
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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sun. (31st): 7:00 pm- *Blessing of the Stained Glass*
Mon. (1st): NO MASS
Tues. (2nd): *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*
9:00 am- Special Intentions
Wed. (3rd): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa (note date change)
Adalia Flunder
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Helen Flavel
Thurs. (4th): 9:00 am- Amari Hope Flores
Fri. (5th): 9:00 am- +Treeske Holtkamp
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Donnie Ostafie

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. (7th): 9:00 am- +Bernice Saretsky
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital:
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Leona Pinno

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!

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (2nd): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg.
Wed. (3rd): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee
7:30 pm- CWL "Meet and Greet"
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
Thurs. (4th): 7:00 pm- RCIA
Fri. (5th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (6th): 10:00 am- Deanery Pastoral Council Mtg.
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (7th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session #3



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.



**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 on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office.
Nomination deadline is at noon Friday, February 19th.**

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
February 2 - February 5, 2016**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•French Second Language Week		
Tues.			•Gr. 4 Swimming			
Wed.		•YESSA Badminton Tournament	•YESSA City Badminton Tournament	•Inter-city Badminton Tourney	•Gr. 4 Swimming •Citywide Badminton Tourney	
Thurs.			•Gr. 4 Swimming	•Winter Carnival		
Fri.				•French Activities led by SHHS students	•Gr. 4 Swimming	

**Annual Electors' Meeting
Tuesday, February 2nd @ 7:00 Pm
Dreambuilders (345 Broadway Street West)**

"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

THIRD SESSION

February 7th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



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.



YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE

Do you know that the Youth Choir has been rehearsing twice a week and ministering for the past eight months?? These 23 young people (and their parents) are dedicated to serving the Lord by leading our parish in song at the **11am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of every month.**

How can you best-support the Youth Choir??

SING! SING! SING!

The primary responsibility of all parish choirs is to lead the people in song so that the people can participate fully in the Liturgy. **When the congregation sings, it means that the choirs are leading well!**

New Youth Choristers are always welcome! Call Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093 for more info.!



News from the CWL



I'd rather BEE quilting....



Fortrel needed! If anyone has any fortrel, we will gladly take it off your hands! Please bring your fortrel and leave it downstairs by the CWL Room. Thank you, your help is appreciated!

Upcoming CWL Events!

Wed., Feb. 3 - After Mass at 7pm, all CWL members are invited to a social, to mix and mingle and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. All CWL members welcome!

Mon., Feb. 29 - CWL executive meeting @ 7pm
Wed., March 2 - Mass at 6:30 pm; installation of executive; meeting



News from the Knights of Columbus



This weekend is the Knights of Columbus "White Ribbon Weekend". The white ribbon represents intolerance of abuse towards women and children, and the message is even more powerful because the white ribbon movement was started by men. The K of C will be at the doors after each Mass with white ribbons. Please be generous; all proceeds go to Shelwin House.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Vocations Committee of the Archdiocese has organized a **vocational day on January 30, 2016, from 9 am to 9 pm** for young girls aged 15 to 25 years. The retreat will be conducted in English and address the following theme: **"JESUS, WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR ME??"** It aims to help young girls to begin discovering God's plan for them by seeing the different possible vocations. Cheerful and home-like atmosphere guaranteed! To register, contact the Family Myriam at 306.761.0528 or email at prairies@famillemyriam.org. Cost: \$10. Welcome to all!

Do you know that St. Benedict, back in the 6th century, required each of his monks to read a spiritual book during Lent? Why not take the opportunity to do the same this Lent? The Diocesan Resource Centre has hundreds of books on spirituality, prayer, sacraments, the Bible, saints and much, much more, available to everyone **free-of-charge**. Check us out on-line at www.archregina.sk.ca, call Teresa at 306.352.1651 or drop by 445 Broad Street North.

Good News!

January 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Lk 4:21-30

In my work as a pastoral associate, I frequently speak with couples preparing for marriage. They often ask for suggestions about readings and desire to have something a little unconventional. When I ask what they mean, they will say something like, "We've heard that love reading so many times, and some of the gospel readings we have heard aren't what we want to say." I ask them what they think love is and, after a pause, they begin to tell me what they believe about love. It usually includes words like patient, humble, wanting the good of the other. We look at the reading from Corinthians again and they suddenly understand why so many choose it. It is one of the more beautiful descriptions of love that we have, and the love Paul describes is grounded in the Lord—God's love for us and the love we must have for each other.

I think the ending of the passage is of greatest importance to marriage and the Christian life. Marriage is a process of becoming known. We "put aside childish things," like unrealistic notions of romantic love, and work at loving a real person. Spouses begin their marriage knowing each other only partially but grow in understanding with each passing day. That wisdom leads to unity and transforms the spouses. This movement mirrors our life with God. We know very little as baptized infants and children. But as we pray, worship, and serve, we come to know God more and more until we meet him face to face and our lives are one with his.

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Special Collection Dates

Mar. 13	Development & Peace
Mar. 24	The Pope's Pastoral Works
Mar. 25	Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
Apr. 17	Education of Seminarians
May 15	Catholic Missions in Canada
Sept. 25	Needs of the Church in Canada
Oct. 23	Propagation of the Faith

If you are part of the Pre-Authorized Giving Program and would like to contribute to the special collections, please place your donation in an envelope, indicating the name of the collection as well as your name and address. Thank you!



Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: Sunday, February 7th at 7:00 pm



Do you know that during the great Jubilee of Mercy, a plenary indulgence may be obtained by making pilgrimage to one of the great papal basilicas in Rome and passing through its Holy Door and fulfilling the spiritual requirements of this exercise. This indulgence is also granted to those who fulfill the same exercise by making pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy opened in the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina and Our Lady of the Assumption Co-cathedral in Gravelbourg and fulfilling the requirements of the pious exercise. Check out next week's bulletins for the conditions for obtaining the Jubilee of Mercy Plenary Indulgence.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

VALENTINE TEA & BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 13th
2 pm to 4 pm
(Lower Hall)



YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Greatest of These is Love"

This Week...

Love is the most important virtue there is. Without love, nothing matters. With love, everything matters. Love brings courage, support, strength, and even miracles. Jeremiah could do anything, because he was assured of God's love. Jesus could do very little when he felt no love from the people.

For Your Reflection

Love empowered Jeremiah. Lack of love stopped Jesus in his tracks.

When has love empowered you to do something you didn't think you could do?

Saint Paul was writing about love. His words in First Corinthians are almost poetic.

What modern song do you think captures the essence of what love is all about? How so?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A*, 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html