



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5pm (7pm at Good Spirit Lake 'til Aug. 29); Sunday: 9am & 11am

CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9am and 4pm.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (24 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (25 th)	7pm +Verona Zuback
Wed. (26 th)	7pm +Wanda Gebhard
Thurs. (27 th)	7pm Russell Griffith
Fri. (28 th)	7pm +Mark Banga
Sat. (29 th)	9am +Harold Keyser
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	5pm Mass for the People
	7pm GOOD SPIRIT LAKE (final one) Mass for the People
Sun. (30 th)	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
	9am +Maria-Irene Kohls & +Thomas Riechert
	11am +Jacinto & +Pompeya Sabio

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH

Per the Government of Saskatchewan and the Archdiocese of Regina directives, Father Louis celebrates Saturday/Sunday Mass for **a limited number of people at 3 Masses.** Please be patient as we are doing our best to follow the guidelines and to welcome as many people as possible.

All those wishing to attend must pre-register:

1. Check out the link at www.stgerard.ca and complete the registration form for you and your household between Monday morning and Thursday at 4pm (or until registration is full).

2. **Only if you do not have access to the internet,** phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 Monday at 9am until Thursday at noon. If leaving a message, please include your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.

3. **Please wear your mask** from the time that you leave your vehicle, and from the time you leave the church until you arrive at your vehicle.

All must receive confirmation from the Parish Office prior to attending Mass. Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 1/2 hour prior to weekday Mass, Saturdays 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or by appointment. Phone 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323



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Lord, you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven to your people. Help me be your wise and responsible servant.

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

A Note from Your Pastor.....

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Gospel for this weekend we hear a story of Peter's profession of faith in Jesus. Peter was only one in the group of twelve disciples who made his great declaration of faith in Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". And, in return, Jesus responds that Peter is blessed, and he will be the rock on which Jesus will build His Church.

We all know this story, even every detail of it. Therefore, I will not re-tell the story in my message but I invite you to reflect on the personality of Peter, a special disciple with many good characteristics.

Let us take a close look at the relationship between Jesus and Peter. I think it will help us to grow as disciples of Jesus, and it will show us how best to help those whom we love.

Peter has a vocation. One day, at the shore of the Lake of Galilee, the Lord sees Peter and his brother Andrew washing their net and invites them to "follow me and I will make you fishers of people". Immediately, Peter leaves everything and follows Jesus.

The Lord is inviting us but in different ways. He may say to us, follow me, I will make you a good husband or a good wife, I will make you a good Christian or I will make you my witness. Are we immediately leaving something behind to follow him?

When Jesus calls Peter, he obviously sees potential in him. We all need someone to believe in us. It is hard to believe in ourselves if no one else believes in us. Peter does not think that he deserves the call. He himself says "Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful man". Jesus does not deny that Peter is a sinner, but he challenges Peter to grow.

We need to be challenged. Demands have to be made on us. Not to have someone demand anything from us is to condemn us to unfruitfulness.

Peter himself fails the Lord. In giving authority to the man, who denies him, Jesus wants to show that he is establishing His Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself.

Jesus asks Peter to declare his loyalty. Once when a large number of people leave him, Jesus turns to Peter and asks, "will you also leave?" This question causes Peter to look into his own heart and to stand up for Jesus. Do we look into our hearts to see how deep our love is for the Lord?

Jesus corrects Peter when he takes the sword in the Garden of Gethsemane in order to prevent the soldiers from arresting Jesus. He says to Peter, "Put away your sword". Using violence or weapons is not always right. Sometimes when we acknowledge God's will, we have to obey and accept the challenge.

Jesus understands that when Peter denies him, he does so more out of weakness than out of malice. He forgives him and gives him a chance to start again. We also need someone who can understand our weaknesses, and who does not write us off when we do not bear good fruits right away.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Peter's story is our story. Sometimes we are strong and other times we are weak. Without a warm, loving relationship with Christ, we are only Christians by name. We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love. We learn from Peter for he allows God to work through him. Yes, like Peter, let us allow God to correct, challenge and lift us up so we can continue our journey to follow the Lord.

Today when we hear this story we are invited to renew our relationship with the Lord, to go deeper and deeper in our relationship with him. When we have a strong relationship with the Lord, we are bricks for the Lord to build up His Church in this world.

