
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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

- Mon. (25th): 9:00 am- *The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*
Special Intentions
7:00 pm- *Memorial Mass*
+Archbishop Daniel Bohan
- Tues. (26th): 9:00 am- *Memorial of St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*
+Matilda Copan
- Wed. (27th): 10:00 am- *Nursing Home (North)*
+Joan Henrion
7:00 pm- +Helen Flavel
- Thurs. (28th): 9:00 am- *Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas*
+Doreen Mireau
- Fri. (29th): 9:00 am- Cas & Marie Broda
- Sat. (30th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- Maren Brown

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Mary Diakuw

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sun. (31st): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
11:00 am- Mass for the People
7:00 pm- *Blessing of the Stained Glass*

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Non-liturgical Schedule

- Sun. (24th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session 2
- Mon. (25th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (26th): 7:00 pm- Parish Finance Council Meeting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (27th): 7:30 pm- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
- Fri. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (30th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

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!

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.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk



**Coffee after each Mass
TODAY!**



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



**ST. GERARD PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL
AND
FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Nominations are now open for the following positions:

Pastoral Council

Chairperson	3 years	Family & Social	3 years
Vice-chairperson	1 years	Youth	3 years
Liturgy	2 years	Public Relations	3 years
Religious Education	3 years	Stewardship	3 years

Nominations forms are available in this week's bulletin, on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office.

If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Father Francis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 24th @ 7pm in the Parish Hall.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**

The 2015 St. Gerard Parish Financial Statement and Committee Reports will be available at the Annual General Meeting.



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
January 25 - January 29, 2016**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Crazy Hat Day •Gr. 4 Swimming Lessons	
Tues.			•Gr. 4 Swimming Lessons		•Lemoncello Character Dress Up Day	
Wed.		•Family Literacy Day		•Family Literacy Day •Author Visit Gr.6-8	•Game Show Day •Gr. 4 Swimming	
Thurs.			•Gospel Assembly @ 2:15pm		•Team Colour Day •Family Literacy Night	
Fri.		NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

**"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

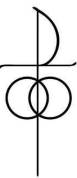
The Third Sacrament of Initiation

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

The parish-based sacrament preparation program for Confirmation & First Eucharist

SECOND SESSION – TONIGHT!

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



Are you planning a marriage in 2016? 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 Tuesday (7pm), Wednesday (7:30 pm), or Saturday (6:15pm) rehearsals!

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.

Reminder to Liturgical Ministries.....

Hospitality Ministers – please arrive **30 minutes** before Mass begins. Check the bulletin board for special instructions.

Lectors (Readers), Welcomers – please arrive **20 minutes** before Mass begins.

Communion Ministers – please arrive **15 minutes** prior to Mass.

Altar Servers – please arrive **at least 10 minutes** prior to Mass.



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. 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!

Please note that the next CWL meetings will be as follows:

Mon., Feb. 29 th	Executive meeting
Wed., March 2 nd	Regular Meeting and Installation of Executive



News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 25 th	-	Articles for "The Word" due
Jan. 26 th	-	Fourth Degree General Meeting
Jan. 30 th	-	Bingo
Jan. 30 th /31 st	-	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).

Family Activity - Bible Prayer Corner

In Luke's gospel, Jesus read from the Scriptures and commented on its meaning. This was the usual tradition at a synagogue service. What made this service unique was the commentary of Jesus. One line. What the audience heard from the prophet of Isaiah was fulfilled.

Family Bible reading and sharing is important. (You would not be reading this if you did not agree.) Re-enforce the point with a prayer corner that highlights the Bible. Set candles and flowers around pictures of Jesus and a Bible. Use a small book holder to hold the Bible and to highlight the prayer corner. Dedicate the prayer corner by sharing Luke 4:21-30 with your family and by praising God for the gift of his Son.

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Good News!

January 24, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

In the days of the exile in Babylon, the Jews were unable to practice their religion, to gather as a community, or to hear the words of the Torah, which had so guided them in their lives as a people of God. I have always been taken by the description of this reading of the Law in Nehemiah, which occurs shortly after their return from exile. As Ezra reads, the people weep, rejoicing because they were hearing God's words to them as though for the first time and were overjoyed because God had brought them back home. I can't say I have ever wept at the beauty and power of Scripture when it is read at Mass, nor have I seen others do so. When we have not been deprived of a treasure we sometimes take it for granted and fail to appreciate the gift that it is.

