



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (24 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (25 th):	7:00 pm	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Wed. (26 th):		ASH WEDNESDAY
		<i>(Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat)</i>
	9:30 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	SACRED HEART H.S. <i>(Service with ashes)</i>
	1:15 pm	+Yvette Bissonette
	7:00 pm	+Claude Slogocki
Thurs. (27 th):	9:30 am	+Smith Family
	2:30 pm	BENTLEY SENIORS' RES +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Fri. (28 th):	9:30 am	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Sat. (29 th):	9:30 am	+Family of Sr Caroline Deters
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	5:00 pm	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Sun. (1 st):		First Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson

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 306.621.8068

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion at 6pm Tuesday.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed Friday at 2pm

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, you command me to love my neighbour. May your love dispel the hatred and resentment in my heart so that I may love all people unconditionally.

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God’s love in Jesus.

At St. Gerard, we have several catechumens who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this April.

These catechumens will begin the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation at the Rite of Election at the 11am Mass on Sunday, March 1.

At this second step, on the basis of the testimony of godparents and catechists and of the catechumens’ reaffirmation of their intention, the Church judges their state of readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. Thus the Church makes its “election,” that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation. [para 106]

From the day of their election and admission, the catechumens are called “the elect.” They are also described as *competentes* (“co-petitioners”), because they are joined together in asking for and aspiring to receive the three sacraments of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are also called *illuminandi* (“those who will be enlightened”), because baptism itself has been called *illuminatio* (“enlightenment”) and it fills the newly baptized with the light of faith. [para 111]

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [from The Roman Ritual revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by authority of Pope Paul VI



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, and 21 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Bailey’s Funeral Home - 45 Fifth Avenue North, Yorkton

See poster on the bulletin board for more information or visit www.baileysfuneralhome.com/grief&guidance



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

February 24 - February 28, 2020



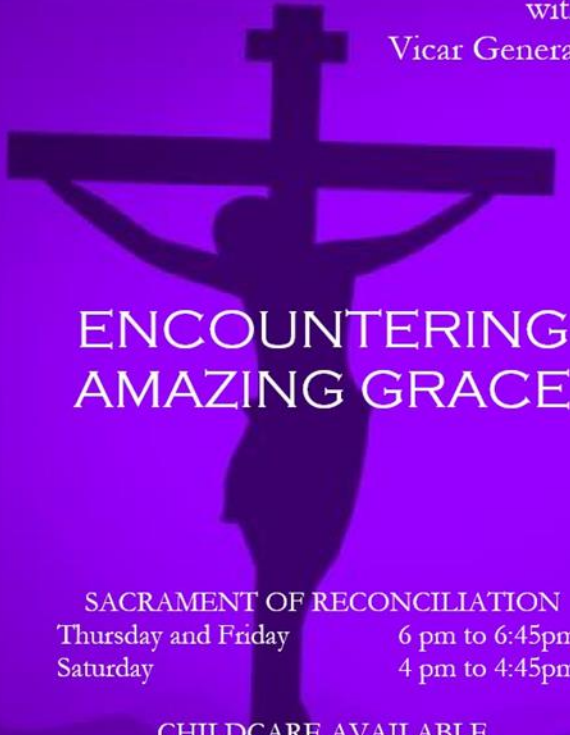
	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Girls Bball vs St. Michael's	
Tues.			•Shrove Tuesday pancakes		•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.	•Ash Wednesday Service		•Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am •Anti-bullying Day (wear pink)		•Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1:15pm	
Thurs.						
Fri.	•Sr Boys Bball @ Melville		•Annual Telemiracle Talent Show			

“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

2020 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Kevin McGee,
Vicar General of the Diocese of Saskatoon



ENCOUNTERING AMAZING GRACE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday and Friday 6 pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4 pm to 4:45pm

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

(Please phone 306.782.2449 before March 17 to arrange)

Thursday & Friday evening
Saturday morning

1. I ONCE WAS LOST

Mass followed by talk
Thurs., 3/19 @ 7 pm

2. BUT NOW I'M FOUND

Mass followed by talk
Fri., 3/20 @ 7 pm

3. I ONCE WAS BLIND

Mass followed by talk
Sat. 3/21 @ 9:30 am

4. BUT NOW I SEE

Homily
Sat. 3/21 @ 5 pm Mass
Sun. 3/22 @ 9 am & 11 am Mass

After each session, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to visit with Fr. McGee.

