



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Mon. (15 th): | 9:30 am- | +Florence Tregear |
| Tues. (16 th): | 9:30 am- | +Adella Nayko |
| Wed. (17 th): | 10:30 am- | NURSING HOME (SOUTH) |
| | | +Naphin Family |
| Thurs. (18 th): | 9:30 am- | +Linda Fradette |
| | 2:30 pm- | YORKTON CROSSING |
| | | +Ann Bisschop |
| Fri. (19 th): | 9:30 am- | +Norbert Soyka |
| Sat. (20 th): | 10:00am- | +David Kuzminiski |

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| | 7:00 pm- | +Christine Ooi |
| Sun. (21 st): | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| | 9:00 am- | +Irene Fleury |
| | 11:00 am- | Mass for the People |

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is the first Friday of the month at 10am. Come and spend an hour with the Lord!

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

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Lord, draw me close to your heart that I may come to know and love you more deeply.

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

A Note from Your Pastor.....

Christmas is over and now we are back to Ordinary Time. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Angela Brown for organizing the beautiful decorating of the church. Also, thank you to the Liturgy Committee who organized the Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers. Thank you to Diana Hornung, Music Ministry Coordinator, for assisting the Music Leaders at all Masses.

It is a pleasure to serve the Lord with all of you.

Rev. Louis Nguyen

St. Gerard Parish – 2017-2017 – Pastoral and Finance Councils

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|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| PPC | Chairperson | -Trent Senger | Vice-chairperson | - | Gerry Yacishyn | |
| | Secretary | -Jayne Senger | Liturgy | - | Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon | |
| | Religious Education | -Laurie Couture | Social Justice | - | VACANT | |
| | Community Life | -Rose Marchinko | Public Relations | - | VACANT | |
| | Family & Social | -VACANT | Youth | - | Melinda Sevilla | |
| | Ecumenical | -Carm Molnar | Stewardship | - | Willie Yacishyn | |
| | CWL Rep. | -Linda Maddaford | K of C Rep. | - | Wayne Exner | |
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| PHC | Finance | - | Brian Kruger | Secretary | - | Richard Dubois |
| | Properties | - | Matt Bernat | Member at Large | - | Conrad Rodney |
| | Hall | - | Don Reed | Member at Large | - | Dwight Guy |

HEY YOUTH!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer in our parish? Need Christian Service hours? Want to be involved with helping out your parish family?

We are looking for helpers to babysit during Sacrament Preparation classes (held on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm). Volunteers would need to complete a Criminal Record check prior to helping. Please call Laurie at (306) 620-8715 to sign up!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 15 - January 19, 2018



| | Sacred Heart | St. Alphonsus | St. Mary | St. Michael | St. Paul | St. Theodore |
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| Mon. | | •Gr. 4 Swimming | | | | |
| Tues. | | | •Epiphany Celebration @ 1pm | •Home basketball game | •Bball vs MC Knoll | |
| Wed. | | | | •Gr. 4 Swimming •Copycat Twin Day | •Epiphany Celebration @ 9am | |
| Thurs. | | •Epiphany Celebration @ 10:45am •Gr. 4 Swimming | | | | |
| Fri. | | | •Gr. 6-8 to Asessippi Ski Hill | •Jean/Comfy Day | •Gr. 6 & 8 Ski Trip | |
| Sat. | | •Bball Tourney at Yorkdale | | | | |

"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

The next baptism session will be held Sunday, **January 28th @ 6:30 pm**. Please contact the Parish Office to register – 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

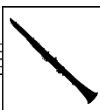
The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #2 – January 21st @ 6:30 pm



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Session #1 – TONIGHT @ 6:30pm



THE MUSIC MINISTRY IS RECRUITING!

... pianists, organists, guitarists, and more!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE LORD

by accompanying/leading a choir at the Sunday Liturgies, and have attained the equivalent to Grade 5 Royal Conservatory piano, please stop into the Parish Office. Email office@stgerard.ca or phone 306.782.2449.



Music Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for ALL singers AND musicians on Saturday, January 27th. The meeting commences with Mass at 10am.

ALL singers and musicians are asked to attend.



News from the CWL



CWL Membership Fees - Time for Renewal

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the united voice of all Catholic women. An invitation is extended to all women to become a member of the League.

We will be collecting the \$25 membership fee after masses on Jan. 20th and 21st, or you may renew by placing a cheque in the collection basket made payable to St. Gerard CWL, labelled envelopes are on a table in the Welcome Area. If you have any questions please contact Linda Maddaford at 306.783.3924.



