



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**August 26, 2018**  
**Twenty-first Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Marian Bugoy
Tues. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	Victoria Yaremko
Wed. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:30 pm	+Ruth Molnar
Thurs. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Helen Krasowski
Fri. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Ellen MacKenzie
Sat. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Alex Puchala

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5:00 pm GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL  
Special Intentions  
7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People  
11:00 am +John Kolodziejki

*Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.*



The Art and Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church! Please drop off in the Flower Room prior to noon on Fridays. Thanks!

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Half-hour before Saturday morning and 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 1.306.530.0126

### CONTACT US

New Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, you reveal the wisdom of God in the hearts of all people. Help me teach others by example the wisdom of your love, forgiveness, and peace.

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

## Catechism Theme: Wounds to Christian Unity (CCC 817)

Faith in Christ does indeed bring scandal. But many leave the Catholic Church or Christianity itself because of sinfulness. Power, possessions, and position can drive more away than the scandal of faith. Each must take responsibility for his or her actions and their consequences, no matter which side he or she may stand.

But, just because one leaves the Church or joins another congregation does not mean God has rejected him or her. Those in other Churches and ecclesial communities offer their followers means of sanctification: God's written word and a life of grace (the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, along with the gifts of the Spirit). Those washed in the waters of Baptism and living a life of faith have the right to be called Christian. Even those who reject Christ and his Church are called to return by means we may never know. So, those who leave the Catholic Church for another community, and those who leave Christianity altogether need to be treated with respect and charity, not distance and disdain. For our actions may be part of God's plan that will eventually bring the lost back to Christ and the fullness of Christian life.

*Do you know of someone who has left the Church or rejected Christ? What sort of relationship do you have with that person? How can you help them return?*

In an era of "cafeteria Christianity" let us remember why we are Catholics, but let us also empathize with those who have doubts. Let us lead those in a faith crisis by prayer, compassion, and honesty. Finally, let us remember that faith and faithfulness are gifts from God. We cannot impose them on others.

*Take a moment to reflect on your relationship with Christ. How has your trust in Jesus grown with your maturity in the Christian life? Where would you like to take that relationship? Where do you think Christ wants to take that relationship? Take a few steps closer to Christ this week.*

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## Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER** there will be an opportunity for you to schedule a photography session for you and your family. Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church.

There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.

**For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Colleen at 306.783.8164**

## Breaking Through the Boundaries

The sacrament of the Eucharist, as the sacrament of the presence of Christ among and within us, has the unique power to unite us into one body, irrespective of age, colour, race or gender, emotional condition, economic status, or social background. The Eucharist breaks through all these boundaries and creates the one body of Christ, living in the world as a vibrant sign of unity and community.

Jesus prays fervently to his Father: "May they all be one, just as, Father, you are in me and I am in you, so that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me" (John 17:21). The Eucharist is the sacrament of this divine unity lived out among all people.

Text excerpts taken from *Bread for the Journey*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

### ATTENTION PARENTS!

If your child has not received the sacraments of **Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation**, please register after Mass the weekends of September 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>.

If your child was not baptized at St. Gerard, a copy of his/her baptism certificate is required.

**For those who have already received First Communion**, a First Reconciliation Program begins Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!



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

Marina Dela Cruz  
Molly Kozak                      Leo Tardiff

May these children and their families  
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?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email [youthchoir@stgerard.ca](mailto:youthchoir@stgerard.ca)



### News from the CWL

Aug. 27  
Aug. 29

Executive Meeting  
General Meeting & finalize  
details of the Garage Sale

@ 7pm



It's the sale you wait for!

## St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>    - 9am to 8pm  
Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>       - 9am to noon

Something for everyone!  
Household, clothing, books, jewellery,  
toys, holiday items and more!

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

Everyone is welcome!



### News from the Knights of Columbus



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)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION PRESENTATION

Wednesday, August 29th

Holy Child Parish, 2636 7<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Regina, SK  
Potluck Supper at 5pm                      Presentation at 7pm  
Guest Speaker: Niigaan James Sinclair

If you can't make it for supper, please feel free to attend just the presentation. Please call Sr ReAnne at 306.540.3686 if you have any questions.

