

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (9th): 9:00 am- Special Intentions
Wed. (10th): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa
 +Rudy Gulash
 7:00 pm- +Ann Ostapovich
Thurs. (11th): 9:00 am- +Marion Novakowski
Fri. (12th): 9:00 am- Arlene & Neal Benke

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
 +Donald Bugoy
7:00 pm- Confaternity of St. Peter

Sun. (14th): *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- +Frank Halliday
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (9th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Sat. (13th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th & 15th
Rama, Saskatchewan

This annual event contains 2 days of prayer, mass in Polish, Ukrainian & English, music by the Yorkton Filipino Choir and Rama's Choir, along with an evening vigil, candlelight procession, rosary and adoration. Two full days with 1000+ Catholics from across Canada! See poster on the bulletin board for more info. Or www.ramashrine.com

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS NEW SCHEDULES

Please check your inbox for the new schedule. Also available in the sacristy, posted on the bulletin boards.

THE KAPOSVAR PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Sunday August 21st

3 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Esterhazy

Noon – 1pm Individual Stations of the Cross
1:30 – 2pm Rosary in the Church
2:00-2:45pm Private confessions in the Church
2:45-3pm Procession from church to the Shrine
3pm-4pm Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick (followed by chicken supper)

For more information, contact Bea Twardzik @ 306.745.6374 or Mary-Lou Pisak @ 306.745.3301



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

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



News from the CWL



The CWL would like to extend a big "thank you" to all who responded to our plea for fleece. We had a marvellous response! The comfort cushions will be made in the fall.

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 10 Brainstorming Meeting. **All Directors and Executive Members**, your presence is requested for this meeting to do all planning for this Columbian year.
- August 11 Council 5182 vs 2031 at Deer Park Golf Course. 1pm tee off. Supper & prizes to follow. To register please reply to saints94@hotmail.com or 306.621.4290
- August 23 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).

Good News!

August 7, 2016

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2, 8- / Lk 12:32-48

Every week at Mass we remind ourselves of the mystery of our faith—that by his death and resurrection Jesus set us free, and he will come again in glory. How do we know this? Could we convince someone else that this is true? If what we mean by "true" is factual evidence backed up by science, we will not be able to "prove" this to anyone. But God provides us with a different way of knowing. It comes from the revelation of God in creation, Scripture, and Christ. Our faith is a gift from God, the ability to recognize the truth of the mysteries we proclaim.

In the reading from Hebrews, the author praises Abraham's faith, which led him to obey the God he did not know and the tradition he handed on. Abraham wasn't worried about proving that God spoke to him; he lived it. In the same way, Jesus calls his disciples to be ready and waiting for the Lord's return.

We can't convince everyone that the resurrection and baptism affect salvation, that the consecration is real, or that Jesus will come again. We can, however, point to the life and witness of the Church and show the difference our faith makes in our own lives as we encounter others, work for justice, and spread the gospel. Our obedience, virtue, and good works manifest our faith and reveal the truths entrusted to us. Nowhere is this truer than at the eucharistic table, where we celebrate the mysteries in union with and joyful expectation of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

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"Operation Pilgrimage"

On August 15 - 18 the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry office will run their annual **Leadership Camp** for students ENTERING grades 10 - 1st year University. The 2nd camp on August 19 - 22 will be for those entering grades 7 - 9. This is a great opportunity for those young people who seek to grow in their faith, increase their leadership skills and have an awesome summer adventure. The link to the registration form can be found below. You may also get more information by emailing yml@archregina.sk.ca or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/youthministry/Registration%20Pilgrimage%20Camp%202016.pdf>

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Be Ready at All Times"

This Week...

We need faith in God - but faith alone is not enough. We also must be ready to do the things our faith calls us to do. Moses, with faith, led the Israelites to perform the rituals of the Passover, to leave Egypt, and so to be freed from their slavery. Abraham and Sarah had faith and did what God asked - they moved to a new place, had a son in their old age, and were even willing to sacrifice that son. Jesus calls us to do likewise. We have been given a lot, and a lot is expected of us.

For Your Reflection

The key to the house is a symbol of trust and responsibility.

- Do you have your own house key? If so, how often do you use it?
- Are there any house rules about the key or about what is to happen when you are home alone?
- If you don't have your own key, would you like to have one? Do you need one? Why or why not?

This talk of servants being ready for masters and thieves to catch them off their guard can be easily translated to teenagers being ready for parents and teachers to catch them off their guard.

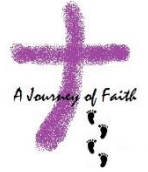
- If you could stay home for a week with no parental supervision, what would you do in the house?
- If your parents suddenly returned home several days early, do you think they would be pleased with the state of your house, or angry with the way they found things?
- If your teachers decided to give you no tests and no homework until the end of each term, would you keep up with your studies on your own? Why or why not? What do you think the rest of your friends would do?
- What do you think it means to have God return to your house expecting things to be in proper order?



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.



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.

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 or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html