

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall until August 26<sup>th</sup>) & 7:00 pm;  
 Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**

*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 9:30 am & by appointment*

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 13, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Valeria Woloschuk  
 Tues. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bernice Kolodziejeki  
 Wed. (16<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (SOUTH)  
 +Grace Colby  
 Thurs. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Sheila Desroches  
 10:30 am- LAKESIDE MANOR (SALTCOATS)  
 Marianne Dierker  
 Fri. (18<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +John Wick  
 Sat. (19<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
 10:00 am- +Jimmy Flavel

5:00 pm- GOOD SPIRIT LAKE (HALL)  
 +Donald & +Marion Eckhart  
 7:00 pm- +Mark Geysen

Sun. (20<sup>th</sup>): Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 9:00 am- +Romeo Odsigue  
 11:00 am- Mass for the People

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (14<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
 Tues. (15<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting  
 Wed. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Fall Supper Planning Meeting  
 Fri. (18<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

**Thousands of Pilgrims**

**St. Anthony's**  
**76th Pilgrimage**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk.  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**100 Years**

**Vigil of the Assumption**  
 5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)  
 6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)  
 6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available  
 7:30 pm: Fatima Message  
 8:00 pm: Unveiling and Blessing of the statues of St. John Paul II & St. Mother Teresa (from Italy)  
 \* Procession with "traveling" International Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
 \* Mass: Main celebrant ~ Archbishop Donald Bolen  
 \*\*Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, \*\*Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

**8:30 am:** Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (church)  
**9:00 am:** Mass in Polish (church)  
**10:00am:** Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite (grotto)  
**11:00 am:** Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged  
**12:15 pm:** Final Mass - Blessing for Plenary Indulgence; Message of Fatima

**\*\* Blessing of Religious Articles**  
**\*\* Visit: [www.RamaShrine.ca](http://www.RamaShrine.ca)**



Lord, you taught your disciples how to pray. Help me to cultivate the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amen.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*  
 Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## Catechism Themes: Only One Faith (CCC 166-175)

Matthew's passages on the disciples in the storm remind us that faith remains a relationship between God and us, his people. In spite of trouble, God will always be present. Together, we need only realize that fact and act upon it.

This insight raises three points. First, faith is a relationship between God and his people, the Church. While the faith choice has always been and always will be a personal act of the individual, the content and context of faith is mediated through people. The individual receives it from others, and has the responsibility to pass it on to others. As individuals, we cannot be evangelized and evangelize others outside the influence of God's people. The social context of this post-Christian era in [North] America should drive that point home. No one can believe or evangelize outside what the Church teaches. Imagine the difficulty you would encounter evangelizing when culture remains ignorant of and indifferent to Christian faith.

Second, God is always present to his people. Faith gives us the means to say "YES!" to his presence. While creeds (i.e., the Apostle and Nicene) give us the content of faith, they do not replace faith. As paragraph 170 states: "We do not believe in formulas, but in the realities they express, which faith allows us to touch." Church doctrine is the means that helps facilitate the faith relationship, not the end of faith. However, since God always guides the Church and her teaching, those means are sure.

Faith comes in and through the Church. And the Church, under God's direction, provides a sure means to the divine. In light of the two previous points, our final one is clear: we only need to realize God's presence (in the Church) and act upon it.

*Have you ever prayed for strength in the face of doubt or stress? How has God answered that prayer? Did God work through other Christians to help you? Explain.*

Again a simple gospel passage presents us with so many levels of meaning. The boat, the storm on the lake, the power of Christ in the midst of chaos, and the response of the disciples, all make this passage so accessible, yet so deep. Accessible in the emotions of the moment: stress, fear, doubt. Deep in the mysterious yet powerful ways God responds to that moment.

Let us praise God for his love and guidance through times of stress. For, he truly controls that which we cannot, and is present to us in ways we will never understand.

*Take a moment and reflect on the moments of stress you endured this week. How was God in control of the situation? How was God present to you in those moments? How did you respond to him? Thank him for the opportunity to say "yes" to him, even when the situation made him seem so distant.*

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## Mary in Heavenly Glory

The Assumption evokes a mystery that concerns each one of us because, as the Second Vatican council affirms, Mary "shines forth on earth... a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God" (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 68). However, taken up by the events of each day, one can sometimes forget this comforting spiritual reality that constitutes an important truth of faith. [...]

Some people today live as if they never had to die or as if, with death, everything were over; others, who hold that man is the one and only author of his own destiny, behave as though God did not exist, and at times they even reach the point of denying that there is room for him in our world. Yet, the great breakthroughs of technology and science that have considerably improved humanity's condition leave unresolved the deepest searchings of the human soul. Only openness to the mystery of God, who is Love, can quench the thirst for truth and happiness in our hearts; only the prospect of eternity can give authentic

value to historical events and especially to the mystery of human frailty, suffering and death.

In contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us.