I wish all of you a very blessed weekend, and enjoy the warm weather. We keep one another in our prayers, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic time. May God bless us all.

In Christ

Fr. Louis Nguyen



Happy Birthday Father Louis!
Tuesday, August 25th

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life. Hear the prayers of Father Louis, your servant, who recalls today the day of his birth and rejoices in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.

Bless him with your presence and surround him with your love that he may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Season of Creation and Jubilee for the Earth

Laudato Si', 13: The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.

Youth Group Evening, Mon Aug 31, 7:00 pm Presentation: What can we do about Climate Change? and Season of Creation 2020 - Making an Action Plan Social distancing will be maintained as we gather in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact *Linda Maddaford, 306.783.3924*



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

Please pray for our youth who will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and who will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time:

August 23rd and August 30th



FIRST RECONCILIATION

PARENTS – Do you have a child going into Grade 3 (or older) who has received First Communion but has not celebrated First Reconciliation?

Please email the Parish Office to register for the First Reconciliation Preparation Sessions, starting in September. office@stgerard.ca



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community
those who were baptized
recently at St. Gerard:**

Roselle Singca
Jaxson Johnson
Maizie Delong

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

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples - Fall Session. We are preparing dates for the Fall Session of Marriage Prep. At this point in time the sessions will include private study and Zoom meetings. If you are marrying in the next year and have not taken the Marriage Prep Course, please call Father Louis.



News from the CWL



The St. Gerard C.W.L.'s Gigantic Garage Sale has been CANCELLED for September 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please do not bring items to the church or Father's garage. Thank you!

St. Gerard's C.W.L. is having a raffle with three prizes: 1st prize - \$200 Cash; 2nd prize - Double Quilt & 2 Shams; and 3rd prize - Twin Quilt & Sham. Draw date is December 5, 2020 with proceeds to Palliative Care. **Ticket Books are available in the Welcome Area** and all members are asked to please pick up a book (or more) of tickets and sign your name and telephone number on the sheet provided beside the ticket books. If you are unable to pick up a book, please call Paulette (306-782-7923). Thank you.



News from the Knights of Columbus



August 25 Articles for "The Word" due
August 28-30 Bowl for Kids Sake

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca*

New to the parish? WELCOME!!! If you are attending weekday or Sunday Masses, please introduce yourself to Father Louis! New Parishioner forms are available. You may download the form online at www.stgerard.ca and mail/email it to 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.

To offer a Mass, please contact the Parish Office for more information – phone/email Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the children and youth of our parish who have received
the Gift of the Holy Spirit,
and have joined us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time.



August 23rd & August 30th, 2020



CONFIRMATION – Second Sacrament of Initiation FIRST EUCHARIST – Third Sacrament of Initiation

Evan Antony	Yale Pangilinan
Sofia Arzanan	Charlotte Pasloski
Edrin Badowich	Phillip Quinto
Alliah Bagoncia	Bristol Santo
Nathan Bernauer	Elle Schwartz
Storm Capili	Emmanuel Senada**
Jack Gotengco	Brylee Senchuk
Elena Hardy	Madison Signarowski
Liam Hellegards	Jareed Singkala
Rylee Hershmilller	Luc Szysky
Ryker Katzberg	Alexander Ubongen
Sym Legaspino	Bo Walsh
Braxton Moen	Clare Watling
Mylo Murray	Makayla Matsalla

*** indicates First Holy Communion only*



Bringing Home the Word

Upon this Rock

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the Church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return.

Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance, by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through abandonment to God's action.

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock."

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Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify the Parish Office.

We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail your charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

The COVID-19 virus has impacted individuals world-wide. St. Gerard's Parish is no exception. One of the consequences of many being able to gather together for Mass is that our revenue has decreased. Despite availing ourselves to government relief programs, our expenses continue.

Thank you to those who are able to contribute by one of the following methods:

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

After downloading the [Pre-Authorized Giving Form](#), please complete it, attach a void cheque, & mail it to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Online through CanadaHelps

Credit card donations may be made through CanadaHelps by clicking [here](#).

Mail envelopes to the church

You may mail cheques (not cash), enclosed in your offertory envelope to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Interac e-Transfer

1. Log into your online banking account.
2. Find e-Transfer and add giving@stgerard.ca to your recipient list.
3. Enter the desired amount.
4. A question, answer, or password is not required by St. Gerard Church, however it may be required by your financial institution. If so, please email the question and answer to giving@stgerard.ca with your name, mailing address and telephone number so that we can ensure your contribution is recorded properly.