News from the Knights of Columbus



- January 18 Fourth Degree Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Chambers
- January 23 State Convention Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Chambers

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ENCOUNTER THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONS

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, Jan. 20

RESURRECTION PARISH, 3155 WINDSOR PK RD, REGINA

10:00 am: Mass (with Archbishop Donald Bolen)

11:00 am-4:00 pm: Veneration

7:00 pm-10:00 pm: Official Relic Event

(Talk, Testimonies, and Veneration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at various times during the day.



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Bringing Home the Word

Drawn Toward Christ

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I started in campus ministry, I was fortunate to meet a wonderful priest who had worked with college students for many years. I watched him carefully on Sundays and at student gatherings, picking up valuable information about how to talk to students, conduct myself professionally, and bring out the best in others and in myself.

Over the years we worked together, I observed many campus ministers—all age ranges, lay and ordained—seeking him out for advice and counsel. I referred more than a few. I also enjoyed our conversations and nearly always left our meetings with more wisdom than when I started.

I wonder what Andrew and the other disciples thought when John called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” Whatever it was, they must have seen in Jesus someone who could answer their questions or give them something they were lacking. Maybe they saw a person their teacher admired and decided to seek his wisdom for themselves.

Whatever it was, something compelled them to follow Jesus, and Jesus’ own invitation to “come and see” whetted their curiosity and desire even more.

Today we might call that the impulse of the Spirit, who draws us to Christ even when we’re not sure why. The challenge for us is to have the courage to follow Jesus, ask where he’s staying, and walk with him even if we can’t see where it will lead us.

Our desire to stay with the Lord is, in itself, our comfort and our joy.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (14th): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation Session
- Mon. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (16th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg
- Wed. (17th): 5:30 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
- Fri. (19th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Youth Connect Parent Mtg
- Sat. (20th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (21st): 6:30 pm- GUC Session #2




WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power
(Exodus 15:6)

SEMAINE DE PRIÈRE
POUR L'UNITÉ CHRÉTIENNE 2018
Ta main droite, Seigneur, éclatante de puissance
(Exode 15:6)

date / date: **January 23, 2018**

time / heure: **7:00 pm**

place / lieu: **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
73 Smith Street E

weekofprayer.ca | semainedepriere.ca

What is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

Every year between January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to:

celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians; reflect on scripture together; participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services; share fellowship.

The resources for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by an ecumenical team from the Caribbean, whose members represent various churches and religious organizations.

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

The next **YOUTH CONNECT** event is Saturday, January 27th, beginning with Mass at 10am and continuing to 3:30pm. Our first Community Outreach Service (at YDNH – Skinner Unit) will be from 2-3pm.

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

YOUTH REFLECTION

"We are Called"

This Week...

We are being called. Sometimes we don't realize it at first. Like Samuel we are asleep or we need someone wise to help us discern our calling. Sometimes we do realize it, and we must change our life, as Paul suggests, to reflect the holiness of our call. Sometimes it is more obvious, as if Jesus is boldly asking us what we're looking for. What are we being called to? Discipleship.

For Your Reflection

Samuel is a young person, living with Eli, who is his spiritual guide. Samuel is inexperienced, and he needs Eli to walk with him and experience life with him so he is not alone.

- Who is a spiritual guide for you? Who is an adult with life experience whom you can trust and open up to when you have deep questions of the heart? How does this take place? When has this helped you?

God calls Samuel as God calls each of us. Samuel needs Eli's help to understand God's call, and Eli helps Samuel to listen and be open to what God has to say.

- Do you think you really listen to God? Do you think you are open to what God has to say to you? How can you improve in this area?

In the Gospel Jesus asks the curious passerby what they are looking for.

- What are you looking for in life? What do you think most teenagers your age are looking for?
- Do you think Jesus is the answer to everything most people are looking for? If not, why not? If so, why? And if so, why don't most teenagers realize that Jesus is the answer?

In the Gospel Jesus invites curious ones to "come and see" what his life is all about.

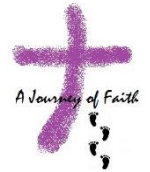
- What do you think Jesus' life is all about?
- If you invited a complete stranger to "come and see" what your life is all about, what would they think about you and your values and priorities after following you around for a week?



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 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. 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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