



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 11, 2018

Sixth 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. (12 th):	9:30 am-	+Adella Nayko
Tues. (13 th):	9:30 am-	+Bill Leik
Wed. (14 th):	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	<i>(Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat)</i>	
	9:30 am-	+George Plews
	11:00 am-	SACRED HEART H.S. <i>(Service with ashes)</i>
	1:15 pm-	
	7:00 pm-	+Leonard Schlechter
Thurs. (15 th):	9:30 am-	+Mathew Abraham
	2:30 pm-	YORKTON CROSSING +Valeria Woloschuk
Fri. (16 th):	9:30 am-	+Ed Fissell
Sat. (17 th):	10:00am-	Elizabeth Beres
	4:00 pm-	<i>McMurphy-Polegi Wedding</i>
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	7:00 pm-	Dan Dierker
Sun. (18 th):	First Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Mildred Nagy

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month). Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is the first Friday of the month at 10am.

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

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Lord, your love transcends the boundaries of the human condition. Open my eyes to see your face in all people.

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

Catechism Theme: The Anointing of the Sick (CCC 1506-1513)

"Heal the sick!" (Matthew 10:8) Illness was no longer to be seen as a curse, but as a chance for faith, a time for healing. Jesus brought compassion and service to his ministry among the sick. And, as Jesus did, he instructed his followers to do. Hence, the Church has a duty and a charism to act as an agent of God's healing power. In the name of Jesus, the Church prays for healing among the sick. But, by invoking the name, the Church remembers who really heals and serves: God himself.

From Scripture and Tradition, the Church exercises a ministry to the sick. The Anointing of the Sick sums up the Church's ministry: a sign of the community's care and a prayerful anointing for healing. The sacrament, administered by a bishop or priest, binds the sick to Christ. In this sense, the sacrament forgives sin and "raises up" the sick. No matter whether the result of the anointing is physical or spiritual healing, the sacrament points toward the general resurrection, when all the faithful will be made whole, just as Christ's resurrection restored him.

What hope has God given you in times of illness? How have fellow Christians helped you when you were ill? Did their help or prayers help you through the effects of your illness? How?

How would you like to be made whole? Is it in body, spirit, or relationship? Write down your thoughts and desires for wholeness. Present them to God this week. And pray for the power to trust him with that list.

Catholic Education Matters Fund Raising Campaign

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For more information contact Barb Mackesey: 306.783.8787 or barb.mackesey@ctcs.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 12 - February 16, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•City Basketball Tournament	•Staff Appreciation Week •Gr. 4 Swimming •City Basketball Tournament		•Staff Appreciation Week •Friendship Week •SCC Mtg @ 7pm
Tues.	•Staff Appreciation Lunch	•Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch	•City Basketball Tournament	•Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch •City Basketball Tournament	•Hot Lunch •Winter Fest •Basketball Tournament	•Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch
Wed.	•Ash Wednesday Liturgy	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1:15pm	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am •City Basketball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am •City Basketball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard (am – Gr. 7; pm- all others) •Basketball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1:15pm
Thurs.	•Asessippi Ski Trip	•Gr. 4 Swimming		•Catch the Spirit Day @ SHHS (Gr. 8E)		
Fri.		•St. Alphonsus Winter Olympics •Gr. 4 Swimming				

"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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

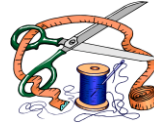
FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #3 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love!

The CWL meets to quilt each Monday and Tuesday from after the 9:30am Mass to 3:30 pm, until the end of February.

Please bring a bag lunch, a sewing machine, scissors and a ripper. Even if you can't sew there are tasks for you, so please come and be part of this project. We'd be "sew" happy for you to join us!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 14

General Meeting

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Retreat & Celebration of the Sacrament
Saturday, March 10th

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

	Led by:
Feb. 16	Knights of Columbus
Feb. 23	CWL
Mar. 2	Catholic School Teachers
Mar. 9	Parish Council
Mar. 16	Stewardship Committee
Mar. 23	Altar Servers



Gatekeepers are needed!

Duties to include opening and/or closing the church prior to Mass Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning. See Father Louis if you can serve in this capacity.



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Each Friday during Lent we will have Movie Night (right after the Stations of the Cross)!

No charge!

Free popcorn and refreshments!

Everyone welcome to attend!

- Organized by the Religious Education Team

FAMILY FUN DAY

MON., FEBRUARY 19th

FREE ICE FISHING & BBQ AT CROOKED LAKE

(See poster on bulletin board for directions!
Or watch for signs!)

