



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

August 27, 2017

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. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Ann Bisschop  
 Tues. (29<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Jimmy Flavel  
 Wed. (30<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- *CTTCS Opening Mass*  
 +Jamie Kelbough  
 Thurs. (31<sup>st</sup>): 9:00 am- +Rita Myrowsky  
 Fri. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): NO MASS

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
 7:00 pm- +Jody Churko

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

9:00 am- Mass for the People  
 11:00 am- +Bienvenido Bacalso Jr.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in  
peace. Amen.*

### 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 1.306.530.0126

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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. Amen.

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

St. Gerard Church  
**Annual Parish Fall Supper**

September 24, 2017  
 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Adults: \$17.00

Children 6 – 13 yrs.: \$10.00

Pre-schoolers under 6: Free

The Fall Supper is a source of revenue for the parish. **But more importantly**, it is an opportunity for parishioners to come together as a community to get to know one another in a casual setting.

Grateful and heartfelt **THANKS** to the many volunteers who have helped in the past. **GOD BLESS** those who are able to continue with their involvement, and a huge **WELCOME** to those who come to help for the first time.

**How Can You Be Involved? You may donate:**

**Food:**

Please bring pies, desserts, or salads to the Parish Hall during the day Saturday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) before 3:30pm and Sunday (September 24<sup>th</sup>) before 1:00pm. This way we will be able to have the pies and desserts sorted better.

**Cooking:**

If you are able to help out in preparing the meal on Saturday or even able to help on Sunday this would be much appreciated.

**Help at the Supper:**

We always need help at the supper: resetting tables, cleaning tables, making coffee, ushering, and serving.

**Lend a Hand:**

Again if you are able to help anywhere - *“Many Hands Make Work Light.”*

**Look for the sign-up sheets starting September 2-3, 2017!!!**

*Buy a ticket, enjoy your meal and get to know your fellow parishioners!*

*For more information, call Jeff at the Parish Hall at 306.783.4255 from 8am to 5pm Monday - Friday*



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News  
 August 28 - September 1, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Thurs.				•Kindergarten Parent Mtg @ 7pm		

~ Classes commence Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> ~

**“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”**

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

**\*\*Please contact Fr. Louis to arrange for baptism of your child. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-9pm.**

### 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 \*\***



*Congratulations to  
**Love Domanillo & Arlene Gajeto**  
who were married at St. Gerard  
on August 26<sup>th</sup>*

*May the Lord be with them  
every day of their married life*



### News from the CWL



Mon., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting @ 7pm  
Wed., Aug 30<sup>th</sup> General & Garage Sale Meeting @ 7pm

### Garage Sale Drop-off

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 2pm – 5pm

### The CWL needs you!

Can you help work at our Garage Sale? It's a fun experience!

If you can spare any time to volunteer with the sale, please call Rosella at 306.782.7042. Thank you!

### Also....pies, pies, pies!

Besides being known for our great Garage Sale treasures, our coffee and pie special is famous! With our Garage Sale just around the corner, we will need pies! Please bring your pies to the hall the week of the sale.

It's the sale you wait for!

## St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 1pm to 8pm

Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 8pm

Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – 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



Sept. 1 Afternoon bingo  
Sept. 6 Exec./Director Meeting – calendar of  
events for the year  
Sept. 13 General Meeting  
Sept. 15 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). More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

#### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

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](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

#### Are you called to visit the sick, elderly or homebound?

“Ministry of Care Training” (sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina) is open to all faith communities. This one-day program is an introduction to those who would like to know more about being a Spiritual Care Visitor within a health care facility but also valuable for parish/church home and nursing home ministry. The workshop will be held at Christ the King Parish (3239 Garnet Street), Saturday, September 9, 2017 (registration 8:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.). Cost \$25 (includes lunch). Please contact Karen Ziegler at 306-766-5991 or Susan Askin at 639-625-7092 for further information or for a registration form.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Get Ready for Change

By Mary Katharine Deeley

The last long days of summer are always a paradox. We anticipate the break in the summer heat and look for the crisp, cool air that refreshes us.

Children play outside as though they can't get enough of summer even as they get new school supplies and look forward to seeing their friends. Everywhere is a sense of change. Something is about to happen, and we won't be the same.

I wonder whether Peter felt the same way. He and the disciples had seen Jesus heal, cast out demons, and teach the ways of God. But did Peter and the disciples really know what they were getting into or who they were following? Students are often tested at the end of summer vacation to see what they've learned and retained. Did the disciples have any sense that this might happen to them? Change is in the air and, ready or not, the lessons of the past are about to be put to the test.

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked. Peter's answer shows he's been paying attention. He names Jesus for who he truly is—the Messiah.

Peter gets more than he bargained for. His name is changed, his life is changed, and he finds himself at the head of the class. Maybe he longed for the time he could fish all day, but now he's headed toward Jerusalem on the path that brings him face to face with the living God.

Vacation is almost over for us now as well, and school will soon begin. What have we learned from our encounters with God this summer?

Are we open, as Peter was, to be really changed by him?

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Upcoming Parish Events can be found online at <http://www.stgerard.ca/events-calendar.php>

Check it out today!!

## Prayer for Life and the Family

*God of flesh and blood,  
You took on our skin, our humanity,  
to save us.*

*In your image we live, bearing witness to you.*

*Let our lives open doors,  
inviting others into your Kingdom.*

*Teach us to be responsible with the power and  
possibility that come with following you.*

*Amen.*

## 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!

## A Word from Pope Francis

Peter knocks at the door. Behold! There is joy, there is fear... "Do we open, do we not?" ... Fear paralyzes us, it always paralyzes us; it makes us close in on ourselves, closed to God's surprises. This detail speaks to us of a constant temptation for the Church, that of closing in on herself in the face of danger. But we also see the small openings through which God can work... Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy...from division to unity.

—Mass and blessing of sacred pallium for new archbishops,  
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2016

*Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.*

—E.C. McKenzie (Action 2000)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	4:00 pm- 7:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal CWL Executive Mtg.
Wed. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm-	CWL General & Garage Sale Mtg.
Fri. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	2:00 pm- 4:00 pm-	Garage Sale drop-off Youth Choir rehearsal

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"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.*

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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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## 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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