



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

## LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (20 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):		NO MASS
Wed. (22 <sup>nd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Thurs. (23 <sup>rd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Fri. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Sat. (25 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Irene Cherneski

5:00 pm +John Jason Himpe

Sun. (26<sup>th</sup>): **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People  
11:00 am Special Intentions

### 2020 GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE pick up your box of collection envelopes (or PAG special collection envelopes) from the table in the Welcome Area. Thank you!

If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2020, **please complete a Parish Registration Form**, located on the large table in the Welcome Area.

### 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 306.621.8068

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, may your light of life 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

*"Look! The Lamb of God, the (one) taking away the sin of the world!"*

The Church teaches that everyone suffers from the effects of "Original Sin." According to Genesis 2-3, the first people (Adam and Eve) chose their own self interest over God's will. Their selfishness resulted in ignorance of other's needs and the greater good, blindness to the consequences of moral actions, and the decline in good relations between people. Like a cancer, selfishness infected human nature and society to the extent that it passed from generation to generation. No time, no culture, no people has ever proven to be truly oriented towards others' needs and God's will.

That situation changed with the life of Christ. Christ is the "New Adam," the model of a God-oriented life and means to live that life. Christ took upon himself all the effects of Original Sin (the world's self-centered nature) through his suffering and death. Through his resurrection, he conquered the world's sinful condition. With his gift of God's Spirit, we, too, can overcome the world's selfishness and its consequences. The Spirit empowers us to live like Christ, a life oriented towards God and others.

*"This is the (man) baptizing with the Holy Spirit"*

As the Sacrament of Christ's death and resurrection, Baptism is the primary means to receive God's Spirit. In Baptism, we enter the water. In doing so, we take part in Christ's death and our death to the self (Original Sin). When we rise from the water, we partake in Christ's resurrection and his new life (the Spirit). Sharing in his Spirit enables us to live out God's will. Because we take part in Christ's death and resurrection in Baptism, this sacrament not only takes away our individual transgressions, but also "washes away" the effects of the world's selfishness, Original Sin. In Baptism, we become one with the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

*Baptism is the sacrament of life in the Spirit, a life of deference to God. Who has shown you a live lived in deference to God's will? How has that person inspired you to do the same?*

John lived his life in deference to the One God would point out. He lived most of that life in ignorance of the final outcome, but in hope God would make that outcome plain. His life gives us a primary example of Christian humility, living in deference to God's will. John was truly the humble witness.

*This gospel shows us the two dimensions of humble witness, the sight of faith and the witness to God's power. Where do you see God working in your life this week? Who have you told about God's activity?*

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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

January 20 - January 24, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Epiphany Celebration	•Bball vs Yorkdale	
Tues.	•Water Blessing •Jr Girls Bball vs Yorkton			•SCC Meeting	•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.	•Jr Girls Bball vs MCS				•MADD presentation for Gr. 4-6	•Gr. 5 visit Theodore Health Centre
Thurs.	•Jr. Boys Bball @ St. Henry					•Liturgy @ Theodore Health Centre
Fri.			•Gr.. 6-8 to Asessippi Ski Resort		•SCC Hot Lunch	

Ministries – January 25/26			
	5pm	9am	11am
<b>Welcomer</b>	Trevor B.	Salvador A.	Vanessa A.
<b>Lectors</b>	Carmelita C. Catherine D.	Elaine E. Wayne E.	Jessica A. Laura A.
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Ernie B. Greg D. Rick D. Scott H. Rejean H.	Della F. Jerome N. Ken O. Adeline O. Adrienne W.	Jenny B. Murray P. Deanna P. Lorraine S. Yvonne T.
<b>Hospitality</b>	Team 1	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Georgina A. Brynn H.	Cole R. Mary W. Sarah L.	Savannah G. Isabelle G. Eathan P.

If you are unable to serve in your ministry, please find a replacement. All ministers are to be in the sacristy at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. Thank you.



### St. Gerard Marriage Preparation Course

(Winter Session or Fall Session)

Congratulations on your engagement!

If you are planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next year you are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course. The St. Gerard Marriage Preparation Course is open to all engaged couples regardless of where their marriage will be celebrated. Please contact the Parish Office to enroll. A registration fee is required.



### SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



#### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

The next Baptism Preparation Session is Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

Please contact the Parish Office to register: 306.782.2449 or [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

### Share Lent Campaign Workshop

#### Development and Peace's Share Lent Campaign

This Winter, Development and Peace continues journeying with the Catholic Church, our partners, and the indigenous people in the Amazonia in the protection of the largest rainforest on earth from commercial exploitation.

Please join us with D&P for a deeper discussion on the effects of the damages to the Amazon rainforest on Indigenous Peoples and on the Global Ecosystem, and on D&P's responses - February 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 3pm at St. Gerard Parish.

RSVP to [mbell.lsha@housingauthoritiesk.com](mailto:mbell.lsha@housingauthoritiesk.com)



### News from the CWL



Membership Renewal- fees are \$30 and are due by Jan 31st. Please make cheque payable to St. Gerard CWL. Any change in contact information this year? Please contact Paulette 306.782.7923 so we can keep our records up to date.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
Jan. 25-26 White Ribbon Campaign  
Jan. 31 Fraternal survey due  
Feb. 2 Sunday Brunch  
Feb. 5 Executive Meeting

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr)  
More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

### The Knights of Columbus "WHITE RIBBON" CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus "White Ribbon" campaign will be held the weekend of January 25-26. The White Ribbon campaign protests abuse towards women and children, and is all the more powerful because men began the campaign to send the message that abuse will not be tolerated. Your support of the White Ribbon Campaign and wearing a white ribbon speaks out for wives, sisters, mothers, daughters.

Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds go to Shelwin House.

### Dying Healed Workshop St. Henry's Parish – Melville, SK

Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1  
Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m. (followed by Mass)

and

Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Self-register at:

[www.lifecanada.org/dying\\_healed\\_melville\\_sk](http://www.lifecanada.org/dying_healed_melville_sk)

OR contact Amanda at:

306.352.1651 or [atrainor@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:atrainor@archregina.sk.ca)

Cost \$30 but Melville Social Justice Committee are subsidizing the cost by \$5 per person so individuals will have to pay \$25. This cost includes refreshments, lunch on the Saturday and the workbook.

**Deadline to register is Monday January 27.**



# Bringing Home the Word

## New Life

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

An elaborate fresco titled *Baptism of Christ* by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: in the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

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## •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

**The First Thursday of Every Month  
from 3pm to 6pm**

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

# WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020



*"They showed us unusual kindness." (Acts 28:2)*

*All are invited to the*  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Prayer Service**

*St. Gerard Church  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (19<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2  
(CWL Room)  
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation  
(Main Hall)
- Mon. (20<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
(CWL Room)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (21<sup>st</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
(CWL Room)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Fri (24<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1  
(CWL Room)
- Sat. (25<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"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. 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.*

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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 Regina 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. Visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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