Please note that this is a secure transfer deposited directly to the church's account.

If you have an envelope number, your donation will be reflected in your annual charitable donation receipt.

St. Gerard Parish
Comparative Income Statement to July 31, 2020

	2020	2019	Change		2020	2019	Change
REVENUE				COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Collections	140,106	156,213	-16,106	Family & Social	0	261	-261
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	7,568	5,580	1,988	Ecumenical	0	28	-28
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	6,367	8794.3	787	Liturgy	2,958	4,627	-1,668
Annual Fall Supper (net)	0	0	0	Stewardship	0	0	0
Catering	4,791	31,306	-26,515	Religious Education	812	1,918	-1,106
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	<u>158,832</u>	<u>201,892</u>	<u>-43,061</u>	Social Justice	182	892	-710
Building Fund Donations	6,326	5,960	366	Youth	0	1,112	-1,112
Trust Fund Donations	0	0	0	Community Life	0	94	-94
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>165,158</u>	<u>207,852</u>	<u>-42,695</u>	Public Relations	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENSES				Pastoral & Finance Council	75	971	-896
Pastoral	75	1,707	-1,632	Refugee Family Committee (net)	0	18,897	-18,897
Parish Office	11,682	12,465	-783	Cemetery Expense	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	29,650	30,440	-790	Total Committee Expenses	<u>4,027</u>	<u>28,800</u>	<u>-24,773</u>
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	66,615	65,169	1,446	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>165,568</u>	<u>224,921</u>	<u>-59,353</u>
Building:				NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(\$411)</u>	<u>(\$17,069)</u>	<u>\$16,658</u>
Sask Energy	4,281	4,233	48				
Sask Power	8,649	11,479	-2,831				
Water	985	1,819	-834				
Property Taxes	0	7,646	-7,646				
Insurance	11,243	12,751	-1,508				
Parking Lot	4,693	4,138	555				
Garbage/recycling	724	1,618	-893				
Repairs & maintenance	6,383	11,104	-4,720				
Total Building	<u>36,957</u>	<u>54,787</u>	<u>-17,829</u>				
Hall:							
Wages, Salaries, etc.	6,318	13,021	-6,703				
Catering	2,757	10,962	-8,204				
Administrative Expenses	76	838	-762				
Total Hall	<u>9,152</u>	<u>24,821</u>	<u>-15,670</u>				
Rectory	7,410	6,733	676				

Approved by Parish Council

Please note that we continue to avail ourselves to government relief programs.

Calling Teens and University Students

Are you looking to meet some new people, look at some of life's big questions and have a few laughs along the way?

Please join us for "Alpha" Online. There will be a few opportunities for us to potentially gather in person as a group, but the majority of the gatherings will happen online. We promise it will be an hour WELL SPENT each week!

So Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM, starting on July 8th. No need to register. Just join us on ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/j/643587934>

Any questions contact Michelle:
mbraden@archregina.sk.ca

Blogs and Podcasts and Websites

(Ctrl+Click to follow the link)

- [Amazing Parish Thrive](#)
- [Thinking Faith](#) - with Dr. Brett Salkeld and Deacon Eric Gurash
- [Barefoot and Preaching](#) - Leah Perrault

Books and Other Resources

(Ctrl+Click to follow the link)

- [Free Catholic Novels](#)
- [What's Next for the Church](#) - A PDF book from Word on Fire
- [A Celebration of the Word of God](#) - St. Therese Institute

Archdiocese of Regina on Social Media

We invite you to like us on Facebook, we will have regular Facebook Live prayers and we would love to have you join us!

www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofRegina/

You can also find us on Twitter @archdioceseofreg and on Instagram archdioceseofregina.

Compassionate Listening

If you find that during this difficult time you need a compassionate listening ear, visit:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/archregina-outreach>

for a list of spiritual directors and candidates in training who have volunteered their time to be there for anyone who is struggling.

Prayers, Devotions and Resources



Visit the Prayers and Devotions page to find information on daily mass, daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of social distancing.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/prayers-devotions-resources>

YOU are invited! Archbishop's Appeal Newsletter *new!*

Every year, the Archbishop's Appeal develop a campaign that includes the production of promotional materials and postage. This year, we have established a goal to reduce these expenses!

