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# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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Caretaker: Mario Guerra

Parish Office Administrator: Sandra Archer  
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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*

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## Second Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sun. (21<sup>st</sup>): 7:30 pm- *Vigil Prayers – Ann Ostapovich*  
Mon. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 10:00 am- *Funeral Mass – Ann Ostapovich*  
Tues. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 12:05 pm- +Bernice Saretsky  
Wed. (24<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)  
+Matilda Copan  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
Thurs. (25<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Mary Kerunsky  
Fri. (26<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +George Biblow  
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*  
Sat. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +K.O. Issac

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Julius Sushetski

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

Sun. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Deceased members of  
Louis Sliwa Family  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

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### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulscar  
Hospital: Jerome Niezgoda  
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Alfred Labas

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Ernesto Reyes, Eva Schlechter



**Coffee after each Mass  
next weekend!**



### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (21<sup>st</sup>): **6:30 pm**- Baptism Session #2  
Mon. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Wed. (24<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Annual General Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Thurs. (25<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA  
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.  
Fri. (26<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. (27<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. (28<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Session #3  
7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held  
Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish  
Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

### **The Social Justice Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP**

to prepare for the welcoming of  
St. Gerard's refugee family from Eritrea.

We are establishing a committee to help in  
these areas: housing, orientation,  
employment, health, language, food,  
furniture, education, etc.

For those interested, please attend this  
meeting on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions,  
please contact Rejean at 306.783.6767  
or Father Francis at 306.782.0323



## What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

*“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”*

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the “fullness of time” (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 22 - February 26, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross @ 9am				
Tues.		•CTTCS Students Board Game Night		•Penitential Celebration/Reconciliation @ 9am		
Wed.		•Red Cross Anti-bullying Day		•Live Arts – Gr. 1F & 3F		
Thurs.			•Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am	•Live Arts – Gr. 4F & 5F	•Lenten Service @ 10:45am	
Fri.			•Gr. 5 visit Nursing Home	•Stations of the Cross @ 10:45am		
Sat.						
Sun.					•SCC Skating 2-4pm	

**“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*

## ~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

*The parish-based sacrament preparation program  
for Confirmation & First Eucharist*

### FOURTH SESSION

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



## News from the CWL



### *I'd rather BEE quilting....*



**Fortrel needed!** If anyone has any fortrel, we will gladly take it off your hands! Please bring your fortrel and leave it downstairs by the CWL Room. Thank you!

Executive Meeting - Mon. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Regular Meeting - Wed. March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm

Installation of Executive and presentation of pins to new members. Any new member from last year who has not received their pin is also invited to attend as well.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



February 25 articles for The Word due  
February 26-28 state curling in Meadow Lake  
February 28 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).*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Subsequent to the death of the late Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan, the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Regina, as required by Canon 421 §1, on January 15, 2016, elected Very Reverend Lorne Dale Crozon, then Vicar General, as Diocesan Administrator of Regina.

Please keep Very Rev. Lorne Crozon in your prayers as he leads the Diocese in this period of transition.

Campion College invites you to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Nash Memorial Lecture **Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation: Dealing with the Past in Northern Ireland** delivered by guest lecturer Dr. Kieran McEvoy. Dr. McEvoy is a professor of Law and Transitional Justice at Queen's University in Belfast. His areas of research include restorative justice, truth recovery, amnesties, conflict resolution and human rights. His work on transitional justice has spanned various regions across the globe including Chile, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and Columbia.

The lecture will take place on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 1t 7:00 pm in the Campion College Riffel Auditorium, Campion College, University of Regina (main campus)**. Admission is free, but please note that seating is limited. Complimentary parking is available in lots 3M and 17M. For more information on the Nash Memorial Lecture visit our website at [www.campioncollege.ca](http://www.campioncollege.ca) or call 306.586.4242



## *Penten* RETREAT with ERIC GURASH

Coordinator of Lay Formation and  
Evangelization (Archdiocese of Regina)

## Jesus Christ: The Face of Mercy

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 am to 3 pm  
St. Gerard Parish  
125 Third Avenue North, Yorkton

**Part I: Pope Francis' Message of Mercy**  
**Part II: Encountering the Mercy of Christ**  
**Part III: Being the Face of Mercy**

Coffee service at 9:30 am  
Soup & Sandwich lunch provided.

