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# 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*

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## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 10, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Herb Desroches  
7:00 pm- *Prayer Vigil – John Wenet*  
Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- *Funeral Mass – John Wenet*  
Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): 10:00am- Aspen Villa  
+Don Ostafie  
7:00 pm- Ron Nagy  
Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko  
10:30 am- LAKESIDE MANOR (SALTCOATS)  
+Janet Gress  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Nell Hanewich  
Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Nick Todos

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
*(CANCELLED THIS WEEK)*  
7:00 pm- Denis & Marianne Dierker

### *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +George Biblow  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

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### COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock  
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky  
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos  
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

Please note that the deadline for bulletin submissions is Wednesday at noon.

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (10<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*  
Session #1  
Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- Un-decorating the church  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting  
Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA  
7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg.  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 6:15pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. (17<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

**NOTICE TO ENVELOPE HOLDERS** – In order to assist the Parish Office with processing the Sunday collection, please print your name and the amount of your donation on the front of your collection envelope. Thank you!

### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION COMMITTEE

St. Gerard Parish Council requires **three parishioners** to form a Nomination Committee for the upcoming Parish Council election.

Please contact Father Francis at 306.782.2449 if you are interested in being a member of this committee.

The 2015 Charitable Donation Receipts will be available for pick up (in the Welcome Area) by the end of February. Thank you.



## Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE

Do you know that the Youth Choir has been rehearsing twice a week and ministering for the past eight months?? These 23 young people (and their parents) are dedicated to serving the Lord by leading our parish in song at the 11am Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

How can you best-support the Youth Choir??

**SING! SING! SING!**

The primary responsibility of all parish choirs is to lead the people in song so that the people can participate fully in the Liturgy. When the congregation sings, it means that the choirs are leading well!

New Youth Choristers are always welcome! Call Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093 for more info.!

“Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus!  
You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart.”  
(Pope Francis)



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 11 - January 15, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 6/7/8 Curling •SCC Meeting @ 7pm	•Gr. 4 Swimming	•Christmas Liturgy @ 12:45pm •SCC Meeting @ 7pm		
Tues.		•Christmas Liturgy @ St. Mary Ukr. Catholic Church	•Pulse Religious Retreat		•SCC Meeting @ 7pm	
Wed.		•Gr. 6/7/8 Curling		•Pulse Retreat	•Gr. 4 Swimming Lessons	
Thurs.	•Epiphany Water Blessing		•Gr. 4 Swimming		•"Pulse" Youth Retreat	
Fri.		•Gr. 6/7/8 Curling			•Gr. 4 Swimming Lessons	

**"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

Please register your child for Baptism by contacting the Parish Office at 306-782-2449. The next baptism classes are scheduled to commence **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

### FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

**~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~**  
**FIRST SESSION is TONIGHT!!**

January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

If your child/ren is in **Grade 2 and older** and has yet to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist please attend this first session with your child.

**ENROLMENT AT MASS - JANUARY 23/24**



## ART & ENVIRONMENT

UN-Decorating for Christmas  
**MONDAY @ 9:30 am**

Your help is appreciated!!!



## Jesus is Merciful

Jesus, the Blessed Child of God, is merciful. Showing mercy is different from having pity. Pity connotes distance, even looking down upon.

When a beggar asks for money and you give him something out of pity, you are not showing mercy. Mercy comes from a compassionate heart; it comes from a desire to be an equal. Jesus didn't want to look down on us. He wanted to become one of us and feel deeply with us.

When Jesus called the only son of the widow of Nain to life, he did so because he felt the deep sorrow of the grieving mother in his own heart (see Luke 7:11-17). Let us look at Jesus when we want to know how to show mercy to our brothers and sisters.

From *Bread for the Journey* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997  
HarperSanFrancisco.



## News from the CWL



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



The CWL invites you to come for the fun and fellowship of quilting bees! The next dates are Jan. 19 & 20, Jan. 26 & 27, and EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY in the month of February. Please bring a bag lunch. If you have a sewing machine, bring it along! Even if you can't sew, there are tasks for you – quilting has many steps and your help is most welcome! Mark the dates on your calendar and join us!

