

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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**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*

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Mary Olynyk  
Wed. (15<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)  
                  +Orest Derkach  
                  2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
                  7:00 pm- +Tyler Dobko  
Thurs. (16<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Special Intentions  
Fri. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Adolph Sliwa  
Sat. (18<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
                  10:00 am- +Cecile Steinmacher

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

### *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. (19<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Mass for the People  
                  11:00 am- +Shelley Kaspick

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Jay Gustafson



Lord, you reveal the mercy of God in the world. Forgive me for the times I've hurt others out of anger and resentment.

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

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (12<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table #3*  
Mon. (13<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
                  7:00 pm- The First Spiritual Exercises  
Tues. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
                  7:30 pm- Properties Committee Mtg  
Wed. (15<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting  
Thurs. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.  
Fri. (17<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Sun. (19<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class #1

### **Ministry of Care Blessing** to mark the World Day of the Sick (February 11<sup>th</sup>)

**All health care providers and personnel who work in health care** are invited to receive a prayer of blessing **during Sunday Mass celebrations on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, to mark the World Day of the Sick, celebrated February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**The blessing at the Sunday liturgy** today is offered to highlight the health care community and our sharing in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.



**ST. GERARD PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL  
AND  
FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Nominations are now open for the following positions (and terms):

**Pastoral & Finance Council**

Vice-chairperson	3 years	Secretary	3 years
Religious Education	3 years	Family & Social	3 years
Youth	3 years	Public Relations	3 years
Community Life	3 years	Ecumenical	3 years
Properties	3 years	Hall	3 years

**Nominations forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office.**

If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Father Francis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.  
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News  
February 13 - February 17, 2017**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Staff Appreciation Week</li> <li>•Boys City Wide Bball Tournament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gospel Assembly @ 11:15</li> <li>•Boys Bball Elementary School City Tournament</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys Bball Tournament</li> </ul>	
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys City Wide Bball Tournament</li> <li>•CTTCS/Terrier Family Hockey Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys Bball Elementary School City Tournament</li> <li>•Pack the Stands Terrier Game</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•"Winterfest" Afternoon</li> <li>•Boys Bball Tournament</li> <li>•Christ the Teacher Terrier Night</li> </ul>	
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 4 Swimming</li> <li>•Boys City Wide Bball Tournament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys Bball Elementary School City Tournament</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Boys Bball Tournament</li> </ul>	
Thurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Grad meeting</li> </ul>					
Fri.						

**"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*

The next Baptism Preparation class is **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**! To register for the classes, please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 as soon as possible!

**CONFIRMATION**

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~**

**Session #3**

**TONIGHT** Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm



**News from the CWL**



The CWL is looking for gently used purses, scarves and jewellery! If you're cleaning your closets and find some of these items to pass on, please leave them by the CWL room. Items will be collected 'til the end of February. These will be part of a fundraiser for the refugee family. Thank you!

St. Gerard's CWL invites you to their **Spring Tea**, Saturday, March 4 from 2pm to 4pm at St. Gerard's Parish Hall, 125 Third Avenue North, Yorkton.

Admission is \$5, twelve and under free.

Bring a friend and enjoy tea sandwiches, dainties, tea and coffee! Browse through our "New to You" Boutique of gently used purses, scarves and jewellery, all at sparkling prices! Proceeds to help refugee family from Eritrea. Everyone is welcome!



**News from the Knights of Columbus**



- Feb. 12 Afternoon bingo
- Feb. 15 Admission Degree @ 7:30pm
- Feb. 20 Family Fun Day (see below/posters)  
Evening bingo
- Feb. 25/26 Membership Drive – an open opportunity to join the brotherhood of the Knights in the next admission degree. Knights – wear your name tags!

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).*

**Parkland Right to Life Fundraiser**

**"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PEROGY LUNCH  
TODAY at 12:15pm  
St. Gerard Church Hall**

Cost:	Family	\$25
	Adult	\$10
	Children 6-12 yrs	\$5
	Children 5 and under	FREE

**The Archdiocese of Regina  
Lay Formation Program  
*Sharing the Joy of the Gospel!***

Our mission is to provide you with a renewed missionary zeal fueled by the joy of the Gospel! 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. During this three-year program you will:

- Become more deeply aware of God's personal love and activity in your life.
- Encounter Jesus Christ, discover his plan of sheer goodness for you and deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church.
- Discover how to more intentionally integrate your faith in daily life in service to Christ.
- Be given the Spiritual and Formation tools you need to follow Christ's commission to "Go, make disciples of all nation.

