

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (16th): 7:00 pm- *-Prayer Vigil- Timothy Werner*
Tues. (17th): 10:00 am- *-Funeral Service- Timothy Werner*
Wed. (18th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
+Frances Mroczko
7:00 pm- +Shelley Kaspick
Thurs. (19th): 9:00 am- +Agnes Stokman
Fri. (20th): 9:00 am- +Gladys Molnar
Sat. (21st): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Ivy Mayer

7:00 pm- +Thresia Tedeschi

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. (22nd): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Jack & +Sophie Morhart

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Jay Gustafson, Fran Semchuk



Lord, may your light of love and peace shine brightly in my heart so that others may come to know of your goodness.

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (15th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table Session #1*
Mon. (16th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm- Religious Education Committee Meeting
Tues. (17th): 9:30 am- CWL Comfort Cushion Project
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting
Wed. (18th): 9:30 am- CWL Comfort Cushion Project
7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Fri. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm- Parish Appreciation Supper

Parish Appreciation Supper

Friday, January 20th

6:00 pm

Beef on a bun, salads & ice cream desserts

All parishioners of all ages are invited to attend.

Parish Council wishes to thank all parishioners for their contributions to the parish by providing this supper **free-of-charge**.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Welcome Area at each mass the weekends of January 7/8 and January 14/15.

Resolutions in the New Year

Have you made your resolutions for the New Year? What are they? To exercise more, to stick to a new diet? What about a resolution for spiritual growth? Wondering where to find inspiration? Look no further, as you have found it here:

The First Spiritual Exercises – A four-week Retreat (a meeting once a week with self-guided prayer Monday to Thursday) will be offered at St. Gerard: *Inner Peace in Divine Love*. Based on Ignatian Spirituality, it offers to deepen our relationship with God – in the Father a welcome home, in Jesus, a true friend, in the Spirit, a wise guide.

Experience this extraordinary gift of Ignatius that will bring you into an intimate relationship with the Lord and companionship with others.

What do you need to do? Come on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 pm to Meeting Rooms A & B to find out about the exercises. Bring a notebook and a pen. Other materials and detailed explanations will be given at that time. We will meet four more Mondays to share our own experiences and discover more about the exercises. We will conclude the First Spiritual Exercises on Monday, February 27th.

A Word from Pope Francis

Saint Bonaventure tells us that, “from a reflection on the primary source of all things, filled with even more abundant piety, he would call creatures, no matter how small, by the name of ‘brother’ or ‘sister.’” Such a conviction cannot be written off as naive romanticism, for it affects the choices which determine our behavior. If...we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously.

—*Laudato Si'*, May 24, 2015



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 16 - January 20, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Gr. 4 Swimming		
Tues.	•Epiphany Water Blessing @ 9am		•Bball vs Yorkdale		•Bball vs St. Michael	
Wed.		•Gr. 4 Swimming		•Epiphany Celebration @ 12:30pm		•Gr. 3 Care Home Visit
Thurs.			•Epiphany Service @ 12:30pm		•SCC Taco Lunch	•Feel the Pulse Retreat
Fri.		•SCC Family Lunch				

“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.

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

Session #1 will be held

TONIGHT - Sunday, January 15th @ 6:30pm

Enrolment at each Mass

January 21st & 22nd



News from the CWL



This weekend is CWL Weekend! This is your chance to join an organization that offers spirituality, sisterhood, hospitality, education, social justice, and a great chance to work on many wonderful projects "for God and Canada"! CWL members will be in the Welcome Area after each Mass this weekend so that you can get your membership. Faith, fun, fulfillment: join us!

CWL - 2017 Executive

Spiritual Advisor:	Father Francis Hengen
President:	Rosella Wanner
Past President:	Mary Bybliw
President Elect/Organization:	Linda Maddaford
Secretary:	Donna Olshewski
Treasurer:	Yvonne Turgeon
Spiritual Development:	Christine Shuya & Deanna Pellatt
Communications:	Debbie Hayward
Resolutions & Legislation:	Shirley Pierce
Christian Family Life:	Marie Kruger & Jenny Zarowny
Health & Education:	Carol Deters

2017 CWL Membership Fees are due now. To all new and renewing members please remit your \$25 membership dues as soon as possible. Make cheques payable to St. Gerard CWL and give to one of the Executive or put them into the collection basket in an envelope marked CWL Membership.

