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

**Where/Location:** Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina

**When:** May 4, 2019 - 8:45 am-4:30 pm

**Cost:** FREE



# Bringing Home the Word

## Learning from Our Best Teacher

By Mary Katharine Deeley

At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells W-A-T-E-R into Helen's hand while water pours over Helen's other hand. Helen's face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever-faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.

Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don't know what he wrote, and it isn't important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It's a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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## •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

\*\*Thursday, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>\*\*

3pm to 6pm  
and

**AFTER EACH MASS PALM SUNDAY!!**

*(Last chance before Easter)*

**WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!**

Cabbage rolls \$25 ( 5 dozen bag)  
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)  
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)



## Share the Journey

Share Lent 2019  Development and Peace  
CARTUS CANADA



*Share the journey with Syrian refugees in Lebanon.*



Since the war broke out in Syria in 2011, some 12.5 million Syrians have had to flee their homes. Development and Peace partner House of Peace (HOPE) is working to build bridges between Syrian refugees and their host communities in Lebanon.

On this Solidarity Sunday, we extend a warm thank you for your generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world, from Colombia all the way to Lebanon, Nigeria, and elsewhere! Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice, where no one will be forced to flee their home! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)



## FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

This week... **"The Passion of Christ"**  
(right after the Stations of the Cross)!

No charge! Free popcorn and refreshments!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

~ Organized by the Religious Education Team ~

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.  
*(Social Hall)*
- Mon. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
*(Lower Level)*
- Tues. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Kitchen cleaning bee  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.  
*(Meeting Room B)*
- Fri. (12<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA *(Meeting Room B)*  
7:30 pm- Movie Night  
*(K of C Chambers)*
- Sat. (13<sup>th</sup>): 8:00 am- CFCFFL Christian Life  
Seminar for Singles  
*(Lower Level)*  
4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass  
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.  
*(Meeting Room A)*

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Jesus Saves a Woman Who Sinned"**

#### **This Week...**

The old law said that some sins were so bad, the sinner ought to be stoned to death. Jesus had a new law to teach us - a law of compassion and forgiveness. We all are sinners, and we need to help one another rather than destroy one another. We can hate the sin, but we need to love the sinner. It is never too late for us to learn a new way. This new way saved a woman's life.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Have you ever been caught doing something you knew was wrong? What happened?

Have you ever done something with a friend of yours, and your friend got away with it, but you didn't? How did you feel? Did you want your friend to get into trouble as well? Or were you thankful that at least both of you didn't get caught?

What sins, mistakes, or faults from the past would you like to forget? What stops you from letting go of them and moving on? What new ways or new habits would you like to be yours from now on?

Jesus stopped a mob of men from stoning a woman to death. They could easily have turned on him, but they did not. Why do mobs want to commit acts of violence? Why do you think violence has become such a major part of the entertainment business, such as movies, video games, and so forth? What is fun about violence?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004

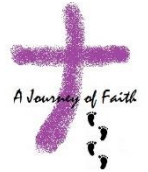




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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. 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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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**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 Regina on a daily basis.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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