

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2017-2018 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting March 29th,
the following parishioners were appointed for a three-year term:

Jayne Senger – Secretary Rose Marchinko – Community Life Chairperson

Holy Land Commissariat in Canada
Pontifical Collection of Good Friday
on April 14, 2017 for the Benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday April 14, 2017**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude,

Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
April 10 - April 16, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross @ 12:30pm			•Lenten Rice Lunch	
Tues.			•School Oratory		•St. Paul's Oratory	
Wed.		•Gr. 4 Band Tryouts •Gr. 7/8 Science Fair •Badminton Tournament	•Yorkton City Badminton Tournament	•Gr. 7/8 Power of Ideas Science Tour •Gr. 4 Band Try-outs •Inter-city School Badminton Tournament	•Gr. 4 Band Recruitment •Gr. 7&8 Science Presentation •Badminton Tournament	•Badminton Tournament
Thurs.		•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 10:45am	•Holy Thursday Seder Meal Celebration @ 9:30am	•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 10:45am	•Holy Thursday Service @ 2:15pm	•Open Lit Night •Dessert Theatre
Fri.	Good Friday - No School					

"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
TONIGHT @ 6:30pm**

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

are in the Welcome Area for:

*Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
The Resurrection of the Lord
(Vigil and Easter Sunday)*

**Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion,
Hospitality Ministers**

Please sign up today!

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.

Retrouvaille helps hurting marriages! When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. **Retrouvaille** cares about your marriage. Please consider registering for the **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vie) program before you consider divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the April 28th-30th, 2017 weekend in Saskatoon, call 306.652.7155 or email: retrouvaille@sasktel.net

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Apr. 12 - General Meeting (presentation of budget)
- Apr. 25 - Articles for The Word due
- Apr. 26 - 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).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

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. To register, contact Melissa Gurash at mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or 306-352-1651, ext. 237.

Theology of the Body Conference

St. Therese Institute invites you to join them in Bruno, Saskatchewan April 30th to May 4th for a Theology of the Body conference led by internationally renowned speaker and author Christopher West. This unique approach to John Paul II's teaching includes reflections on St. Therese of Lisieux that Christopher West only teaches at St. Therese Institute! Early bird rate is \$445 – visit www.St-T.ca/TOB or call 306.369.2555 for more details.

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). Please check broadcast times for your station.

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

Campion College is pleased to announce the return of **Musica Sacra, Music for Good Friday**. *Take Me to the King - African-American Spirituals and Gospel Music* - Friday, April 14, 2017, 8:00 p.m. Campion College Chapel (2nd floor). Featured guest artists: Tehlilah Minstrels, with Sarah Stubbe on piano. Dr. Dominic Gregorio, Artistic Director. Free parking on campus for this event. Please enter by new main doors. There will be a free will offering.



Bringing Home the Word

Come to Save Us

By Mary Katharine Deeley

From the joyful procession into Jerusalem, through the passion and death of Jesus, to the sealing of the tomb by the guards, Passion Sunday—as it is sometimes called—prepares us for the coming Holy Week.

The story draws us in. We are the ones who hail Jesus as the one who is to come. We pray the familiar words of Psalm 118 that call on God to save us. (The familiar word *Hosanna* is actually a plea for salvation from God.) When we hear the passion narrative, we become the disciples at the Last Supper and are unable to stay awake in Gethsemane. We are the crowd who cries out for Barabbas (a play on words: the name means “Son of the Father”) and calls for Jesus’ crucifixion.

This is the most important thing that has ever happened to us. This is the story of the fulfillment of God’s promise to save us. We will meditate and pray on this mystery all week: God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son.

Paul reminds us that not only did Jesus not deem equality with God something to be grasped, he did not deem human beings creatures to be despised. He became one of us to lead us back into right relationship with God. On Good Friday, we will hear John’s version of the passion and remind ourselves again of the wonder that someone might give up his life for us. There was nothing we could do to earn God’s love, nor could we make God do this.

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Thank you for your support to the 2017 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks everyone who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, **\$4107.15** was collected in our parish to date. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory this week or to make a donation directly at www.devp.org/give

Remember - **\$24.00** buys sleeping mats for four refugees escaping war or disaster, and **\$54.00** brings three women together to organize self-help projects in brickmaking or tailoring in eastern Africa.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to building a world of peace and justice.



You are invited to attend the Celebration of Confirmation & First Communion

on Sunday, May 7th @ 11:30 am


Archbishop Donald Bolen,
Celebrant



PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Rooster Crowed"

This Week...

Jesus told Peter that he would deny knowing Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. Peter tried to blend into the crowd, but he was recognized as a Galilean. Even if the people did not see what he was up to, it seemed that he could not hide. He would be found out. The rooster crowed. Peter was guilty and he knew it.

For Your Reflection

Peter is devastated when he hears the crowing of the rooster. It is as if the rooster watched him, heard his denials of Jesus, and cried out for justice to be done.

Imagine the earth witnessing and suffering with every act of injustice: the night stars seeing Judas betray Jesus, the grasses being crushed as Jesus falls to the ground carrying the cross, all the trees feeling the awful pounding of the nails of crucifixion, and the earthquake trembling when Jesus dies.

- Is this point of view far-fetched, or does it contain some truth? Can you imagine the organic planet at unrest with all the violence done to people and to nature? Or do you view most of nature as unfeeling, inanimate matter, more or less disconnected from us?
- So often we think it is "okay" to do something if we "don't get caught." If you see that your decisions affect all of nature, how would it change the attitude of "try to get away with whatever you can"?

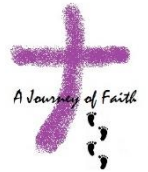
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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