In the Gospel, Jesus reads the words of Isaiah and declares to those in the synagogue that the words have been fulfilled. The people's reaction, which we hear as Luke 4 continues (next week), simply is not the same. Throughout our own lives, we have reacted to the comfort and challenge of the Gospel in different ways at different times. Sometimes we may be touched by what we hear, but I wonder if we often do not allow God's word to affect us as much as it could. Maybe today we can really open ourselves to what the Lord has to say in the sacred stories. Maybe today we can recognize the true value of God's revelation, care, and call to us in the Bible.

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Acting as a People of Mercy

Dear Friends,

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.”

So began Pope Francis’ announcement of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. We began this time in the Church on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

How can our families participate in the Year of Mercy? The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) offers a pattern of mercy that all of us can emulate.

In the story, a traveler is beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Two people from his community pass, but they do not help. Then, a Samaritan—the enemy—sees his plight. The Samaritan takes the wounded person to an inn and pays for his care.

What does the pattern of this parable reveal about being people of mercy?

First, like the Samaritan, we must see the one who is in need of mercy in a way that allows the degree of the individual’s need to stir our hearts. Not long ago, I passed a young woman at an exit ramp of a local highway. She held a sign asking for money for diapers and other necessities. While part of me was skeptical (how did I know she wouldn’t use the money for drugs or alcohol?), I gave her some cash on the chance that her need was real. Perhaps you, like me, see people who are in need but find yourself hesitating to get involved.

Second, we have to let ourselves feel something about the person’s predicament. The Samaritan “was moved with compassion at the sight.” His focus was on the person in need. To be compassionate is to “feel with,” an essential step in mercy. Often, people around us are struggling. We may find ourselves tired of trying to understand their problems or grief.

Finally, to be people of mercy, we must respond. The Samaritan goes to the battered man, cares for his wounds, and takes him to a place of safety. The Samaritan uses his resources to make a difference. How are we involved as a family in works of justice and care in our community? Are we part of any ministry our parish offers? In what ways are we of service to others?

At a family dinner ask, “Who are the people we don’t see? How could we take action on behalf of those in need?”

The prophet Micah said it so well, thousands of years ago: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

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THE COUNTDOWN TO LENT IS ON!!

Ash Wednesday is coming!
(February 10th)



*“Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the Gospel.”*

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Many Members, One Body"

This Week...

Every member of the body is important. The hand is not better than the foot, and the eye is not more important than the ear. The hand would look silly all by itself without the rest of the body, and so would the eye, foot, or ear.

Every person in a group is also important. Some have the job of reading from the scroll, and some have the job of responding. The reader would look pretty silly all alone, proclaiming the truth from the holy book, if no one was there to hear the words and rejoice.

For Your Reflection

Saint Paul reminds us that every member of a group or body is important.

- At your school, is one group of students perceived as being "more important" than the others? If so, why is that? Who are they - the smartest students? The best athletes? The most attractive looking males and females? The teens with the most money?
- Is it true that these students are any more important than the others? Where does this false perception come from?

The study of biology can show us how the different parts of our body work together. The heart pumps the blood around, the lungs clean out the blood, the stomach and intestines process the food that fuels the body, the eyes and ears help direct the way the feet walk and the hands move. If something happens to one leg, the other leg and arms grow stronger, often with the help of crutches, in an effort to keep the body going. If the skin is bruised or broken, blood rushes to cleanse and clot in the area. Even if the eyesight is poor, the ears and nose cooperate in order to keep a pair of glasses in place!

- Is this the way your school or community functions? Do people generally watch out for one another when someone is weakened or hurt or in need of help? If so, how? If not, why not?
- Is this the way your family works? Do some family members come to the aid of others in need? If so, how? If not, why not?

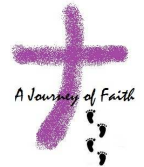
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle C, 2008, Saint Mary's Press



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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