



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 28, 2018

Fourth 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. (29 th):	9:30 am-	Adeline Oystreck
Tues. (30 th):	9:30 am-	Brian Oleskiw
Wed. (31 st):	9:30 am-	+John Fedirko
	7:00 pm-	+Mildred Nagy
Thurs. (1 st):	9:30 am-	+Thresia Tedeschi
Fri. (2 nd):	9:30 am-	+Adam Kosar
	10:00 am-	<i>Holy Hour Devotion</i>
Sat. (3 rd):	10:00am-	+Eilish Hill
	7:00 pm-	+Mary Diakuw
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Sun. (4 th):	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Agnes Hilbig

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 created me to live in the freedom of your love. Give me the courage to share your love with all people.

- 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
TODAY 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.



The Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
will install



Father Louis Kim Nguyen
as Pastor of St. Gerard Parish



at the 11:00 am Mass on
Sunday, February 11, 2018

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 29 - February 2, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.		•Gr. 4 Swimming		•Mental Health presentation for Gr. 7&8 •Boys bball home game •Girls bball @ MC Knoll	•Family Literacy Night	
Wed.	No School					
Thurs.		•Gr. 4 Swimming			•Bball @ Yorkdale	
Fri.				•Crazy Hair 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 **TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.** Please contact the Parish Office to register – 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #3 – February 11th @ 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.



Ash Wednesday is coming! (February 14th)

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

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart and prayer.



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love!



The CWL meets to quilt each Monday and Tuesday from after the 9:30am Mass to 3:30 pm, until the end of February.

Please bring a bag lunch, a sewing machine, scissors and a ripper.

Even if you can't sew there are tasks for you, so please come and be part of this project.

We'd be "sew" happy for you to join us!



News from the Knights of Columbus



February 4 Parish family brunch
February 7 Executive/director meeting at 7pm
February 9 Evening bingo

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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

God gives us so many gifts. He gave us the **ultimate gift** of Jesus, His son. He gives us the **basic gift** of our personality, our personhood. And He gives us **particular gifts** which can be used to attract others to God.

God's gifts to us are not just for us – we are to be vessels for Him in using our gifts and putting them to use. We must have confidence in ourselves and our gifts so that we can be a gift to the world for the world. We must not let fear get in the way of us using our gifts to build God's kingdom and to build community.

Father Robbie McDougall, Retreat Leader, asked us to reflect on the following questions:

- What gifts/talents has God give me?
- Do I believe in them?
- Am I using my gifts/talents to point people to God; to give glory to God?

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee



Bringing Home the Word

The Authority of Jesus' Word

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When my children were small, I had the power all mothers have to soothe little cuts, scrapes, and bruises with a single kiss. Mother kisses, and the hurt is lessened or disappears altogether.

It worked wonders until the day my daughter burned her hand when she touched a steam pot. With full confidence, she lifted her fingers to be kissed—and then realized they still hurt. Over and over she lifted them to my lips, and over and over I kissed them until I finally admitted we needed to try something else. Cold water and a washcloth eventually soothed the pain, and the limits of my magic touch were suddenly apparent.

Jesus' power is of a different magnitude. It's evident when he reads and preaches with authority (from the Greek word *exousia*, which means "out of himself"—as opposed to studying or having a title thrust on him). It's even more manifest when he simply rebukes a demon and the demon leaves his human host—not because he wants to, but because he knows true authority when he sees and hears it.

It's no wonder the people are astonished. They've never seen this kind of immediate response. This is no mother's kiss to heal the little hurts of life, no magician pretending to have power he doesn't. This is the Son of God come to cast out evil itself and open the Scriptures so the people can hear God's word in a new and powerful way.

Today, let us turn to him to heal our wounds and make us whole.

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Sunday, January 28th from 1pm – 2pm Silent, prayerful witness by Parkland Right to Life

in response to
the Supreme Court of Canada decision
January 28, 1988
that legalizes abortion for any reason.
Meet in front of Tim Horton's on Broadway East.

Contact 306.783.6240 for more info.

Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of medals, children's books, bibles and more!

St. Joseph & Holy Family medal	2.00
St. Jude & St. Raphael medal	2.00
Lourdes & Ste. Bernadette medal	2.00
St. Gerard & Perpetual Help medal	2.00
St. Anthony & St. Francis medal	2.00
St. Bros. Andre & St. Joseph Oratory medal	2.00
SHOCJ & Guardian Angel medal	2.00
Bartimaeus, The Good Samaritan, Zacchaeus, The Paralysed Man	2.00
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	2.25
Yes, Jesus Loves Me	2.50
My Catholic Prayer Book	3.50
The Life of Jesus	5.25
The Three Great Catholic Prayers	5.25
We Pray in Many Ways	7.50
The Creation Story (hardcover)	12.50
Blessings & Prayers	14.00
A is for Altar, B is for Bible	15.00
NRSV	18.00
Catholic Women's Devotional Bible (hardcover)	25.00
Catholic Youth Bible	25.00

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (Lower Hall)

VALENTINE TEA & BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 10th
2 pm to 4 pm

Admission: \$5.00

Everyone welcome!



THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (28th): 6:30 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
- Mon. (29th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (Preparation)
10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (30th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (Pinching)
10:00 pm- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (31st): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (Bagging)
7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Fri. (2nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (3rd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm
Mass
- Sun. (4th): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation Session

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Cleansing the Unclean Spirit"

This Week...

Moses speaks of another prophet that God will raise up, and Paul speaks of being completely dedicated to the service of God. Then Jesus comes along, and people are amazed at his words and deeds. His first act of power in Mark's Gospel is to make clean the people with unclean spirits.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is teaching in the synagogue, and people are impressed with his sense of authority. Jesus is "real." He isn't preachy or arrogant or standoffish or "churchy." He speaks at their level, he makes sense, he believes in what he is saying, and he doesn't want to play games with prestige or status.

- Do you know any teachers at school who have that gift?
- Do you know any leaders in your community or your church who are like that?
- Describe an adult you can relate to, one who is "real."

Jesus cleaned the unclean. He recognized the unclean, he knew what clean and unclean were all about, and he took action and made a difference.

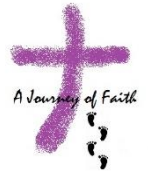
- Anytime we clean anything, we take those same steps. We have to recognize the need to clean, we have to know what clean looks like, and we have to take action so that the unclean becomes clean. What is something you have cleaned that took quite a bit of work?
- Anytime we have a personal problem we need to clean up, or a bad habit we need to cure, we take the same basic cleaning steps. What personal cleaning have you done for yourself? What prompted you to act?
- Sometimes personal cleaning comes as a surprise. It can happen when something difficult challenges us or something sad moves us or something awesome inspires us. Has that ever happened to you?



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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca or check the website:

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