ST. GERARD CHURCH, 125 3RD AVE N, YORKTON

Ash Wednesday is this week! How are you going to prepare during Lent?

Create a prayer space in your home – A small table with a purple cloth and a cross or candle is all you need. Let it be a quick reminder to raise a prayer of thanks and praise.

Set out on a journey – We do not always journey in a straight line. Real spiritual growth often takes a more meandering path.

Spend time with the Blessed Sacrament – We all would benefit from some extra time spent at church in God's presence before the tabernacle, adoring and contemplating the gift of God's own self to us. This Eucharistic Adoration, like the celebration of the Eucharist, is a way to praise and thank God with our prayers and with our lives.

Journey through Lent with the Saints! Please pick up a copy today! Limited quantities are available in the Welcome Area. Also available are Lent Reflections for teens and a daily activity for children.

In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in the Roman Rite, are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. In Canada, the law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

Lent has a penitential character. During Lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

ORDO, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2019

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

Led by:

Feb. 28	Knights of Columbus
Mar. 6	CWL
Mar. 13	CTTCS Staff
Mar. 20	(No devotion)
Mar. 27	Youth Connect
Apr. 3	Parish Council



St. Gerard Parish
Comparative Income Statement January 31, 2020 to January 31, 2019

	2020	2019	Change		2020	2019	Change
REVENUE				COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Collections	21,594	21,632	-38	Family & Social	0	0	0
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	1,541	634	907	Ecumenical	0	28	-28
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	705	-131	836	Liturgy	273	245	28
Annual Fall Supper (net)	0	0	0	Stewardship	0	0	0
Catering	933	2,122	-1,189	Religious Education	517	591	-74
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	24,773	24,257	516	Social Justice	0	0	0
Building Fund Donations	623	643	-20	Youth	0	0	0
Trust Fund Donations	0	0	0	Community Life	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	25,396	24,900	496	Public Relations	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENSES				Pastoral & Finance Council	0	22	-22
Pastoral	75	282	-207	Refugee Family Committee (net)	0	2,800	-2,800
Parish Office	836	1,159	-323	Cemetery Expense	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	2,950	2,950	0	Total Committee Expenses	790	3,685	-2,894
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	12,621	10,940	1,681	TOTAL EXPENSES	30,278	32,585	-2,307
Building:				NET INCOME (LOSS)	-\$4,882	-\$7,685	\$2,803
Sask Energy	1,241	1,076					
Sask Power	1,295	1,412					
Water	334	612					
Property Taxes	1,000	1,240					
Insurance	1,606	1,822					
Parking Lot	3,405	1,862					
Garbage/recycling	98	259					
Repairs & maintenance	841	1,295					
Total Building	9,819	9,577	242				
Hall:							
Wages, Salaries, etc.	1,330	1,849	-519				
Catering	878	957	-80				
Administrative Expenses	66	136	-70				
Total Hall	2,274	2,942	-669				
Rectory	912	1,049	-137				

Approved by Parish Council



**St. Gerard
Marriage Preparation Winter Session**

The Marriage Prep program will begin Tues, Mar 3 with a brief meet and greet after 7:00 pm evening Mass to pick up course materials and assign reading for next week's session. We will meet in the CWL Room, lower level (East door access). Please contact the parish office to register and meet with Father before the course begins.

*****SACRAMENT PREPARATION
FOR TEENS (SPT)*****

The initial meeting for youth who are in 7th through 12th grade, and who have not previously received some or any of the Sacraments is:

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST AFTER THE 11AM MASS

Parents please attend with your teen.

Classes for teens will begin soon, with the reception of the sacraments to take place May 24th.

