
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

Third Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (29th): 9:00 am- +Bernard Wozniak
7:00 pm- *Prayer Vigil – Mary Ostafie*

Tues. (1st): 12:05 pm- +Ann Ostapovich

Wed. (2nd): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
6:30 pm- +Treeske Holtkamp

Thurs. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko

Fri. (4th): 9:00 am- +Helen Flavel
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*

Sat. (5th): **9:00 am-** +Walter McLashen

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- David Ryhorski

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sun. (6th): 9:00 am- +Martin & +Anne Lichacz
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Leona Pinno

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



**Coffee after each Mass
TODAY!**



Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (28th): 7:00 pm- Baptism Session #3
7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

Mon. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting

Tues. (1st): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wed. (2nd): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass

Thurs. (3rd): 7:00 pm- RCIA

Fri. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (5th): 10:00 am- *Lenten Retreat*
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Sun. (6th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session # 4

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 8th 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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Copies of the 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes and the 2015 Annual Report are located at each entrance. Please pick up a copy today!

The following were elected by acclamation: Pastoral Council Chairperson - Trent Senger
 Religious Education - Lori Zuzak
 Stewardship - Willie Yacishyn
 The following position was ratified: Finance Chairperson - Brian Kruger

ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PPC	Chairperson - Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson - VACANT
	Secretary - Rita Rodney	Liturgy - VACANT
	Religious Education - Lori Zuzak	Social Justice - Jeannette Tremblay/Kathy Fedorchuk
	Community Life - Rose Marchinko	Public Relations - VACANT
	Family & Social - VACANT	Youth - VACANT
	Ecumenical - Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship - Willie Yacishyn
CWL Rep. - Carol Deters	K of C Rep. - Ted Osicki	
FFC	Finance - Brian Kruger	Hall - Don Reed
	Properties - Matt Bernat	Member at Large - Conrad Rodney

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

3. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
February 29 - March 4, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 8 Overnight X-Country Ski Trip	•Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am		•SHHS students & staff visit	
Tues.		•Gr. 8 Overnight X-Country Ski Trip •Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am	•“Pack the Stands”		•SCC Meeting @ 6pm •CTCS at Terrier Game	
Wed.		•We Day	•SRC attend WE DAY		•We Day in S'toon	•We Day in S'toon
Thurs.					•Gr. 8 Overnight X-Country Ski Trip	
Fri.		•TeleMiracle Hot Lunch @ Bake Sale •TeleMiracle Talent Show			•Gr. 8 Overnight X-Country Ski Trip	

“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 6th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



ATTENTION CANTORS & CHORISTERS!!!

The **Triduum** sign-up sheet is posted in the choir room. Please mark your availability. Cantors, the specific psalms will be discussed at a later date.

Posters announcing the **Triduum rehearsals** dates and times will be posted in the choir room soon. Or watch the bulletin for dates and times.

The **NEW SCHEDULES** for the Liturgical Ministries are available in the Welcome Area. Please pick up your copy today! Or online at www.stgerard.ca

Special Collection Dates

Mar. 13	Development & Peace
Mar. 24	The Pope's Pastoral Works
Mar. 25	Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
Apr. 17	Education of Seminarians
May 15	Catholic Missions in Canada
Sept. 25	Needs of the Church in Canada
Oct. 23	Propagation of the Faith

If you are part of the Pre-Authorized Giving Program and would like to contribute to the special collections, please place your donation in an envelope, indicating the name of the collection as well as your name and address. Thank you!

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

If you would like a set of collection envelopes, please complete a parish registration form and place in the collection basket at Mass.



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. 29th at 7 pm
Regular Meeting - Wed. March 2nd 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



Feb. 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).

Year of Mercy Celebration

Brother Stanislaus Assembly is hosting a Year of Mercy Celebration. On Sunday April 3rd at 3:30pm at St. Mary's Parish there will be a concelebrated service hosted by Father Bohdan and Father Francis. An inspirational talk will be presented by Father Gregory Hrynkiw. A banquet will follow. More details will follow. If interested, please call Steve Popowich at 306.783.5441 or Jeff Krasowski at 306.783.5672.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ON THE ROAD TO FAITH BUS TOUR

An inner city missions trip in downtown Winnipeg

Road trip! Service! Games! New friends!

Grades 8-12

\$150 (sponsorship available)

Leaves Regina at 9:00am **March 29**. Returns to Regina 5:00 pm on **April 1**

To register or for more info contact Michelle Braden at

[yomo@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:ymo@archregina.sk.ca) or 306 352 1651.



Good News!

February 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

Now that I am older, I can look back on my life and clearly remember times when I took great pride in my accomplishments, the breadth of my knowledge, and my insight into human dynamics. The problem was that my pride bordered on, and occasionally slipped into, a sense of superiority and hubris. At such times I was not fun to be around. The advantage of maturity is that we become more aware of our shortcomings and, hopefully, develop a humility that appreciates the gifts that everyone brings to the table, recognizes that we always have more to learn, and grows grateful, rather than prideful, at the gifts we have been given.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the sense of pride that the Israelites feel from God's choosing them and the sense that they are, therefore, better than the people of the surrounding nations. He also questions their habit of judging those on whom misfortune fell as more sinful than they were. In a way, he was asking them to grow up and find the humility that comes from age, holding them to the same standard with which they held others. He challenged them to spend less time judging others and more time recognizing their sins and need for repentance.

That's a hard lesson for us all, but a necessary one. If we are to accompany one another on this journey through Lent and life, we need to know we are all the same in God's eyes and all in need of God's grace to make it through.

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

EASTER BREAD BAKE SALE

ST. MARY'S CULTURAL CENTRE

Wednesday March 2nd &

Thursday March 3rd

Starting at 5:00 pm

Traditional Ukrainian

Paskas, Babkas, and Easter Butter Lambs

CUBA 2016 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

73 Smith Street East

Friday, March 4, 2016 – 7:30 pm

Bible Study: Feb. 23rd & Mar. 1st at 7:00pm

Service Rehearsal: Mar. 1st after Bible Study

Joint Choir Practice: Mar. 3rd @ 7:00pm

All women, men and children are invited to attend.



Lenten RETREAT with ERIC GURASH

Coordinator of Lay Formation and
Evangelization (Archdiocese of Regina)

Jesus Christ: The Face of Mercy

Saturday, March 5th

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 2nd

Phone: 306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

****Perogy Bee****

TUES.	Mar. 1	9:00 am	Prepping
WED.	Mar. 2	9:00 am	Pinching
THURS.	Mar. 3	9:00 am	Bagging

4 Litre plastic pails needed.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

The Burning Bush

This Week...

God speaks to Moses in a bush that is on fire but is not burning up. Moses, an exile from Egypt for having killed someone there, is called back to lead the people he deserted. The fig tree, which has not given any figs, is given another year to bear fruit. Moses' second chance is like the fig tree's second chance and like our second chance. And God, who created us, calls to us from within a flame and urges us to begin again.

For Your Reflection

The bush is on fire, but it is not burning anything. Moses is fascinated with that. Have you ever watched a campfire, a fireplace, or a candle with fascination? Do you know anyone who has? What is so fascinating about flames? What is so fascinating about our God?

Moses is getting a second chance at greatness. He would actually rather stay where his is, with the flocks at Midian, but God has greater plans for him. Have you ever gotten a second chance? Did you feel relieved? Did you feel burdened? What happened? Did you need a third chance?

Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, 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

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at 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 or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html