



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Sunday of the Word of God”

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. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):   |  | NO MASS                |
| Tues. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):  | 7:00 pm                                      | Rose Nagy              |
| Wed. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 10:00 am                                     | NURSING HOME (NORTH)   |
|                             |  | +Claude Slogocki       |
|                             | 7:00 pm                                      | +Michael Woods         |
| Thurs. (30 <sup>th</sup> ): | 9:30 am                                      | +Estelle Poirier       |
|                             | 2:30 pm                                      | BENTLEY RETIREMENT RES |
|                             |  | +Veronica Yeroschak    |
| Fri. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                      | +Paul Cabano           |
| Sat. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                      | Dan Dierker            |
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|                             | 5:00 pm                                      | +Mary Diakuw           |
| Sun. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):   | <b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> |                        |
|                             | 9:00 am                                      | Mass for the People    |
|                             | 11:00 am                                     | Special Intentions     |

### 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



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

### CONTACT US

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

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| Pastor.....                      | Fr. Louis Kim Nguyen | 306.782.0323 | <a href="mailto:louiskimnguyen@yahoo.com">louiskimnguyen@yahoo.com</a> |
|                                  |                      | 306.621.8068 |  |
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| Caretaker.....                   | Mario Guerra         |              |  |



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Lord, you are the source of peace and unity. Fill me with the desire and courage to be your instrument of peace and love.

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

NATIONAL PASTORAL INITIATIVE FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY (CCCCB)

**Life in God draws us into a diverse unity, not division**

In the Gospel, Jesus calls four men: Simon (Peter) and Andrews, James and John. Each of them sets down his net and follows Jesus. By the time the second reading was written, people had begun to follow Jesus' first followers and they had preferences, as we all do! Some of us prefer Pope Francis' witness while others loved Pope Benedict's theology. Some of us try to serve the poor as did Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), at the same time others try to pray as did Mother Angelica. Saints and Popes, teachers and preachers all point us to Jesus. We need people of faith to teach and inspire us but, ultimately, we all follow Jesus. The diversity of charism, prayer, devotion, service and practice in the Church needs to be held in unity. Otherwise, we give into the temptation to division, which detracts from our ability to participate in God's loving and healing the world.

**“SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD”  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible.”

*-Aperuit Illis, Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*

Pope Francis has asked that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year be observed as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

Full text of the Apostolic Letter:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html)

Online resources:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca/>

<https://liturgy.slu.edu/>

<http://www.word-sunday.com/>



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News  
January 27 - January 31, 2020**



|        | Sacred Heart                                 | St. Alphonsus | St. Mary                 | St. Michael   | St. Paul               | St. Theodore             |
|--------|--|---------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mon.   | •Final Exams                                 |               | •X-country skiing begins | •Pink Shirt Day<br>•Bball games @ St. Mikes           | •Epiphany Celebration  |                          |
| Tues.  | •Final Exams                                 |               |                          |   | •Gr. 4 Swimming        | •Epiphany Water Blessing |
| Wed.   | •Final Exams                                 |               |                          | •SCC Hot Lunch<br>•Gr. 4 Swim                         |                        |                          |
| Thurs. | •Final Exams<br>•Jr Boys Bball @ St. Henry's |               |                          | •Animation Day<br>•Downhill Ski Trip for Grades 6 & 8 | •Family Literacy Night | •Kids Yoga               |
| Fri.   | Inservice – No School                        |               |                          |   |                        |                          |

**“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”**  
~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

| Ministries – February 1/2                        |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
|  | 5pm  | 9am   | 11am   |
| <b>Welcomer</b>                                  | Mark B.  | Carol D.  | CTTCS  |
| <b>Lectors</b>                                   | Khyllie F.<br>Stella F.  | Maita K.<br>Clara K.  | CTTCS  |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Ernie B.<br>Catherine D.<br>Dolores L.<br>Claudia S.<br>Gerry Y. | Rosemin S.<br>Lorne W.<br>Rosella W.<br>Adrienne W.<br>Jenny Z. | CTTCS  |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                               | Team 3   | Team 3  | CTTCS  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                             | Madeline B.<br>Georgina A.                                       | Rylan F.<br>Joey Z.<br>Jorja Z.                                 | Savannah G.<br>Isabelle G.<br>Vanessa A.<br>Jessica A.<br>Eathan P.<br>Hannelle S. |

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.



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

is an incredible journey of discovery - the discovery of God's love in Jesus.

Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

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.

**Reception into Full Communion will be celebrated at the 11am Mass on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



### 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)



### 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. 31 Fraternal survey due  
Feb. 2 Sunday Brunch  
Feb. 5 Executive Meeting

The 2019-2020 Roster is available for pickup in the Welcome Area for K of C members/widows of members

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

## His First Followers

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

The last part of today's Gospel reading, about Jesus calling his first disciples, is displayed in a painting in the Sistine Chapel, *Calling of the Apostles* by Domenico Ghirlandaio. In the artwork, The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near the area where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying yes to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy / and great rejoicing; / They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest...." (Isaiah 9:2). The Joy of the Gospel that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous yes to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

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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) |

## 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@housingauthoritysk.com](mailto:mbell.lsha@housingauthoritysk.com)

## 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 and place in the collection basket (or drop by the Parish Office – we'd love to see you!)

*The next special collection is February 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>*

### ~ **The Needs of the Church in Canada** ~

This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (26<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2  
(CWL Room)
- Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee ~~CANCELLED~~  
(CWL Room)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
(CWL Room)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal - 9am Mass
- Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Parish Council Meeting  
(Meeting Room B)
- Thurs. (30<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer  
(Meeting Room A)
- Fri (31<sup>st</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1  
(CWL Room)
- Sat. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 10:00 am- RCIA (Candidates) Retreat  
(CWL Room, Church, Lower Level)  
4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal - 5pm Mass
- Sun. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 12:00 pm- Share Lent Workshop  
(Meeting Room A & B)

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Call to Discipleship"**

#### **This Week...**

We have opportunities we must respond to without delay. Simon, Andrew, James, and John immediately abandon their nets to follow Jesus without delay. We do not have time to waste in the darkness and gloom. It is time to unite and to recognize Jesus as the One who unites us. It is time to walk in the light, dance with joy, and be fishers of men and women for Jesus.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Simon, Andrew, James, and John drop their nets the second that Jesus shows up. They leave their fish and boats in the water and start a whole new life. Imagine Zebedee's thoughts as he watches his two sons walk off with someone he knows little about.

- What would your parents say if you tried to do something like that?
- How could you explain the importance of following Jesus to your parents if they had never heard of him or knew little about him?

These four fishermen did not miss the chance to answer Jesus' invitation.

- "Strike while the iron is hot" and "Opportunity knocks but once" are old sayings. Have you heard these sayings before? What do they really mean?
- Have you ever chosen to take advantage of an opportunity right away, and it turned out to be a good decision? If so, when? What happened?
- Have you ever chosen to take advantage of what you thought was a good opportunity, and it turned out to be a bad decision? If so, when? What happened?
- How can you begin to tell the good opportunities from the bad ones?

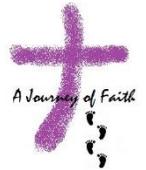
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



**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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