Do you know..... in 2015 the CWL presented 10 quilts to "Transition House" and 34 quilts to the fire victims in Northern Saskatchewan. In the past, quilts have been presented to Shelwin House, Parkland Victim Services, the Salvation Army, and Project Safe Haven.

CWL Membership Weekends!

Dear ladies of the parish, the CWL wants you! If you are not yet a CWL member, this is a great chance to join! And current CWL members can renew their memberships **after every weekend Mass January 16/17, January 23/24, and January 30/31. Be part of an organization serves "God and Canada". Join us!** Please note: you can also put your \$25 membership fee in an envelope labelled "CWL" in the collection basket.

CWL members, please remember that the weekend of January 16/17 is CWL Ministry Weekend!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - Parish brunch  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - General 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).

Jesus, sinless,  
you stood among us,  
waiting the water like everybody else,  
as if you were a sinner  
in need of cleansing.

The Father said in a loud voice:  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well  
pleased."

Oh Holy God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
You stand with us, sinful as we are.  
Make us holy through the waters of baptism.

# Good News!

January 10, 2016

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When we were growing up, my siblings and I would often ask our grandmother to tell us stories about our mother when she was young. We liked listening to our mother tell those same stories from her perspective. The stories varied in some details, but it always felt like a veil was lifted on the past and we had some sense of where we came from along with some insight about our mother's personality.

She, of course, did the same thing for my daughters, making them giggle at the story of my getting into her perfume bottle when I was three. Such stories connect us with the people we know. Old friends trade stories of shared experiences; young companions learn about the world from the stories of their elders and even from the stories their friends tell them about their lives.

In Acts, Peter appeals to his listeners by telling the story they know so well. He even appeals to their shared experience as he says, "You know..." (v. 36). Stories connect us to one another and open the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better. In his story, Peter marks the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry. Our story in the Christian community begins with baptism as well. Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (v. 38). What would the story of our lives after baptism tell people about us? Would someone like Peter tell people that we went about doing good and loving God and neighbour?

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### Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website??

It is easy to use and is compatible with new devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our Mass Schedule for the upcoming 7 days is now available on every page of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in our new Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections. [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

will be celebrated around the world  
from January 18 to January 25, 2016

Theme:

*"Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God"*  
(1 Peter 2.9)

**An Ecumenical Prayer Service**  
will be held at

St. Gerard Church

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 7pm**

The St. Gerard Ecumenical Committee invites you to attend this special service, as we join other Christians around the world in prayer.

Coffee and refreshments will follow the service.  
Everyone is welcome!

## 2016 Giving Program

The 2016 collection envelopes are available to pick up in the Welcome Area (if this was your method of giving in 2015). **Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1.** If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2016, **please complete a Parish Registration/Census form (BEIGE)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.

**Have you have considered switching from collection envelopes to "PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)"?** Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance. **Pre-authorized giving is convenient and it's assured (even if you are away on vacation or are sick, your offering will be made ensuring the continued ministry of the church). Thank you.**

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

**306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306.783.4255**

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Baptized in the Spirit of God"**

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

John the Baptizer is preaching a baptism for repentance. But John announces that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. In John's time people came forward, were brought into the river to be immersed with the water, and then they were helped out. It was more than a shower - it was an underwater journey. Each person entered the death of not being able to breathe. Each person emerged into the new breath and cleanliness of refreshing, full life.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Try to imagine what it would be like on a hot and dry day to go to the river and be baptized by John the Baptizer. Try to imagine being drenched with water as you make a new commitment to life without sin. Then imagine seeing Jesus, the one John has been preaching about. He gets baptized himself, and the skies open up and a dove alights on him, and you hear the voice of God announce pleasure with what Jesus has done.

- What would you do next? How is your life different when you take that experience seriously? How is your life different now because of your baptism?
- Being drenched with water would be most appealing when we are hot, dry, or dirty. Recall a particular time that you looked forward to the cooling, cleansing experience of being drenched with water.

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