We are inviting you to follow the campaigns online through the *Archbishop's Appeal newsletter*. You will have access to all promotional materials such as videos and stories, giving options, and news updates.

The Archbishop's Appeal supports the various Archdiocesan ministry programs and provides grants to community outreach organizations and charities while contributing to the Archdiocese's sustainability.

Subscribe for free here:

<http://eepurl.com/g9jMh5>

Livestream of Daily and Sunday Masses - Resurrection Parish/Christ the King Parish (Regina)

are available at **9am** at the following link:

www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

Daily & Sunday Mass may also be viewed:

Vision TV (check your local TV listing)

www.dailytvmass.com

www.saltandlighttv.org/live/?muid=1

Your St. Gerard Parish COVID-19 Questions Answered

On March 18, 2020, Archbishop Donald Bolen, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, granted to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation. This is still in effect.

What does this mean? As Roman Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Until further notice, Archbishop Don has granted an exemption from this obligation. For those who are unable or choose not to attend Sunday Mass at this time, you do not have to. Other ways to participate in Sunday Mass is to watch it on television or watch the YouTube Mass online, courtesy of Resurrection Parish & Christ the King Parish (Regina) and the Archdiocese of Regina.

What happens if someone at Mass develops COVID-19? All parishioners who have pre-registered will be contacted.

Why do I need to wear a mask? All those who attend both daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses are asked to wear a mask. The parish has a small supply of fabric masks for those who do not have one. Please remember to put your mask on before exiting your vehicle prior to entering the church.

Why do I need to register each time when I would like to attend Mass? We are blessed at St. Gerard's to have a large parish family! In order to provide all parishioners with an equal opportunity to attend Sunday Mass, it is necessary to register each week.

Why can't I sit in my usual place? In order to accommodate as many singles, couples, and families as possible, it is necessary to assign seat numbers so that all are able to celebrate safely.

Carefully attending [to the directives] is the best way to ensure that we won't contribute to the spreading of the virus, and the most helpful step we can take in convincing government and health officials that opening our churches to larger numbers is a safe and responsible thing to do.

PRAYER FOR ANXIETY

Today, I pray for all those who suffer from anxiety in the midst of this exceptional situation we are going through.

May they get comfort, Lord, both in your unlimited Love and in the community.

Holy Spirit, be our light so that we keep faith in the heart of our daily lives and in that way, we may transform fear into hope. Amen.

Lord God,

I pray for all who have become sick or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading around the world.

In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,

In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,

In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have become sick,

Welcome into your arms the ones that died, comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.

In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.

In love, I give glory to your name.

In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

As we approach the Season of Creation, let us reflect on and pray the prayer offered by Pope Francis, May 24, 2020:

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI'
“Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity”

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians.

Amen.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Keys to the Kingdom"

This Week...

The Gospel suggests that the key to knowing who Jesus is lies in using the power to forgive others. We all have that power. To experience forgiving another person is to experience the forgiving power of Jesus and to know who Jesus is and what his kingdom is like.

For Your Reflection

Keys are a symbol of trust and authority, along with responsibility.

- When have you been given keys? Do you have a key to your family's house? Your family's car? Your place of work? A room at school? What responsibility comes with being entrusted with a key?
- Have you ever locked your keys in a car? Have you ever locked yourself out of the house? If so, how did it happen? How did you feel? What did you do?

A rock is a symbol of solidness and strength. Rocks are hard to break, but they can break other things easily.

- Why is a rock a good symbol for faith?
- How would you describe your own faith? Is it as strong as a rock? Or is it more like a soft, weak substance, such as mashed potatoes, shaving cream, or a dried-out, crumbling leaf?

Peter isn't perfect. Remember, before Jesus is crucified, Pete denies him three times, just as Jesus predicted he would. Yet Jesus trusts him to be the leader of his disciples.

- Why would Jesus trust Peter to be the leader of his disciples?
- If being perfect is not a condition for having faith, what are the qualities that mark a strong faith?

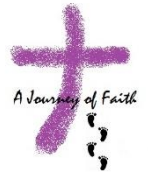
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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.

OFFERING A MASS

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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 Regina 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