(Benedict XVI, Feast of the Assumption, General Audience, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006)



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**\*\* If you have a child who is in Grade 2 or older and has not received the sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered with the parish. \*\***

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Do you know that the Archdiocese of Regina publishes a bulletin?

Check it out online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) Click on the "Archdiocesan News" icon on the homepage.

## Archdiocese of Regina Annual Pilgrimage Sites

Aug. 12&13	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kronau
Aug. 14&15	Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama
Aug. 20	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar

For more information, including directions to the sites, visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/archbishop-elect-donald-bolen/annual-pilgrimage-sites>

## Are you called to visit the sick, elderly or homebound?

"Ministry of Care Training" (sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina) is open to all faith communities.

This one-day program is an introduction to those who would like to know more about being a Spiritual Care Visitor within a health care facility but also valuable for parish/church home and nursing home ministry. The workshop will be held at Christ the King Parish (3239 Garnet Street, Regina), Saturday, September 9, 2017 (registration 8:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.). Cost \$25 (includes lunch).

Please contact Karen Ziegler at 306-766-5991 or Susan Askin at 639-625-7092 for further information or for a registration form.

## The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

*Mission-Discipleship-Service-Faith*

One weekend per month from October until June, Catholics who want to know, love and serve Christ more deeply come together at Campion College in Regina. Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus Christ and his Church?

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall intake of this three-year program. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306-325-1651 Ext. 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

**Spanish Mass** is usually held once a month on the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Regina.

There is a change for August. Mass will be August 20. All are welcome!

## 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 rehearse weekly and minister monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093



## News from the CWL



Garage Sale items can be dropped off using the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance Monday to Friday from 8am to noon and 1pm to 4pm.

**If you require assistance, please contact Rosella at 306.782.7042.**



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Aug. 16	Evening bingo
Aug. 24	Inter-council Golf Tournament

For more info. re: the golf tournament, please call Jeff at 306.621.8640

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)





# Bringing Home the Word

## God Calls to Our Hearts

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**We've been fortunate** to make several trips to Hawaii. On one trip, we saw lava flowing from a vent on a volcano. I'll never forget it or the offerings of pineapples, leis, and other things native Hawaiians make to Pele, the volcano goddess. The volcano erupts when Pele is angry. When it is quiet, Pele has gone underground.

Great displays of power and destruction are often connected with divine activity, so it seems strange that the Lord doesn't appear to Elijah in manifestations of wind, earthquake, or fire. Rather, God speaks out of silence, and his first words to Elijah are, "Why are you here?"

That's a wonderful question for us today. Why are we here celebrating the Eucharist? Is it obligation only, or is there something more?

I'd like to think we come to Mass to hear God calling to our hearts. Here we can meet God face to face in the word, in the priest, in each other and, most intimately, in the bread and wine that is his Body and Blood. We take him into ourselves so we won't be like Peter, who walked into the middle of a storm and began thinking the storm would destroy him like an angry god.

We gather at Mass so we can fix our minds and hearts on Christ, whose power is so great that it needn't manifest itself in destruction but who, with a word, can calm every storm and take us safely into his care.

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## Coming up in August.....

K of C Inter-council Golf Tournament  
Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

CWL Executive Meeting  
Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

CWL General Meeting  
Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

(watch the bulletin for locations and times, or check the online Events Calendar at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca))

Our ministries and parish initiatives continue throughout the summer. As you plan vacations, please remember the needs of your spiritual home.

For information on how to establish automated parish gifts, please call the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. **Pre-Authorized Giving** forms (green) are available on the glass table in the Welcome Area and at each entrance to the Church.

**Are you moving this summer??** Please remember to notify the Parish Office so that we can keep our records current. Thanks! All the best to you in your new spiritual home!

## New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (yellow) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

## An Emergency Stress List

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus walked on water while his followers panicked during a wind storm. The juxtaposition of these two images has left a deep mark in Christian spirituality. It is the times when God seems absent in the face of disaster that he is indeed working his greatest feats.

Whom do we turn to in times of stress? Some people lash out in anger. Others suppress emotion and become self contained. Others pray. To become people in the last category, have your family members create an "Emergency Stress List." Have your family members discuss what they have done when they are stressed or angry. Now have them discuss what they would like to do. Use the discussion as a means to develop the list. Include prayer in the mix. For prayer is a vital ingredient in "grace under fire."

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## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Peter's Faith in Jesus"

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

God is always present to us, always with us. Elijah recognizes YHWH's presence, even though it is subtle. The disciples, especially Peter, are eager to believe that Jesus is with them, despite the unbelievable circumstances. Paul's sorrow that everyone is not being moved by the Holy Spirit to know the truth could echo our own modern-day concern that violence is becoming more widespread and that goodness seems to be old-fashioned. Yet we know that God is always present, always with us.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater.

- When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble?
- Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live?
- Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible?

A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

- What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm?
- Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen?

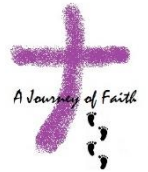
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



**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.*



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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 our city 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)

**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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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