



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 20, 2017

Twentieth
Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall 'til August 26th), 7:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (21st): 9:00 am- +Mary Mihalicz
 Tues. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Rita Myrowsky
 Wed. (23rd): **10:30 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)**
 +Walter Filipowich
 Thurs. (24th): 9:00 am- +Sonia Simes
 Fri. (25th): 9:00 am- +Cathy Abrahamson
 Sat. (26th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- Mary Ryhorski
 1:00 pm- *Domanillo-Gajeto*
Wedding

5:00 pm- **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE (HALL)**
 +Naphin Family
 7:00 pm- +Cam Hodgson

Sun. (27th): **Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +John Fedirko

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Half-hour before 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 306.530.0126.

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Lord, you offered the healing love and compassion of God to the sick and poor. Help me to be an instrument of God's love and compassion to all people. Amen.

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

Catechism Theme: Social Justice (CCC 1928-1942)

Respect for the God-given dignity of the person must underlie any sense of justice. The dignity of the person is the only legitimate end in any society. The rights of the individual precede the rights of the state, or the rights of the majority within a society. If the state or the majority do not insure the dignity of the individual, they lose moral legitimacy.

Respect for the individual transcends mere legal means. Those in society must foster the virtue of solidarity: to treat others as self. This includes the poor, the disadvantaged, the illiterate. This also includes those who look, think, or act differently. Prejudice based upon social or cultural differences is incompatible with God's plan.

God distributed talents and wealth for the good of all, not for the benefit of the few. Solidarity demands a distribution of wealth that benefits all people. It asks sacrifice from the few not only financially, but also in services rendered. Those with time, talent, and treasure should contribute to the benefit of all.

The end of solidarity is not the merely a sense of equity between members of a society. Solidarity transcends the material need. The virtue bonds people from different social backgrounds, classes, and cultures together in a common purpose that finds its source in faith.

When was the last time you reached out to others different from you? When did you serve the poor, the sick, or the needy? How did that experience change you?

God made us all in his image. We all possess the power to choose. When we choose to serve others, especially those different from ourselves, we choose to be formed in God's likeness. Because we serve God's creatures in the same way God serves them, we take on divine qualities. We take steps closer to his likeness.

Prejudice, injustice, and social separation promote the likeness of the demon. To battle this image, we all need the faith of the Canaanite woman whose loyalty broke down barriers. May our prayer be as persistent as hers and our trust as strong.

A wise person once said: "We all have prejudices. What we do with them is the important issue." Consider your own prejudices. What plan do you have this week to battle one or two of them?

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A Word from Pope Francis

Mutual understanding of our [Catholic and Jewish] spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness...to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination.

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel at Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014

Prayer for Life and the Family

God of all people,
draw us into your way of loving.
Help us to stop drawing lines in the sand and in our hearts.
Expand our hearts to make room for all your people.
Give us the virtues of curiosity, understanding, and selflessness.
Teach us to long for the unity you desire.
Amen.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

****Please contact Fr. Louis
to arrange for baptism of your child****

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
who has not received the sacraments of initiation,
please contact the Parish Office to ensure
that you are registered with the parish ****



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community**

Zievb Bechayda

who was baptized recently at St. Gerard.

**May this child and his family
experience joy and new life.**

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 would like to join
a Youth Choir who rehearse weekly
and minister monthly at Sunday Mass,
please contact Maria Rica Adane
at 306.621.0093



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



Are you available to sing during the day???

Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard
Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for
details!



News from the CWL



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

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

It's the sale you wait for!

St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 6th - 1pm to 8pm

Thursday, Sept. 7th - 9am to 8pm

Friday, Sept. 8th - 9am to noon

Something for everyone!

Household, clothing, books, jewellery,
toys, holiday items and more!

NEW ITEMS DAILY!

Coffee & Pie Special - \$3.00 - All day, each day!



News from the Knights of Columbus



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*

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

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

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 - 7th Avenue, Regina. There is a change
for August. Mass will be August 20. All are welcome!



Bringing Home the Word

Celebrating God's Love for All

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I watched a friend tell a group of children the story of the good shepherd. On the floor in front of him were wooden sheep, a shepherd figurine, and a fenced-in area. He had placed one of the wooden sheep a little bit away from the scene.

Before he got halfway through the story, one child raised her hand and asked why the sheep was by itself. He explained that the sheep was lost and asked what she would do about it. She looked for a minute, then picked up the little figure and returned it to the fenced area with the other sheep. He used that as the basis for his story, pointing out that Jesus cares for us the same way and will not leave us out of the flock.

In today's readings, we celebrate God's love for all people—including all who raise their voices in claim to the love of God, those who are not like us, and those who are strange, disenfranchised, and annoying.

The woman in the Gospel was not Jewish, and the disciples tried to keep her away. But in her faith, she cried to Jesus—and he heard her.

Matthew says that after her, many Gentiles (non-Jews) came to Jesus. He welcomed and healed them. He also fed them as easily as he fed the 5,000 Jews, whose story we've often heard.

We might see these strangers as unloving and unlovable, but God isn't bound by what we see. Their faith, too, is a conduit for God's grace and compassion.

The little girl who saw a sheep by itself was moved with compassion.

So is God for all who seek him.

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

– Martin Luther King Jr.
(The Promise of a New Day)

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.

To offer a Mass, please stop into the Parish Office during regular office hours.

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!

Coming up in August.....

K of C Inter-council Golf Tournament
Thursday, August 24th

CWL Executive Meeting
Monday, August 28th

CWL General Meeting
Wednesday, August 30th

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	(21 st):	4:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal
Fri.	(25 th):	4:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Faith of the Gentile Woman"

This Week...

Gentiles are no longer outsiders. Isaiah proclaims that they are welcomed to the holy mountain, and Paul affirms them as his favourites, despite the jealousy of some Jews. Even though Jews are taught to despise Gentiles for their unholy ways, Jesus finally gives this Gentile woman high praise and heals her daughter.

For Your Reflection

In Jesus' time the Jewish faith had very strict dietary laws regarding what foods could be eaten and what kinds of dishes the food could be eaten from. On the other hand, Gentiles could eat anything. Some Jews likened them to dogs, who would often be given leftover food to eat off the ground. So when Jesus and this woman speak about children and dogs, they are definitely talking about the Jews and the Gentiles.

- This Gentile woman is brave, standing up to the disciples and even to Jesus. She has a point to make, and they listen. Have you ever been that persistent in a conversation with someone who had "higher" status than you? If so, what happened?

- Does our society think of some people as "dogs"? If so, who are the dogs of our society? Who is seen as holding lower status? What is your usual response to people such as these? What would be the Christian response that Jesus calls us to? What makes that such a difficult response?

- Do you have any close friends who are Jewish? If you have friends who are Orthodox Jews, then they still obey certain dietary rules. Have you ever heard them talk of kosher foods? What kinds of things do they eat?

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.

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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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.

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

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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:

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