



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 21, 2018

Third 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

Mon. (22 nd):	9:30 am-	+Doreen Sereda
Tues. (23 rd):	9:30 am-	+Janet Gress
	7:00 pm-	<i>Ecumenical Service at</i>
		<i>St. Paul Lutheran Church</i>
Wed. (24 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		+Valeria Woloschuk
Thurs. (25 th):	9:30 am-	+Norbert Leibel
Fri. (26 th):	9:30 am-	+Gail Cooney
Sat. (27 th):	10:00am-	Elizabeth Beres
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	7:00 pm-	+Norbert Soyka
Sun. (28 th):	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	+Doreen Schlechter
	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

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Lord, you call me to do the work of God in the world. Help me to say yes to your work of peace and reconciliation.

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



Feast of the Holy Child of Jesus (SINULOG) Celebration “Filipino Lunch Buffet for a Cause”

St. Gerard Parish Hall
 Sunday, January 28th from 12 noon to 3pm

7 yrs. and under -	No charge	8 -14 yrs -	\$5.00
15 yrs and older -	\$10.00	Family (4 or more) -	\$30.00

Tickets will be available in the main entrance of the hall.
 Entertainment to follow the meal.
 For more information please contact Melinda Sevilla (1.306.562.7480)

Proceeds to St. Gerard Church

Santo Niño de Cebú is a Roman Catholic title of the Holy Child of Jesus based on a religious relic icon in Cebu City, Philippines. It is one of the oldest Christian Relics in the Philippines originally given in 1521 as a gift by explorer Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon and his wife when he landed on the island. The image received Papal recognition on April 18, 1965 by Pope Paul VI. The feast is celebrated the third Sunday of January. The image is venerated as miraculous by many Filipino Catholics.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is an act of faith and a gesture of love. Adoration is a “heart to heart” with God, a period of time presented with utter gratuity. By offering up my presence, I participate in the great offering of Jesus, that is, his life handed over “for the glory of God and the salvation of the world.”

I bow slowly or I genuflect as a sign of respect in front of the tabernacle or before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar.

To put myself in a state of recollection, I choose to sit or kneel. I close my eyes or I look at the host, a tangible sign of the presence of Christ.

In order to make a prayer of adoration I must be silent within myself: I must remove any sources of distractions which bother me or prevent me from letting God take over. I let go of all the concerns of the present moment to let God fill me with his love.

Would you like to spend time with the Lord? Holy Hour Devotion is at 10:00 am the first Friday of every month.

- Saint Joseph's Oratory Prayer Book. Toronto: Novalis, 2017



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 22 - January 26, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore	
Mon.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4-8 cross country skiing in Phys. Ed. classes for next couple of weeks 				
Tues.							
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 6&8 to Asessippi Ski Resort 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 6&8 Downhill Ski Trip 		
Thurs.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hot lunch •Girls bball home game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Hot Lunch 	
Fri.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hat Day 		

“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

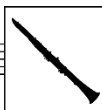
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GUC Session #2 – **TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm**



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Session #2 – Sunday, February 4th @ 6:30pm

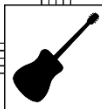


THE MUSIC MINISTRY IS RECRUITING!

... 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



Stitches of Love!



The CWL will be making quilts each
Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 3:30
pm, beginning January 22nd.

Bring a lunch, sewing machine, scissors and a ripper.
Please join us in this wonderful fellowship. Even if you
don't sew, we can always use a helping hand with ironing.
See you Monday, Jan. 22!



News from the Knights of Columbus



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*

White Ribbon Campaign - January 27-28

This campaign protests abuse towards women and
children, began by men 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 and daughters. Thank you for
your generosity. All proceeds go to support Shelwin
House.

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

The real source of our faith is not merely a set of
doctrines but rather the person of Christ still living
in the Church today. Our aspiration as parishioners
is to build community in our parish of St. Gerard's.
Jesus helped the apostles to form community by
imitating Him. We can continue building His name
by devoting ourselves to His teachings, to fellowship
within our community, to the breaking of bread in
the Eucharist, and in prayer. We can build our
community by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us
to build bridges among us, reconcile us, and bind us
together as God's Holy People by faith, hope and
love.
~ Stewardship Committee

*Let the Church always be a place of mercy and
hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and
forgiven.*

– Pope Francis (@Pontifex, June 16, 2013)



Bringing Home the Word

The Power of Christ's Invitation

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God's judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the Book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn't so happy about this turn of events—he felt it made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark's Gospel, Christ's invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I've taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the good news, however, is unlike any other to those who are open to it. When we really hear God's voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God's word calling you to change today?

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The Social Justice Committee would like to thank the parish for the generous donations of food for the food bin as well as the Giving Tree gifts.

The food is routinely taken to the food bank, and the Giving Tree gifts were distributed before Christmas.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018 | SEMAINE DE PRIÈRE POUR L'UNITÉ CHRÉTIENNE 2018

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power (Exodus 15:6)

Ta main droite, Seigneur, éblouissante 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**



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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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (21st): 6:30 pm- GUC Session #2
- Mon. (22nd): 10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (23rd): 10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
5:30 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Thurs. (25th): 7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
- Fri. (26th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (27th): 10:00 am- Music Ministry meeting (beginning with Mass)
10:00 am- YOUTH CONNECT
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (28th): 6:30 pm- Baptism Preparation Session

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Answering the Call"

This Week...

Things can happen so quickly. "What a difference a day makes - 24 little hours," as the song goes. Nineveh changes overnight because of Jonah's preaching. Simon, Andrew, James, and John immediately abandon their fishing nets to become fishers of men and women. Paul tells us to be prepared because these things can happen. He exaggerates the point so we know how urgent it is to be ready to alter our life completely for God.

For Your Reflection

When Jesus comes by, the fishers who choose to follow him are immediately changed. Their daily lives are no longer spent watching the weather, fixing their boats, and hauling fish. Yet it takes them several years to understand their faith in Jesus and what it means to be a true follower and disciple.

Some changes can happen quickly, and things are immediately different. Some changes happen more slowly, and you can only see the difference over time, while looking back with a thoughtful eye.

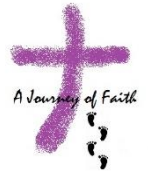
- When you made the switch from junior high to high school (or from elementary school to junior high or middle school), what were the immediate changes in your everyday life? What were the changes that took time as you matured and became more adult-like and more comfortable with your new surroundings?
- What are some of the immediate daily changes that might have taken place in the Apostles' lives and in the lives of their family members? What gradual changes do you think their family members would have noticed in them over the course of three years or so?
- When you want to change yourself, how do you get from the stage of "just thinking about it" to the stage of "actually doing it"? What are some changes you would like to make in your own life - changes that would make you a better person, changes that Jesus would approve of?
- If you truly live that way every day - making changes that Jesus would approve of, being a better person - how will that make you like the Apostles? How might you become like a fisher of other teenagers, looking for a better life?



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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