Fun begins at 1:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus (Yorkton & Melville Councils) are sponsoring a **Family Fun Day** of ice fishing!

No fishing license required. For those without ice-fishing gear, there will be some available to use.

Learn ice fishing techniques! BBQ lunch will be supplied at no cost! To register contact:

Brian T. Exner	306.730.7017
Wayne Exner	306.783.7380

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

Christ believes in us; therefore, we must believe in ourselves. We all have more potential than we can develop in a lifetime. To build community, we need teamwork and a common vision. If we all did the things we are capable of, we would be astounded. If we allow the Spirit to work in us, to help us recognize and accept our gifts and the valuable gifts in others, we can accomplish great things. Grace allows us common people to obtain uncommon results.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Healing Our Wounds of Separation

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Teenagers fear an outbreak of acne before a major event. They're sure every eye will focus on a small blemish that seems enormous to them. Sometimes they even avoid going out at all until their faces return to normal.

They're fortunate not to be living in ancient Israel, where skin outbreaks and eruptions were likely viewed as leprosy. Public contact was forbidden. They'd have had to shout "unclean!" as they approached someone. Their exile would have been religiously regulated, and those they met would have avoided any touch.

The man with leprosy who approached Jesus wouldn't have touched Jesus – it was bold of him just to ask Jesus' mercy. In a move that surprised everyone, Jesus reached out to touch the one who was "unclean."

I can only imagine the man's shock and relief just at the touch of a person who didn't see him as less than human. The wound of separation was healed at that moment, and Jesus confirmed it by healing the man's body. Nor did Jesus stop there. He restored the man to his community by asking him to follow Mosaic Law (the Law of Moses) and be declared clean.

Teenagers often think their physical flaws are the worst things they can suffer. In truth, it's separation – whether it comes from within us or from others.

Jesus has the power to heal whatever separates us and restore us to community with God and others.

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Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent.

Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18.

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

The next event will be held Saturday, February 24th from 10am to 2:30pm.

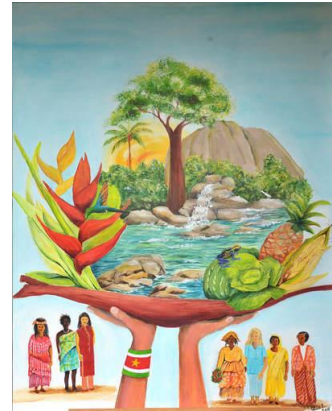
For more information contact:

Melinda Sevilla

Youth Committee Chairperson

1.306.562.7480

email hannelle_23@hotmail.com



World Day of Prayer

"All God's creation is very good!"

(Genesis 1:31).

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year, the people of Suriname, South America, want to raise awareness about climate change and caring for the environment.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 2nd at 7pm
St. Andrew's United Church (upper hall)

All are welcome to attend!

Parkland Right to Life meets Thursday, February 15th at 7:30pm in the CWL Room.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (11th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
- Mon. (12th): 10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (13th): 10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
- Wed. (14th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Fri. (16th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm- Movie Night (following Stations of the Cross)
- Sat. (17th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Reclaiming the Outcast"

This Week...

In Leviticus strict religious laws are stated; the unclean are to be separated and not touched by others. In Corinthians religious laws are put into perspective: living as Jesus lived is more important than the specifics of our diet. But Jesus goes the distance in the Gospel. He doesn't merely tell us that the old laws that are strict, disrespectful, and unnecessary are less important than our human interactions and the needs of others. He steps over the line by actually breaking the laws and bringing healing in the process. He touches the untouchable, and suddenly the one he touches is no longer untouchable.

For Your Reflection

Jesus tells this person that he cures to keep it a secret and merely go back to the priest, but this person tells everyone about Jesus.

- Do you think Jesus was angry with him for not keeping the secret?
- Why do you think he disobeyed Jesus?

Once Jesus' reputation spreads, many things happen. He often is followed by mobs of people, and he isn't able to get away and rest. He is often pursued not because of his preaching and his message but for his ability to cure and perform miracles. Because so many people believe in him, his influence grows, and the political and religious rulers are jealous and afraid of the power he is gaining.

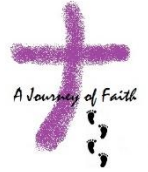
- What do you think the Apostles thought of all this? If you had walked the roads with Jesus, what would you think of his powers and his knowledge?
- Would the large groups of people bother and inconvenience you? Would you feel popular and powerful as well? Would you be concerned with the political or religious leaders and their jealousy? Would you want to stay with Jesus or leave him? Why?



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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