

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 17, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (18th): 9:00 am- +John Wenet
Tues. (19th): 9:00 am- +Matilda Copan
Wed. (20th): 10:00am- Nursing Home (South)
Rosemarie Massett
7:00 pm- +Maria Cattelaens
Thurs. (21st): 9:00 am- +Raymond & +Effie Hardy
7:00 pm- *Ecumenical Worship Service*
Fri. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
Sat. (23rd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- Ruby McCallum

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
(CANCELLED THIS WEEK)

7:00 pm- +Bernice Saretsky

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. (24th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Treeske Holtkamp

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar
Hospital: Jerome Niezgodna
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

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



Coffee after each Mass
NEXT WEEKEND!



*Plan to have a cup, a visit,
and meet new members of our parish family!*

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (17th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group
Mon. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm- Religious Education Committee Meeting
Tues. (19th): 7:00 pm- Liturgy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for
Ecumenical Worship Service
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (20th): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Fri. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (23rd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (24th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session 2



January 18 to January 25, 2016

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

An Ecumenical Prayer Service

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!



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 17th 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 3rd 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)

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter!!!! - @Pontifex (He has 8.41 million followers!)



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 18 - January 22, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Epiphany Celebration @ 12:45pm	•Gr. 4 Swimming lessons	
Tues.		•Pulse Retreat	•Gr. 4 Swimming lessons	•SCC Hot Lunch	•Epiphany Service @ 9am	
Wed.			•Blessing of the Water Service @ 12:30pm		•SCC Hot Lunch	
Thurs.	•Final exams start		•Gr. 4 Swimming lessons			
Fri.		•YESSA Curling Events	•Gr. 5 visit the Nursing Home •YESSA Curling Funspiel		•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 14th, 2016.**

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

ENROLMENT AT MASS JANUARY 23RD/24TH

SECOND SESSION

January 24th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Worship Service CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesday, Jan. 19th from 7pm-7:30pm and Thursday, Jan. 21st @ 6:30pm prior to the Service.

Your attendance is expected. NEW MUSIC.



Jesus is in the World Not of It

The Beatitudes offer us a self-portrait of Jesus. At first it might seem to be a most unappealing portrait - who wants to be poor, mourning and persecuted?

Who can be truly gentle, **merciful**, pure in heart, a peacemaker, and always concerned about justice? Where is the realism here? Don't we have to survive in this world and use the ways of the world to do so?

Jesus shows us the way to be **in** the world without being **of** it. When we model our lives on his, a new world will open up for us. The Kingdom of Heaven will be ours, and the earth will be our inheritance. We will be comforted and have our fill; **mercy** will be shown to us. Yes, we will be recognised as God's children and truly see God, not just in an afterlife, but here and now (see Matthew 5:3-10). That is the reward of modelling our lives on the life of Jesus!

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!

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.

Note: The next GENERAL MEETING will be held in **March.**



News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 25th - Articles for "The Word" due
Jan. 30th - Bingo
Jan. 30th/31st - White Ribbon Campaign

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

A **Celebration of Consecrated Life** in the Archdiocese will be hosted by St. Martin's Parish, 4720 Castle Road, at the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday January 31st. *Come and join us to thank God for the commitment of consecrated women and men in the Archdiocese.*

"In the face of the refugee we see the face of Christ." - Pope Francis

Do you know that there is a **Refugee Sponsorship Committee** at St. Gerard? For more information contact :

Father Francis 306.782.0323
Rejean Houle 306.783.6767
Aleksandra Hoeber 306.782.1323

Good News!

January 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

In the legends of the saints in Ireland, it is said that St. Bridget performed a miracle similar to the one Jesus did at Cana. When three beggars came to the monastery, there was nothing to give them to drink. Bridget invited them in anyway and, seeing only the water used for washing clothes, she prayed to God. The wash water turned into beer, which she served to the guests.

While the account of the wedding feast is not a legend, the similarity between the two stories highlights the way God works in ordinary things (and sometimes in ordinary people) to make them extraordinary. Jesus turns the water at an everyday wedding into wine of such abundance that it reminds us of Isaiah's vision of the Lord's banquet when all will feast at the table. God worked through Bridget (an ordinary person) to turn the water used for washing clothes into beer to satisfy the thirst of three beggars. Though seemingly without, they had as much as they needed, and the generosity was remembered.

Even now, God takes what is mundane and uses it to show forth his glory and satisfy his people. John's Gospel highlights this activity as the first of the signs that Jesus performed. The legend of Bridget and the stories of men and women who reflect and share the grace of God in their day-to-day living strengthen our faith and hope that God is active still in the world and will bring us all to glory one day.

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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

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.

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 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.**

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!

A **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June.

This January 17 observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world" (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

******Perogy Bee******

MON.	Jan.18	9:30 am	Prepping
TUES.	Jan. 19	9:30 am	Pinching
WED.	Jan. 20	9:00 am	Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

“Jesus Turns Water into Wine”

This Week...

There is something wonderful about a union —everyone loves a good wedding story where the two individuals promise to become one flesh, one entity. Isaiah reminds us that God loves us like a bride and groom love each other. But we need to remember that it is the individuality of each separate person that makes each union so enriching. When different gifts from the same Spirit come together and are allowed to grow and to be shared - in a marriage, a friendship, a business partnership, or in a parent-child relationship like Jesus and Mary's - the union is blessed and is made fuller.

For Your Reflection

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of.

When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out?

Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met - without a lot of fuss.

When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way?

Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness - a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle A, 2008, Saint Mary's Press



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.

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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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