A \$50.00 fee is required to partially cover materials (but no teen will be turned away for financial reasons).

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. The SPT Catechist is Father Louis.



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

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

Vice-chairperson	3 years
Religious Education	3 years
Family & Social	2 years
Ecumenical	3 years
Properties	2 years
Secretary	3 years
Public Relations	2 years
Youth	3 years
Stewardship	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 Louis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.



News from the CWL



Our general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of April which is changed to the first Wednesday. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 11.

Please call Paulette (306.782.7923) if you have a change in address, phone number, or would like your email address added to receive emails regarding upcoming dates and events.



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
- Feb. 28 Evening Bingo
- Feb. 28 Knights lead Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 29-Mar. 1 Vocations Endowment Fund Campaign
- Mar. 1 Sunday Brunch
- Mar. 4 Executive Meeting – budget

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca*

**Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus
Vocations Endowment Weekend**

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered with the Sask Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation to create the Sask Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment will be disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses and Eparchy to help defray the \$33,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian.

The annual provincial campaign for the Endowment will take place during the weekend of Feb. 29th to Mar. 1st.

Please view our website at:
www.saskkofcfoundation.com

for further details and to make a contribution. The Bishops, Priests, Knights of Columbus and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous support of the education and development of Seminarians through prayer and financial assistance.



Live Share Christ

Seminar

**Saturday, February 29th
12:30pm – 5pm
St. Gerard Main Hall**

Hosted by Missionary Families of Christ

For more information, please contact Jenny Baraoidan 306.620.2848



Bringing Home the Word

Accentuating the Positive: Easier Said than Done

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The First Thursday of Every Month from 3pm to 6pm

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, March 5th

Cabbage rolls	\$25 (5 dozen)
Potato & onion perogies	\$35 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40 (10 dozen)

This Lent, give from the heart.

Share
Lent 2020



Development
and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

For our
COMMON
HOME



This Share Lent, let's stand in solidarity with the defenders of the Earth

This year, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the global south who are caring for God's creation. How can we help?

Donate online at www.devp.org/give or give during the solidarity Sunday collection on March 29, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Read Development and Peace's Share Lent literature and **watch** the videos to learn about and hear from the guardians of the Earth.

Sign the Solidarity Letter addressed to two embattled Brazilian communities at www.devp.org/act

The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 pm in Meeting Rooms A & B. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (23rd): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)
- Mon. (24th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (25th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
4:00 pm- Pancake Supper 'til 6:30pm
(Meeting Room A & B)
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (26th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
8:00 pm- Parish Council Meeting
(Meeting Room A)
- Thurs. (27th): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer
(Meeting Room A)
- Fri. (28th): 7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1
(CWL Room)
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (29th): 12:30 pm- Live Christ, Share Christ
(Main Hall)
- Sun. (1st): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room)
12:15 pm- Teen Sacrament Prep. Meeting
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Love Your Enemies"

This Week...

Holiness and love are proclaimed with today's readings. But Jesus takes us a step further. We are to strive to be perfect. The old law to take "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is no longer our law. We are to love even our enemies. We are to give to those who take from us and to let people hit us a second time after they have hit us a first time.

For Your Reflection

The old law about taking "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was never meant to be a justification for excessive violence. It started out as a law *limiting* violence - take *no more than* a tooth for a tooth - because people were ready and willing to kill someone over a broken tooth. Jesus put a stop to that. To return violence for violence only continues its cycle, and it justifies violence instead of non-violence when settling conflicts.

- Why is the command "Love your enemies" hard to follow?
- Why is our culture so familiar with methods of violence, yet so ignorant of methods of non-violent conflict resolution?
- What do you think might end the cycle of violence?
- If someone is angry and wishes to do physical harm to you, what are your nonviolent options?
- When it comes to choosing between violent and nonviolent methods, does gender make any difference? If so, why? If not, why not?

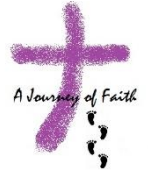
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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 Regina 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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca