



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 24, 2019
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. (25 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (26 th):	7:00 pm	+Bill O'Boyle
Wed. (27 th):	10:30 am	NURSING HOME
		+Hilda Padar
	7:00 pm	+John Jason Himpe
Thurs. (28 th):	9:30 am	+Grace Walsh
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Sheila Desroches
Fri. (1 st):	9:30 am	+Eileen Griffith
Sat. (2 nd):	9:30 am	Nohit Sudheep

5:00 pm +Noli de Guia

Sun. (3rd): **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People
11:00 am Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you comand 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 McSweeny



ST. GERARD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

Pastoral & Finance Council

Chairperson	3 years	Secretary	1 year
Stewardship	1 year	Public Relations	3 years
Family & Social	3 years	Properties	3 years

Nominations forms and copies of the *St. Gerard Constitution and Bylaws* are available in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office. Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 8th at 12 noon.

Members of the Council must be members of Christ's faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church and who strive to be examples of Christian commitment. Only registered parishioners 16 years of age or older shall be eligible to serve on Council or any committee and be eligible to vote.

Pastoral Council Chairperson – Chairs the council meetings and annual assembly meeting. Is an ex officio member of all committees of council. Prepares agenda for each meeting in consultation with the pastor. Ensures that each elective committee meets regularly and fulfills its mandate according to the Bylaws. Presides over Council following the Constitution of the Pastoral Council of St. Gerard's (2010) and the Archdiocese of Regina Guidelines.

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.

Stewardship – Responsible for creating awareness in all parishioners that everything we have comes from God – our life, our talents, our abilities, our intellectual gifts, and our holiness.

Public Relations – Keeps parishioners informed by means of newsletters and ensures the distribution of them. Promotes St. Gerard parish through the media. Maintains parish history, updates photo albums and scrapbooks, and arranges for photos/videos to be taken at parish functions.

Family and Social - Organizes and carries out parish social activities, for example, the social functions associated with the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation. Coordinates coffee/lunch after Sunday Masses and for other occasions.

Properties - Is responsible for the maintenance and operational care of the Church, the Rectory, the Hall, the grounds, and the equipment belonging to St. Gerard Parish.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 25 - March 1, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Jersey Day	•Boys Bball @ St. Michael			•Ice Cream sale
Tues.	•Cap & gown photos	•Tourist Day		•Gr. 4 Swim Day •Telemiracle Hat Day		•Skating
Wed.	•Cap & gown photos	•Twin Day •Pink T-shirt Day	•Anti-Bullying Day •Telemiracle Talent Show	•Pink Shirt Day •Chess Pizza Party Day	•Pink Shirt Day •Gr. 4 Swimming	•Pink T-shirt Anti-bullying Awareness Day
Thurs.	•Cap & gown photos	•'80's Throwback Thursday	•Gospel Assembly •Boys Bball @ Dr. Brass	•Telemiracle Gum Day •Chess Tournament Day	•Bball vs Dr. Brass	•Skating •Yorkton Kinsmen Telemiracle visit
Fri.		•Denim Day			•Telemiracle Hot Dog Lunch & Talent Show	

"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

Starting in Lent..... Bible Study!

Beginning March 11th there will be Bible Study at 7pm each Monday evening. For more information, please speak with Father Louis.

Centering Prayer

the last Thursday of each month at 7pm
Lower Level (please use east entrance)



Ash Wednesday is coming! (March 6th)

*“Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the Gospel.”*

POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, March 17 @ 5:00 pm

You're invited to welcome spring and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with members of your parish family. If you're new to the parish, please try to attend and give all of us an opportunity to get to know each other.

Submitted by the Community Life Committee

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. Gerard Church
Annual General Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7pm
St. Gerard Social Hall

All parishioners are urged to attend.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Mar. 5 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
Mar. 6 Executive 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

An Invitation to join the Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus – become an online member today. www.kofc.org/joinus Benefits: monthly Columbia Catholic magazine, free accidental death benefits, insurance and other financial products, scholarships for your children, faith formation, charitable service, and much more. For more information, "Google" Knights of Columbus-An Invitation-Video

CFC-FFL NEWS

The CFC-FFL community would like to invite everyone to join in our quest for **Live Christ Share Christ (LCSC)** movement. We will have a speaker from our community to discuss one of the pillars of LCSC called **Live Pure**.

