
The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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Pastor: Father Francis Hengen
Parish Hall Manager: Jeff Krasowski
Caretaker: Mario Guerra

Parish Office Administrator: Sandra Archer
Office Clerk (casual): Mary Bybliw

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27, 2015

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (28th): NO MASS
Tues. (29th): NO MASS
Wed. (30th): 7:00 pm- +Doreen Mireau
Thurs. (31st): 9:00 am- +Matilda Copan
1:00 pm- *Onslow-Moen Marriage Liturgy*

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Fri. (1st): 7:00 pm- +Mary Kerunsky
10:00 am- Mass for the People

Sat. (2nd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Lorne Mysko

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Mike Diakuw

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Rose Pasloski
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (28th): *Parish Office Closed*
3:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal &
Christmas Party
Thurs. (31st): *Parish Office Closed at Noon*
Fri. (1st): *Parish Office Closed*
Sat. (2nd): 6:15pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

(Pope Francis)



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

Please register your child for Baptism by contacting the Parish Office at 306-782-2449. The next baptism classes are scheduled to commence February 14th, 2016.

CONFIRMATION

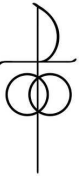
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FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

Session #1 will be held
Sunday, January 10th @ 6:30pm



Are you planning a marriage in 2016? Congratulations!!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements to meet with Father Francis.



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!! You are invited to drop in to the Tuesday (7pm), Wednesday (7:30 pm), or Saturday (6:15pm) rehearsals!

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.



News from the CWL



Receipts for the CWL 2016 memberships are in a small container on the glass table in the Welcome Area. Please pick your receipt up at your convenience.



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.728.2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306.783.4255

Sales will resume in the New Year!

Parish Hall is closed December 28th to January 1st.

Good News!

December 27, 2015

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH (C)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

An old joke portrays an Irish couple with several children listening to the priest extolling the obedience of Jesus and the patience of Mary and Joseph and exhorting his congregation to be just like them. When the Mass was ended, the couple turned to each other and one muttered to the other, "Sure to heaven, they were patient—they and their one." The joke highlights one struggle for many parents: keeping patience while children learn the lessons of life. It's a job that may seem easier with one than with many.

Today, though, the Holy Family offers an example that applies to all families, whether large or small. Since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph knew that one day he was going to have to follow his own path. They couldn't choose it for him; they could only prepare him as best they could. After they found him in the Temple and he told them, "I must be in my Father's house" (which can also be translated as "I must be about my Father's work"), they knew he was growing into adulthood and that his time was coming. However, Jesus returned with them because it was not yet time for him to leave, and he remains obedient to them as he always is to his heavenly Father.

All of us who are parents know that we cannot dictate what our children can or should be. We can only help them discern what God has called them to be. In the meantime, we give them the best foundation we can give by praying with them, talking to them, and modeling our own response to God's call.

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Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website??

It is easy to use and is compatible with new devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our Mass Schedule for the upcoming 7 days is now available on every page of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in our new Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections. www.stgerard.ca

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Family Life"

This Week...

Although Nazareth had no junior high schools, Jesus was junior high age when his parents lost him. His parents were traveling with extended family, and they could not find Jesus among any of the relatives. Frantic, they walked a day's journey back to Jerusalem and searched all over the city for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, where he was discussing matters of faith with the teachers. His parents could not understand how he could be so calm about the matter - didn't he realize what they had been through looking for him? And he did not seem to understand why they hadn't expected to find him there at the Temple. A typical case of parent-teen miscommunication. The Holy Family was a lot like most other families! How comforting!

For Your Reflection

Picture yourself in Jesus' situation. You have been sightseeing with our parents at the festival in the big city, and your parents are on their way home. They have been traveling for a day and cannot find you. They turn around, walk back to the city, and search for you for three days before they find you talking to the priests in a church!

What would your parents say to you? What would you say to them? How much trouble would you be in? Where would you have stayed for those days you hadn't seen them? What would you have been thinking?

Is it fun to think that Jesus "got in trouble" with his parents too? Sometimes we get so hung up on Jesus as Almighty God that we forget about Jesus as a human being. What other things do you think Jesus must have done as he grew up - things we don't usually think about, things not recorded in the Bible?

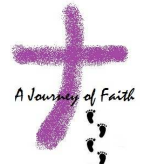
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*- St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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