



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 27, 2019

Third 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. (28 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (29 th):	10:30 am	<i>Funeral Mass – Bill O'Boyle</i>
	7:00 pm	+Ashley Bourgeault
Wed. (30 th):	7:00 pm	+Grace Walsh
Thurs. (31 st):	9:30 am	+Bill Oliver
Fri. (1 st):	9:30 am	+Eileen Griffith
Sat. (2 nd):	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	
	9:30 am	+Florence Kruger
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	5:00 pm	+Mary Diakuw
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Sun. (3 rd):	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you created all people equal. Open my eyes to recognize the dignity of all people and my heart to love unconditionally.

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

From the Chair of Pastoral Council

On November 28, 2018 the St. Gerard Pastoral Council unanimously passed the following two motions:

- 1 That the meal rates for funeral lunches and Hall rentals be set in accordance with the recommendations by the Hall Committee.
- 2 That effective January 1, 2019 St. Gerard's Parish Hall, except for existing bookings, will no longer be available to the general public for rent or catering unless used for functions as an extension of the Church.

After each Mass during the weekend of February 23 and 24, Brian Kruger (Finance Council Chairperson), Lorne Wanner (Hall Committee Chairperson), Ernie Bobowski (Pastoral Council Chairperson), and Father Louis will be in the Parish Hall to answer any questions that parishioners may have.

- Submitted by Ernie Bobowski, Pastoral Council Chairperson



Where Jesus' Love is Cool

St. Michaels Winter Camp
Madge Lake – Duck Mountain Provincial Park
February 18th-23rd, 2019

Come experience God's love as we blaze through cross-country trails, explore Duck Mountain, and have many winter adventures.

For Youth Age 10-15
Register at register@stmichaelscamp.com
Registration deadline – February 8th



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 28 - February 1, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wishtree Closing Assembly •Gr. 4 Swimming •Curling Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bell Let's Talk Presentation for Gr. 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •French Jr. Concert •Epiphany Celebration •Hot Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bball @ MC Knoll •Family Literacy Night 	
Tues.	No School					
Wed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Semester 2 begins •Jr. Girls Bball @ Yorkdale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Curling Fun Bonspiel 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bell Let's talk Day for Gr. 7&8 •Curling Bonspiel 		
Thurs.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swim Day •Downhill Skit Trip (Gr. 6&8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Hot Lunch 	
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Popcorn sale 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pulse Retreat

"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 Preparation session will be **Sunday, February 3rd @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community
those who were baptized
recently at St. Gerard:**

Tatjana Coleman Theoren Lechman
Mia Schedlosky-Painchaud

**May these children and their families
experience joy and new life.**

Serena Saskatchewan, a natural family planning service, invites you to our annual gala fundraiser "Une Nuit à Paris" on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Saskatoon.

For more info or to reserve your free tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/une-nuit-a-paris-a-fundraising-gala-tickets-53617859461> or email sask@serena.ca by January 31st.

The gala will include a French catered banquet and wine, silent auction, pay a dime to be first in line (bring pocket change to increase your odds of eating first), and **guest speaker Fr. Stefano Penna "Authentic love in a sexually confused world"**. Each attendee you invite to the gala gives you a chance to win a prize. If you are unable to attend, please consider being an event sponsor or donating silent auction items.

God of the poor, the oppressed, the lost, find us in our shame and help us to see and honour those who have been made least. Give us courage to give greater honour to those who we have cast aside, and to the parts of ourselves hidden in shame. Amen.



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love will continue **EVERY** Monday and Tuesday until further notice! If you would like to take part in this wonderful sewing project, join us! Bring your own bag lunch and lots of enthusiasm and the seamstresses will find a task for you, even if you don't sew! We begin at 9:00 am.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 26-27	White Ribbon Campaign
Jan. 31	Fraternal Survey due
Feb. 5	Evening Bingo
Feb. 6	Executive Meeting
Feb. 10	Sunday Brunch
Feb. 13	General Meeting

The Knights of Columbus would like to inform everyone that we have purchased two new wheelchairs for use at the Church. One wheelchair is at the front entrance and the other is in the Hall coatroom.

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

The White Ribbon Campaign

Weekend of January 26-27

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

- Submitted by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2031

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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Bringing Home the Word

Appreciating God's Word
By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 haven't 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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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **FEBRUARY 7TH**
3pm to 6pm

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



Valentine Tea and Bake Sale at St. Andrew's United Church, 29 Smith Street East, Yorkton Saturday, February 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

APPRECIATION SUPPER

for all
St. Gerard Ministers & Volunteers

Friday, February 1st at 6:00 pm
St. Gerard Parish Hall



Supper courtesy of the parish.
Please sign up on the sheets in the Welcome Area so that we can determine the amount of food to prepare.

Bring your family!
Share a meal and spend time together with other ministers & volunteers.



BOOK TALK

Tuesday, February 5th @ 7:30 pm
Meeting Room B

You're invited to come and to discuss some of the spiritual materials you've been reading, and to get recommendations about other works and authors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (28th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (29th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Finance Council Mtg.
- Wed. (30th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Mtg.
- Fri. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm- Appreciation Supper (Hall)
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room A)
- Sat. (2nd): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (3rd): 2:00 pm- Baptism Prep. Session (Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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?

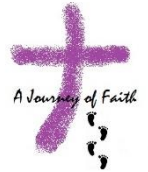
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle C, 2008, Saint Mary's Press



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. 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 Regina 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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