In this program, he will be conducting a love and chastity forum for parishioners age 13-30 on Feb. 27 from 6pm-8:30pm in Meeting Rooms A & B.

There will also be another talk on Feb. 28 from 6pm-8:30pm for parents and parishioners (Meeting Rooms A & B). We are inviting you all to join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.

What is CFC-FFL?

Couples for Christ – Foundation for Family and Life is an evangelistic and missionary community committed to helping families become empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strive for holiness of life, committing to renew the temporal order through work with the poor, for justice, and for life. This community was formed in 1981 and has been given Vatican recognition. And in 2015, Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan granted permission for the *Live Christ Share Christ Movement* of CFC-FFL to exist in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Regina. At St. Gerard we have a very active CFC-FFL community. For more information, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.

World Day of Prayer

Westview United Church – 355 Bradbrooke Drive
Bible Study – February 27th at 7pm
Pot Luck Meal – March 1st at 6pm
World Day of Prayer Service – March 1st at 7pm



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Learning to Love Our Enemy

By Paige Byrne Shortal

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...." Oh no! This impossible gospel again! Love your enemies? Turn the other cheek? If someone takes my cloak, I don't give him my tunic. I look for a way to get it back and sue for damages besides.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Jesus didn't just preach. He acted as he wants us to act and tells us, "Do as I do." "Love one another as I have loved you," he said. At the Last Supper after he washed his disciples' feet, he said, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

But love my enemies?

Well, OK, who is my enemy? For some it is the enemy of our nation. For others it is our current [Prime Minister] and his administration, whoever it happens to be. For some the enemy is those who criticize the Church. For others it is the Church's leadership. For some the enemy is a boss or former boss. For some it's black people or white people, rich people or poor people, refugees who are trying to get into our country or citizens who are trying to keep them out. For some the enemy is as close to home as a parent who was abusive, a brother or sister, a daughter-in-law or son-in-law, an ex-spouse.

We tend to think *our* enemy is the exception; that *our* reason for hating is reasonable and not what Jesus was talking about. Find me the Gospel passage that offers the exception. I'd really like to read it and let myself off the hook.

If we have a hatred that's gnawing at us, perhaps this points the way to our Lenten discipline. If we can't love our enemies, we can pray for the grace to do so. If we can't pray to love our enemies, we can pray for the desire to do so. If we can't pray for the desire to love them, we can at least pray for the desire for the desire. Let's start on Ash Wednesday.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **MARCH 7TH**
3pm to 6pm

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

Living with Loss

Bailey's Grief Group, Spring 2019

Learn how to cope with grief, share your own experience and learn from others. Every week we will have discussions, time for reflection and watch videos by Dr. Bill Webster about how to manage the experience of grief. Bailey's Grief Group is free of charge and open to anyone who has suffered the death of someone loved.

March 4 - April 29, 2019

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Bailey's Funeral Home, Yorkton (45 Fifth Ave N)

Contact Crystal at 306.783.7552
for more information or to register.

Did you remember to complete the Stewardship Survey???

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (24th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. (Hall)
- Mon. (25th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
(Meeting Room B)
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.
(Offsite)
- Tues. (26th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (27th): 6:00 pm- Live Pure
(Meeting Rooms A & B)
7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Mtg. (Hall)
- Thurs. (28th): 6:00 pm- Live Pure
(Meeting Rooms A & B)
7:00 pm- Centering Prayer
(Lower level)
- Fri. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room A)
- Sat. (2nd): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Love Everyone, Even Your Enemies"

This Week...

We are called to resemble Jesus, who is heavenly. We are called to rise above earthly ways. The heavenly way is to love everyone, even our enemies who wish to hurt or kill us. The heavenly way is to hear the request for our coat, to give it willingly, and then to give our shirt as well.

For Your Reflection

- What would you do if someone in need asked you for your coat? Would you give this person the shirt off your back as well? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus asks you to make this sacrifice?
- What else do you think Jesus is asking you to give?
- What is the hardest thing for you to give to another person?
- When was the last time you spoke negatively of another person?
- When was the last time someone spoke negatively to you or about you?
- How would life be different if there was no judging or condemning of others - if everyone was forgiven and treated well? Why doesn't that happen?
- Do you have any "enemies"?

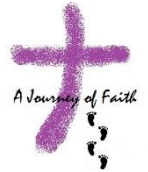
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C*, 2006, Saint Mary's Press



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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