

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Ann Ostapovich
Sat. (27th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Gladys Molnar

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
+Steve Horacki
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Marjorie Gunn

Sun. (28th): *Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Helen Nagy

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Jerome Niezgoda
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (23rd): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Fri. (26th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (27th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

**New to the parish??
WELCOME !!!**



Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

Has your address or phone number changed recently? Please contact the Parish Office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE: *Saturday, September 3rd will be the last mass celebrated at Good Spirit Lake Hall this year.*

Last week, at the CWL National Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Father Francis celebrated Mass for the Repose of the Soul of +Rudy Gulash, +Horace Jackson, +Marion Novakowski and +Ann Ostapovich.

Catechism Theme: Religion and Faith (CCC 31-35)

The primary goal of our human existence is to know and love God. There are many ways to achieve a loving relationship with the Almighty. We can approach him through creation, the wonders in the universe that inspire awe and wonder. We can approach him through introspection, a realization that humanity contains virtues and values that transcend the context of a particular time and space. The outward journey of creation and the inward journey of self lead to one conclusion. There is a source and final end to existence that transcends both. There is a God.

However, we have limits on how far we reach out for God. At some point, we must open ourselves to the message God gives us. More important, we must be willing to accept the gift he gives us. No matter how hard we try, we cannot achieve union with God by our own efforts. We must surrender self to God and allow him to become Lord of our lives.

Many have made a distinction between religion and faith. They have a point, but one cannot be divorced from the other. Religion is the context for faith. While being active members of a church may not bring us closer to God, membership certainly helps. It pricks our hard hearts and jabs our dull minds toward God and what he offers us. Religion sharpens the focus so we can accept God's gifts and grow in his presence.

What church practices help you grow closer to God? Which hinder that growth? Why do you think some help and some don't?

Yes, being religious is not enough. But, how well can someone be spiritual without the support of a community and a tradition? Jesus clearly did not reject the traditions or people of Israel. He simply challenged his listeners to take the next step. Stop trusting what you think. And begin to trust God.

Jesus' words challenge us to shake off religious complacency and seek out God. Trust in God is the key. Trust is the only way we can even begin to know the mind of God.

What religious practice will you use this week to come closer to God? How will this practice open your heart and sharpen your mind to see God in your life?

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Please join us in honouring the



On their 100th Anniversary of dedicated service to Yorkton & Area

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Divine Liturgy - 4:30 pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
Gathering - 6:00 pm and Banquet - 6:30 pm (Program to follow)
at St. Gerard Parish Hall

Banquet Tickets - Adults: \$25 available at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Office



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Classes have been scheduled for September 4, 11 & 18. Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible to register: 306.782.2449

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

****Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs only at the Parish****

AND: In the Archdiocese of Regina, there is no charge or fee associated with receiving the sacraments. At St. Gerard Church, all required supplies are provided by the parish.



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!! You are invited to choir rehearsals! Check the bulletin for days and times.

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.



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
ARE YOU EAGER TO
SERVE THE LORD AT SUNDAY MASS?

Please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093 for information about registering your child/youth for the St. Gerard Youth Choir!



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. 8th - 9am to 8pm

Friday, Sept. 9th - 9am to noon

Coffee & Pie Special ** Produce Table



News from the Knights of Columbus



August 23
August 28

Evening bingo
Fourth Degree installation of officers @
2:30pm

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

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation and Evangelization Program:

"Go, make disciples!"

"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium. Through the Lay Formation and Evangelization program, we are meeting this challenge today as we help men and women of all ages and stages of life encounter the joy of the Gospel. Over the course of our three-year program, we will deepen your understanding of the Church and your faith through solid teaching by our diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women, all experts in their respected fields. As your confidence in the areas of theology, ethics, and social justice, scripture, liturgy, and the spiritual life grows, you will be able to speak confidently about the church, your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ in your family, the workplace, the parish and the wider community.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. Please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out. - Art Linkletter

Good News!

August 21, 2016

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 66:18–21 / Heb 12:5–7, 11–13 / Lk 13:22–30

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Don't forget where you come from." I remember thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in today's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Don't forget where you come from."

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Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website?? www.stgerard.ca

It is easy to use and is compatible with devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our **Mass Schedule** for the upcoming 7 days is now available **on every page** of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in the Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections.



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.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Discipline"

This Week...

Isaiah tells us that people from every foreign land will be brought to Jerusalem by every means possible - camels, mules, carts, chariots, and the like. Some of these foreigners will be given the honour of priesthood. This is a surprise to Jews who are taught to avoid Gentiles. Jesus has a similar surprise for us - some people assumed to be rejected will be accepted, and some people expecting to be accepted will be rejected.

How can we improve our chances of admission through this narrow door? By heeding the gentle discipline that God gives us.

For Your Reflection

Life's problems can be seen as challenges that help you to grow well and to learn important skills. As God's creatures are imperfect, so we need to help one another toward a final perfection that is a gift from God.

- What difficulty or crisis in your life has taught you a lot? Do you think you have grown from dealing with it? How?

Discipline from parents and teachers and coaches is often not desired, yet it is usually given because of love.

- What do you think motivates parents and teachers and coaches? Why do they do the things they do for you? What is their purpose as they attempt to give you discipline?
- How have you benefited from the discipline and influence of parents, teachers, or coaches? Have other adults in your life helped you become a more mature individual? Who are they and what influence have they had?

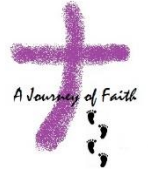
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LOST SOMETHING?

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.

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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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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