

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall) & 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sat. (20<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- +Adolph Sliwa

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall  
+Helen Nagy  
7:00 pm- +Helen Haddock

Sun. (21<sup>st</sup>): *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich  
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky  
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Leona Pinno

### **Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

### **ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS NEW SCHEDULES**

Please check your inbox for the new schedule. Also available in the sacristy, posted on the bulletin boards.

We welcome Father Gary Kuntz who is celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Wed. (17<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Fall Supper Planning Meeting  
Sat. (20<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

### **Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**

August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Rama, Saskatchewan

This annual event contains 2 days of prayer, mass in Polish, Ukrainian & English, music by the Yorkton Filipino Choir and Rama's Choir, along with an evening vigil, candlelight procession, rosary and adoration. Two full days with 1000+ Catholics from across Canada! See poster on the bulletin board for more info., or pick up a handout in the Welcome Area. [www.ramashrine.com](http://www.ramashrine.com)

### **THE KAPOSVAR PILGRIMAGE**

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine  
Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>

3 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Esterhazy

Noon – 1pm Individual Stations of the Cross  
1:30 – 2pm Rosary in the Church  
2:00-2:45pm Private confessions in the Church  
2:45-3pm Procession from church to the Shrine  
3pm-4pm Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick (followed by chicken supper)

For more information, contact Bea Twardzik @ 306.745.6374 or Mary-Lou Pisak @ 306.745.3301



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

*The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449*



### We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community

Yohan Cabrales      Faythe Jalmanzar  
Landyn Halliday      Serena Tratch

who were baptized recently  
at St. Gerard

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



### News from the CWL



Summer cleaning? Keep the CWL Garage Sale in mind!  
You can drop off garage sale items at the bottom of the  
east entrance stairs by the CWL Room all through August!

**Monday to Friday      8am-noon/1pm-4pm**

It's the sale you wait for!

## St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>      - 9am to 8pm

Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>      - 9am to noon

Coffee & Pie Special \*\* Produce Table



### News from the Knights of Columbus



August 23      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).*

# Good News!

August 14, 2016

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

When I was young, one of my favorite pictures of Jesus was one of his blessing little children. How calm and peaceful Jesus seemed, and his eyes were full of love. In later years, I have been drawn to other images and art of Jesus holding, healing, and granting mercy to his beloved children. That image of Jesus is so comforting that I tend to forget that Jesus also disturbed the peace, questioned authority, and demanded complete obedience and loyalty. For first-century Christians, following Jesus often meant leaving family and friends, civil disobedience (not considering Caesar as a god), and reimagining religious traditions.

The Christ who sows division is uncomfortable, but Christians in every century have had to speak out against evil and sin, especially when their culture's or country's practices lead people away from rather than toward God. Even here in the United States, Catholics have found themselves defending the dignity of all human life and economic and social justice for the poor, even when it meant challenging the prevailing culture and political climate. It's rarely easy to speak truth to power or popularity, and we have to guard against those who think they are always right or somehow above God. Jesus himself recognized that he would not always be popular, so he lifted up the two great commandments to love God and neighbor as the measure of how we should act even when those actions divide us.

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Jesus,  
with you there is no "sometimes,"  
no "maybe," no "not today."

There is only, always,  
love without  
limit.

A burning bushfire of love  
that you came to  
share with  
us.

Please help our  
distracted  
love.

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Jeremiah in the Well"

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

Jeremiah is rejected by some who throw him into a well, but rescued by others who receive him. Jesus foresees the same thing happening to him, warning that what he stands for will even divide households - sons against fathers, mothers against daughters. Running with Christ is not an easy race to run, but if we keep our focus on our faith, we can finish the race despite the opposition we are sure to face.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jeremiah is stuck in the mud at the bottom of a well. He was thrown in there because he said that God wanted Jerusalem to surrender to Babylon in order to save their own lives - a message the people did not want to hear. He was a prophet who was being punished for speaking the truth. People don't like to hear what they don't want to do - they would rather blame the speaker and pretend the message is wrong than listen to the truth.

Modern-day prophets likewise try to warn people about what will happen if we don't change. Books, movies, and television specials try to warn us about things like population growth, pollution levels, unhealthy ingredients in foods, the waste of natural resources, the ruin of rain forests, corruption in government or industry, and so forth.

- Which modern-day prophets do you listen to?  
Which ones do you want to ignore? Why?

Although Jeremiah is stuck at the bottom of the muddy well, he is not completely abandoned. He has a few loyal supporters to help him get out. The Scripture verses that follow the readings for this Sunday explain how Ebed-melech got some rags from the palace linen closet and lowered them into the well with the ropes. He told Jeremiah to put the rags under his armpits so the ropes would not cut and burn them. Ebed-melech was obviously kind and courageous.

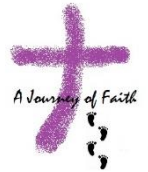
- Do you have such a loyal friend who might help you out if you were unjustly punished? Has such a thing ever happened to you? What was the outcome?
- We never hear a word about Jeremiah's words or feelings or thoughts. He is silent throughout this whole ordeal. What do you think he felt or thought or said? What do you think he did in that well? Do you think he prayed or cried or screamed out loud? What would you do?



**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](mailto: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.*



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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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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