Preregister by noon Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Phone: 306.782.2449 or [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

*Through the lens of three tales of mercy, we'll take a look at Pope Francis' message of mercy for this Jubilee year, how and where we can encounter the mercy of Christ in our own lives, and grow in appreciation of our own baptismal call to be the face of mercy for others.*

Retreat hosted by the St. Gerard Religious Education Committee

**The NEW SCHEDULES** for the Liturgical Ministries are available in the Welcome Area. Please pick up your copy today!

# Good News!

February 21, 2016

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 / Lk 9:28b–36

From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights some forty-five miles away. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top I was mesmerized by both the distance and the beauty of the land.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, of divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we hear this transfiguration account every Lent. Jesus takes the Church, and each one of us, up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he dares us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept the challenge.

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St. Mary's U.C.W.L.C.

## EASTER BREAD BAKE SALE

ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTRE

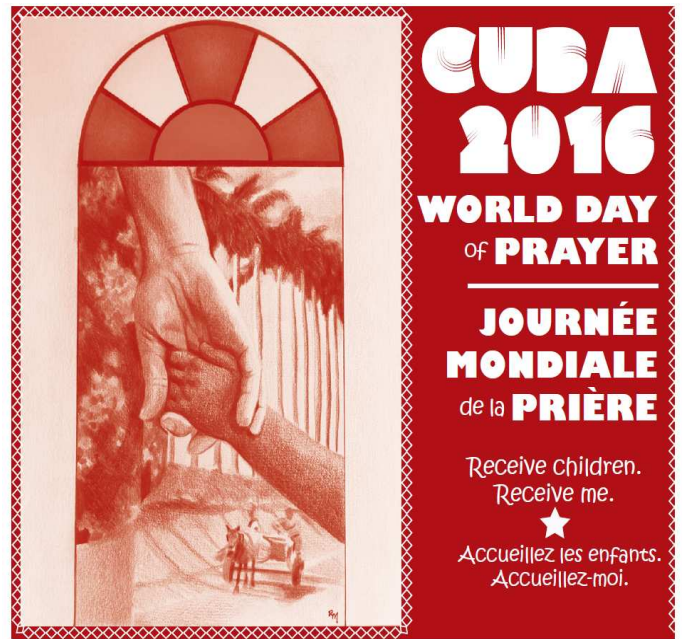
**Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> &**

**Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Starting at 5:00 pm

Traditional Ukrainian

Paskas, Babkas, and Easter Butter Lambs



ECUMENICAL SERVICE INFORMATION/ RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LA CÉLÉBRATION ECUMÉNIQUE

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

73 Smith Street East

Friday, March 4, 2016 - 7:30 pm

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba  
Service rédigé par le Comité de la Journée mondiale de la Prière de Cuba

Prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada  
Préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Conseil oecuménique des chrétiennes du Canada

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Bible Study: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm  
Service Rehearsal: Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> after Bible Study  
Joint Choir Practice: Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm

*All women, men and children are invited to attend.*

*The 2015 charitable donation receipts are available in the Welcome Area this weekend.*

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.

Our next retreat in Saskatchewan will be held on April 15-17, 2016

To register, please contact Elaine at [1-306-480-8911](tel:1-306-480-8911) or email [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

**PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS**

**306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255**

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **Stars**

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

Abraham and Sarah, both old and childless, look at the stars and see children and grandchildren too many to count. Peter, James, and John look at Jesus and see him beside Moses and Elijah in a sight too brilliant to stare at for long. If God is on our side, how can we fear whomever or whatever is against us?

#### **For Your Reflection**

Abraham and Sarah were old and childless, and they longed for children. Descendants, like starts, meant to them a permanent place in history, because their names would be carried on. Today, a "star" is a celebrity, someone with a name that is well known. In fact, people often confuse "stars" with "heroes." Just because a person is famous and well known does not mean that person is a good role model for people.

Who are your heroes? Are they "stars"? What makes them heroic in your opinion?

When you stare up at the stars at night, what do you think of? Life on other planets? Alien creatures and UFOs? TV shows and movies based on space travel? Astronomy? Astrology? How do the stars affect your imagination?

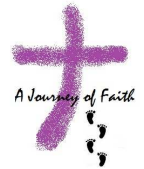
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle C, 2004



**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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