



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 13, 2019
Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord
Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that there will be no daily Mass from January 14th to January 18th.

Sat. (19 th):	9:30 am	+Tony Spykerman
	5:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sun. (20 th):	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	+Ruth Molnar
	11:00 am	Mass for the People



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, give me a shepherd's heart so that I can show your love and compassion to someone in need.

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

From the Chair of Pastoral Council

On November 28, 2018 the St. Gerard Pastoral Council unanimously passed the following two motions:

1. That the meal rates for funeral lunches and Hall rentals be set in accordance with the recommendations by the Hall Committee.
2. That effective January 1, 2019 St. Gerard's Parish Hall, except for existing bookings, will no longer be available to the general public for rent or catering unless used for functions as an extension of the Church.

After each Mass during the weekend of February 23 and 24, Brian Kruger (Finance Council Chairperson), Lorne Wanner (Hall Committee Chairperson), Ernie Bobowski (Pastoral Council Chairperson), and Father Louis will be in the Parish Hall to answer any questions that parishioners may have.

- Submitted by Ernie Bobowski, Pastoral Council Chairperson



Where Jesus' Love is Cool

St. Michaels Winter Camp
Madge Lake – Duck Mountain Provincial Park
February 18th-23rd, 2019

Come experience God's love as we blaze through cross-country trails, explore Duck Mountain, and have many winter adventures.

For Youth Age 10-15
Register at register@stmichaelscamp.com
Registration deadline – February 8th



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 14 - January 18, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 4 Swimming			•"Wishtree" continues	
Tues.		•Dreambroker Art Session	•Christmas Liturgy		•Bball vs St. Mary	
Wed.				•Gr. 4 Swim Day		•Gr. 4-8 Care Home Visit
Thurs.	•Christmas Divine Liturgy	•Gr. 4 Swimming			•Bball @ St. Michael	
Fri.		•Gr. 4 Swimming		•Gr. 5/6E, 6F, & 7F curling	•Epiphany Celebration @ 10:45	

"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

Second Session on Centering Prayer

Thursday, Jan. 24 @ 7:00 pm in Meeting Room B

15 min. Video reviewing Video 1

20 min. Video answering some questions

Discussion to follow as to where we go from here.



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love is beginning again on January 14 and 15. If you would like to take part in this wonderful sewing project, join us! Bring your own bag lunch and lots of enthusiasm and the seamstresses will find a task for you, even if you don't sew! We begin at 9:00 am.

C.W.L. Membership Weekend 2019 Memberships are due NOW! We will have a membership drive Saturday, January 19 & Sunday, January 20 at all Masses. Membership fees are \$30.00. If you haven't paid your membership, please do so next weekend or put it in an envelope marked 'C.W.L. Membership' and drop it in the collection basket.



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Jan. 13 Sunday Brunch
- Jan. 21 Evening Bingo
- Jan. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
- Jan. 26&27 White Ribbon Campaign
- Jan. 31 Fraternal Survey due

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

Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, January 13th. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$25.00

**Companions on the Journey –
A Workshop on Mentoring and Accompaniment**

When: January 19, 2019

Where: Church of Our Lady Parish,
5266 Vaughn Street, Moose Jaw

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

This workshop will feature a keynote address on accompaniment and mentoring from Tom East of the Centre for Ministry Development in Washington State. Tom will provide valuable background on accompaniment and mentoring as well as concrete approaches to walking with others.

The afternoon will provide opportunities for specialized breakout sessions including; Journeying with Youth, Journeying with the Sick and Dying, Journeying with Hurting Families, Journeying with LBGTQ and Journeying with Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse.

Cost for the event is \$10 per person which covers our lunchtime meal. To register, please contact Melissa Gurash at mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651 Ext 237

**Prayer Service for
Healing from Clergy Sexual Abuse
“The Light Shines Through the Broken Places”**

**Sunday January 20 @ 7pm
St. Cecilia's Parish – Regina**

Everyone is welcome to join Archbishop Don to come together for a Prayer Service for Healing from Clergy Sexual Abuse.

“The Light Shines Through the Broken Places” is a reminder that although victims are often broken the light of Christ may shine through their brokenness.

The service will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded in a place where they should have found love.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.

– Pope Francis



Bringing Home the Word

Telling Our Christian Stories
By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 10:36, 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...." 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. In verse 38, Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." 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 neighbor?

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

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

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



WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019



**Justice and only justice
you shall pursue.**

(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

The international resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Indonesia. The 2019 theme, *Justice and only justice you shall pursue (Deut. 16.18-20)*, calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Drawing on the traditional values of *Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)* and *gotong royong (living in solidarity by collaboration)*, Indonesian Christians invite us to be a united witness, and an agent of Christ's healing grace in a broken world, by making specific commitments to justice, equality, and unity.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Services

Monday, January 21 **12 Noon**
St. Gerard Church

Tuesday, January 22 **7pm**
St. Paul Lutheran Church
73 Smith St E

Wednesday, January 23 **7pm**
Yorkton Alliance Church
186 Allanbrooke Dr

Thursday, January 24 **2pm**
Westview United Church
355 Bradbrooke Dr

Friday, January 25 **TBD**
TBD



THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (13th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.
- Mon. (14th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (15th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
9:00 am- **Perogy Bee (dough)**
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (16th): 9:00 am- **Perogy Bee (pinching)**
- Thurs. (17th): 9:00 am- **Perogy Bee (packaging)**
- Fri. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (*Meeting Room A*)
- Sat. (19th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(*Meeting Room A*)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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.

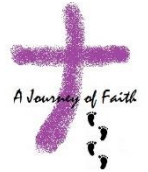
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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

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:

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