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall of 2017. 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)

**FAMILY FUN DAY  
MON., FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>  
FREE ICE FISHING & BBQ  
AT CROOKED LAKE  
(Watch for signs!)  
Fun begins at 1:00 pm**

The Yorkton & Melville Councils of the Knights of Columbus 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
Jeff Krasowski	306.783.5384



# Bringing Home the Word

## Life without Sin

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In 1973, psychiatrist Karl Menninger wrote a book called *Whatever Became of Sin?* (Hawthorne Books). It seems that in the backlash against feelings of excessive guilt, many people embraced the notion that they weren't responsible for what they did. Their parents, or the way they were raised, or other people made them do evil things. The popular phrase "the devil made me do it" captures the sentiment of the era. Menninger wondered about the impact of a world without sin.

Therapists were right about the danger of feeling guilty all the time, and our reactions to past hurts and behaviors are a normal part of growing up. But mature adults also know that reactions come in many forms. When we choose to react to events or people with behaviors or words that hurt others or ourselves, we are responsible and have sinned. When we choose to do something that is wrong simply because it's easier than doing what's right, we've sinned—however mild or unnoticeable we think sin is.

In today's readings, Sirach and Jesus hold us accountable for our actions and our thoughts in no uncertain terms. These Scriptures are part of the underpinnings of the Church's theology of sin, which is not meant to make us crazy—it's meant to make us free to love others and ourselves in spite of their brokenness and ours. Can we be perfect? Well, that's a long road. But God wants to help us walk that road. We can begin by examining our own conscience for the places and times we've fallen short of the call to love.

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**St. Gerard's Development & Peace Share Lent workshop:** The 2017 Share Lent theme is "*Women at the Heart of Change*". What does this mean in development work? Please join us in exploring this theme and preparing for the Share Lent campaign. Everyone is welcome! Sunday, February 26th at 1:30 pm.

For further information, please call Dana at 306.890.0394 or D&P's regional office at 306.937.7675.

## PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTION

Over the next few weeks, a brief description of the Council positions that are up for nomination will be in the bulletin:

**Vice-chairperson** - Acts as Council Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. Serves as a representative of St. Gerard on the Deanery Pastoral Committee.

**Secretary** - Records the minutes of all regular council and assembly meetings. Maintains those records for the parish files. Writes letters, thank you, or other correspondence with the approval of council. Ensures that each newly elected member is in possession of the current St. Gerard's Pastoral Constitution and the current Archdiocese of Regina Guidelines. Prepares highlights of the Parish Council meeting for the following Sunday bulletin.

**Religious Education** - Provides all parish members and inquirers with an opportunity to further their knowledge of the Roman Catholic Faith, and assists parishioners in the development of their spiritual life through educational programs.

*For more information on these or any of the other positions on Council, please contact Father Francis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the Constitution & Bylaws.*



## World Day of Prayer Service

### "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
(church by the water tower)  
66 Park St, Yorkton

*Service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Philippines*

**Bible Study** Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm (lower hall), followed by a rehearsal for the service.

**Joint choir rehearsal** Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm.

All women, men and children are invited to attend.

*Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines.*

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Dealing with Feelings"**

#### **This Week...**

God's ways are mysterious. God's decision to give us free choice seems mysterious, because we can choose evil as well as good. Jesus warns us not only to avoid murder but also to avoid anger, not only to avoid adultery but also to avoid lustful thoughts, not only to avoid false swearing but also to avoid all swearing. Good thoughts will lead to good actions and good habits.

#### **For Your Reflection**

The Gospel reading urges us not to use abusive language and not to remain angry with our brothers and sisters.

- Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, how do you get along? Do you ever exchange angry words? How do you reconcile?
- How about your parents or guardians - how do you get along with them? What happens after angry words?
- How about your friends - do you ever exchange angry words with them? How do you reconcile?
- Are your tolerance level and your apology style with your friends different from those with your brothers and sisters or with your parents or guardians? If so, how do they differ?

A lot of rage and violence are expressed in songs on the radio and in movies and TV shows. Many teenagers prefer to claim that watching violent shows or listening to violent songs has no connection to the violence in our world, but many others know better.

- What parallel do you see between the amount of violence and rage in the media and the amount of violence in the real world? What is the connection?
- What do you know of "copycat crimes" that have occurred because someone is imitating an act seen on television, in the movies, or in the news?
- How is Jesus' warning to avoid not only murder but even anger related to the level of violence in today's world?

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. 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](mailto: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.*



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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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## 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](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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