Start off the new year with a cozy project! The next sessions for **Comfort Cushions Sewing Bees** will be January 10-11; January 17-18; and January 24-25. Please mark these dates on your calendars! Remember, you don't have to know how to sew to help with this very special project! Just come with a willing heart and be part of something wonderful!

The CWL is looking for gently used purses, scarves and jewellery! If you're cleaning your closets and find some of these items to pass on, please leave them by the CWL room. Items will be collected 'til the end of February. These will be part of a fundraiser for the refugee family. Thank you!

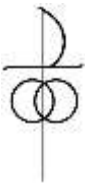


News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

Have you checked out the St. Gerard website?? It is easy to use and is **compatible with 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



Are you planning a marriage in 2017? Congratulations!!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements to meet with Father Francis.



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!! You are invited to drop in to the rehearsals! Check the bulletin for days and times.

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.



All are invited to the

*Week of Christian Unity
Prayer Service*

**Reconciliation –
The Love of Christ Compels Us**

*St. Gerard Church
Monday, January 23rd @ 7pm*

Refreshments & fellowship to follow.



Bringing Home the Word

Called By Name

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was ten, my teacher decided to call me by my first name, Mary, rather than by my family name, Kathy, part of my middle name. My teacher felt we should honor the Blessed Virgin by calling me Mary. The name Katharine had been in my mother's family for years, and she liked its strength. It was an abrupt switch, but like many children, I quickly got used to responding to either name—and sometimes to both.

Names tell us something about a person. Today's Scriptures speak to the singularity of the Incarnation by talking about names people gave Jesus. The early Church looked through the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament and realized that Jesus was like the figure in the prophecies of Isaiah, so they came to know him as servant (one who does God's will), covenant (a promise between two parties), and light to the nations. Paul calls him Messiah (*Christos* in Greek) and Lord. And John refers to him as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" and the "Son of God."

We haven't yet been able to articulate the fullness of who Jesus is. We believe he is fully God and fully human and that he came out of love for us to save us from sin and death. In our attempt to understand that, we've given him many names. Each reveals a little more about who he is for us and who he is with God.

What is your name for Jesus now, and what does that mean to you?

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World Day of the Sick

February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

(ORDO, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCCB Publications, Ottawa)

Ministry of Care Blessing

to mark the

World Day of the Sick

All health care providers and personnel who work in health care are invited to receive a prayer of blessing during Sunday Mass celebrations on Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th, to mark the World Day of the Sick, celebrated February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The blessing at the Sunday liturgy is offered to highlight the health care community and our sharing in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

The message for the 2017 World Day of the Sick from Pope Francis can be found online:

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20161208_giornata-malato.html

2017 Giving Program

The 2017 collection envelopes are available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2016. **Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2017.**


Also, please note that some envelope numbers have changed.

PLEASE CHECK THE NAME ON THE LABEL OF YOUR BOX OF 2017 ENVELOPES. SOME BOXES HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN ERROR!!!

If you have a box that has someone else's name, please phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 as soon as possible!! Thank you!

****If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2017, please complete a Parish Registration Form, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance****

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Light for All Nations"

This Week...

The "suffering servant" song from Isaiah echoes the same message as the Gospel story - that Jesus is the Chosen One, who is to bring light and salvation to all nations and all peoples. Paul's letter reminds us that as a holy people, as followers of Jesus, we share in that mission.

For Your Reflection

John the Baptizer doesn't just sit on a rock when he receives the call from God. Paul doesn't just sit. Isaiah doesn't just sit around, either. They are called to do God's work, and so they get up and start working. Isaiah proclaims truth and warnings; Paul travels, establishes churches, and writes letters; John baptizes and preaches repentance.

- How does a teenager do God's work?
- Why aren't more teenagers (or adults) involved in God's work?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be light to all nations. In Isaiah's time that had a specific and serious meaning. It meant that salvation would be brought to all peoples, not just to the Jews. This was a hard message for many Jews to accept. Jews believed that they were God's Chosen People and that they needed to avoid other, "lesser" peoples in order to remain true to God's way.

- Today many [Canadians] act as if they believe they are God's new chosen people. It is difficult for them to accept foreign peoples and foreign ways. What evidence do you see of that in the news?
- Do you have "chosen people" in your school? Are some groups shunned as "lesser"? If so, why? Where do those attitudes come from? How are you called to be a light to all peoples - even to students in your high school who are in shunned groups?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, 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

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