Niigaan is the son of Justice Murray Sinclair. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair is Anishinabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and an associate professor at the University of Manitoba. He is an award-winning writer, editor and activist who was named one of *Monocle Magazine's* "Canada's Top 20 Most Influential People" and is currently a columnist with *The Winnipeg Free Press*. He has written national curriculums for the Assembly of First Nations and Indspire and has given workshops to over 20,000 educators across Canada. His first book on Anishinaabeg literary traditions will be coming out with the University of Minnesota Press in 2019.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Nowhere to Go, but with Jesus

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When confronted with a new idea or a new way of doing things, many of us hesitate. There is often a bit of fear in trying something new, and changing the way we do things is sometimes uncomfortable. I remember when we moved from an apartment to a new house. I was very unsettled for several days until a new routine could be established and the many boxes were out of the way. It was a change, and I didn't like it at first. Now I can't imagine that we would have raised our family anywhere else.

The many disciples who were following Jesus listened intently as he talked to them about living bread, and eating and drinking his flesh and blood. That new way of thinking was as unsettling as our new house had been—maybe more so. The apostles who were closest to him even admitted that it was a hard saying to accept, and John records that many followers left him and "returned to their former way of life." But the apostles were willing to wrestle with it not because they were so wise, smart, or understanding, but because they believed that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that compelled them to follow him even to death. They had nowhere else to go; Jesus alone could give them what they craved: eternal life.

I've often wondered what I might have said had Jesus asked me if I also wanted to go away. I hope I could have overcome my fear long enough to recognize Jesus for who he was and for the gift he was bringing me.

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## YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

***Come and be a part of making a difference!***

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email [hannelle\\_23@hotmail.com](mailto:hannelle_23@hotmail.com)

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

## VOLUNTEER HALL EVENT COORDINATORS WANTED

If you would like to volunteer to coordinate one of our Hall events, please contact Father Louis or leave your name at the Parish Office. If you are unsure and would like more details, we can talk about it. Training provided and all procedures will be reviewed and outlined.

## HALL COOKS WANTED

Paid per event. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

*Submitted by the St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee*

Bring the whole family to **Serena Saskatchewan's** seventh annual **Run for the Family** on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00am at Meewasin Park North in Saskatoon. Choose to run or walk 1km, 3km, or 5km (strollers welcome). Register at [www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com) (races – province SK –search by date or name) by September 13<sup>th</sup>; family rate available. Receive registration goodie bags, post-race treats, door prizes, and medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each event. Pledges can be collected in support of SERENA; prizes awarded (20% of collection). If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation to Serena Saskatchewan. For more info, contact [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Thurs. (30<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg
- Fri. (31<sup>st</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Mon. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): *Parish Office Closed*  
*(will reopen at 1pm Tuesday)*

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Serving God"

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

God has always been faithful and loyal to us. The question is this: Will we be faithful? Joshua directs that pointed question to the tribes of Israel. They choose to follow the God who led them and their ancestors out of Egypt. Jesus asks that pointed question as well. Simon Peter's famous reply is, "To whom shall we go?" In other words, there is no one else to follow. Paul asks husbands and wives to be loyal and faithful to each other the way the church is to be faithful to Jesus. Loyalty and faithfulness start in the home, with the family.

#### **For Your Reflection**

When Joshua tells the tribes of Israelites that he and his family have chosen to serve the one true God, he is able to speak on behalf of his wife and children. In his culture children and women are property. Whatever the husband and father says the wife and children have to agree with.

- Do you disagree with any of the opinions that your parents have? Do you and your parents have the same preferences in the area of religious beliefs and practices? Or do you have different styles of faith and prayer? If there are differences, how are they dealt with at home?
- Do you think that life would be simpler, better and easier if all children were required to agree with their parents and go along with whatever they say? Why or why not?
- When children disagree with parents, what are some respectful and courteous ways to communicate with parents and discuss important issues? How can children and parents get along and deal with huge differences that can separate them and cause negative feelings?

Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



**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)

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