



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 5, 2018
Eighteenth 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. (6 th):	9:00 am	THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD +Alex & +Beatrice Puchala
Tues. (7 th):	7:00 pm	Mary Ryhorsky
Wed. (8 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA +Alex Hurrie
Thurs. (9 th):	9:00 am 2:30 pm	+Donna Prout LAKESIDE MANOR Special Intentions
Fri. (10 th):	9:00 am	+Ruth Molnar
Sat. (11 th):	9:30 am	Merv & Rosemarie Todos
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Aileen Hayward
Sun. (12 th):	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

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

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 are the bread of love, compassion, and peace. Strengthen me with this bread so I can serve others.

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

Catechism Theme: Places Favourable for Prayer (CCC 2691)

The Transfiguration was a revelation of the Trinity. The voice from heaven proclaimed the words of the Father. The Son stood transformed in his glory. And the Spirit overshadowed the scene as the cloud. The scene harkens back to the Baptism, the Father's voice from heaven, the Son rising from the water, and the Spirit descending upon the Son. The difference between the two events, however, lies in the reception of the revelation. In the Baptism, Jesus received the revelation with others as witnesses. In the Transfiguration, the followers received the revelation.

Notice the revelation was in context as confirmation and foreshadowing. The event confirmed Peter's confession. Jesus was the Messiah. But it also foreshadowed the mission of the Messiah, death on the cross to enter glory. The Transfiguration was a look backward and a look forward.

For us, the Transfiguration reminds us of our Baptism when the Trinity revealed themselves to us. And, it is a look ahead to our death and resurrection. Yes, we, too, will be like Christ in glory. But the road to that glory leads down the mountain into the mundane affairs and sufferings of life.

What expectations do you have right now? How has God changed those expectations?

The message of this gospel is clear. To see, we need to look. To hear, we need to listen. To experience, we need to open our minds and hearts to the possibility of God's voice. Look at the Son. Listen to his words. Open your mind and heart to his presence. We don't need to be on the top of a mountain to experience God's fullness. Just shake off rote and routine, and he will be there.

Take a few moments to reread the gospel. Imagine you're before the Lord as he speaks to you in his glory. What is his word to you? How will that word help you 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!

Didn't schedule an appointment for August? No problem!

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 contact Colleen at 306.783.8164

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



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 pre-register at the Parish Office as soon as possible.** If your child was not baptized at St. Gerard, a copy of his/her baptism certificate is required. **Preparation programs to commence in early fall.**



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

Madelyn Pasloski

May this child and her family experience joy and new life.



Congratulations to

Nicole Maier

who was received into

Full Communion
with the Roman Catholic Church
last Saturday.



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 are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email youthchoir@stgerard.ca



News from the CWL



Reminder – we are still accepting donations for the Fall Garage Sale when you are cleaning out your unwanted items. Items may be left outside the CWL Room (lower level) during office hours.

We are also in need of, and looking for, clean plastic shopping bags



News from the Knights of Columbus



Aug. 9

Inter-council Golf. 1pm at Deer Park Municipal Golf Course. Golfers are responsible for green fees and cart. Beef on a bun to follow at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. Phone Darren at 306.621.4290

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

Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Couples for Christ invites you on their 6th Annual ANCOP Walk on August 26, Sunday starting at 8 am, at the Wascana Albert St Promenade. It will be a 4 km walk around the beautiful Wascana Lake. This is a fundraising walk to help support their mission work for the poor - Child Education Sponsorship program and Shelter Building projects.

Registration fee for the walk is \$ 25 which includes the official ANCOP Walk shirt and some refreshments after the walk.

For more information, please contact Chelo or Gregg at 306-581-2336 or visit the official website walk.ancopcanada.org

ANCOP stands for **AN**swering the **Cry** **O**f the **P**oor, a Canadian charity organization and the social arm of Couples for Christ."



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

New to the Parish?? WELCOME!!! Please complete a new parishioner form (green) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!



Bringing Home the Word

True Bread from Heaven

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Where does food come from? In an effort to teach our children that food didn't come from grocery stores, my husband and I helped them plant tomatoes, cucumbers, and green beans in our back yard. The yield was small, but the reward was great as they tasted the work of their hands. We had somewhat more difficulty explaining the source of our protein, though they did learn how to fish. We cooked what they caught. I think they grew to appreciate the hard work it took to put food on the table. We also learned the importance of sharing what we had by cooking for others and collecting canned goods for our local pantry.

The Israelites in the desert also wondered where food was going to come from. The desert they wandered through was a far cry from Egypt. They forgot their enslavement and remembered only the food that they had, which seemed like a banquet compared to what the desert provided. There was nothing to plant and no place to plant it. The Israelites had to rely solely on God, but God did not disappoint. First he sent quail, then a miraculous bread that was as much as they needed. It was a lesson in faith we all need to learn.

As city dwellers, we have grown to rely on the farmers, butchers, and fishermen who supply our daily food. As Christians, we again must rely solely on God for our spiritual nourishment. He sent us his Son, Jesus, who is the true bread from heaven. If we come to him, we will never hunger.

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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

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

St. Anthony's
77th Pilgrimage
August 14th & 15th

August 14th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk. **August 15th**

<p>Vigil of the Assumption</p> <p>1:30 pm: Deanery Youth Encounter- Theme: Walking With Our Blessed Mother, Mary "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5</p> <p>3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)</p> <p>5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)</p> <p>6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available</p> <p>8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Celebrant - Father Andrew Sowa OMI</p> <p>**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca</p>	<p>Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)</p> <p>9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)</p> <p>10:00am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac (Grotto)</p> <p>11:00 am: Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged</p> <p>12:15 pm: Final Mass: Celebrant ~ Bishop Mark Hagemoen (Saskatoon)</p> <p>* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles **Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter!</p>
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (6th): Parish Office Closed until 1pm
Tues. (7th):
Fri. (10th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus, the Bread of Life"

This Week...

Our faith is forever calling us to be new again. The Israelites have to become new people and live in a completely new way while they are in the desert. Followers of Jesus have to see themselves in a completely new way as they begin to match their life up to the standards Jesus has for them. Paul tells it like it is - we must lay aside our former self and embrace a fresh, new spiritual self.

For Your Reflection

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna-bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the "bread of life".

- How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs - perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognizes that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

- No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our soul? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings "food for the soul" to others?

- Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the "perishable food" Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

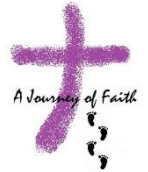
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

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. 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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