
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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – January 3, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (4th): 9:00 am- +Matilda Copan
Tues. (5th): 9:00 am- Corinne Dobmeier
Wed. (6th): 10:45am- St. Mary School
Marianne Dierker
6:30 pm- +Treeske Holtkamp
Thurs. (7th): 9:00 am- +Bernard Wozniak
10:45 am- St. Paul School
Jesse Etayo
Fri. (8th): 9:00 am- +Bernice Saretsky
11:00 am- Sacred Heart High School
Ted & Marcy Osicki & Family
Sat. (9th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Tony Spykerman

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Doreen Mireau

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sun. (10th): 9:00 am- +Helen Flavel
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Leona Pinno

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
Tues. (5th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wed. (6th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
Fri. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (9th): 6:15pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*
Session #1



Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith.

Help us to desire You as ardently as they did.

Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You.

May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You.

Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son.

Amen

ST. GERARD PARISH 2015-2016 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PACU

Chairperson - Richard Dubois	Vice-chairperson- VACANT
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Family & Social - VACANT	Youth - VACANT
Ecumenical - Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship - Christine Shuya/Willie Yacishyn
CWL Rep. - Carol Deters	K of C Rep. - Ted Osicki

PFCU

Finance - Brian Kruger	Hall - Don Reed
Properties - Matt Bernat	Member at Large - Conrad Rodney

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.



Explanation of the Year of Mercy Logo - The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 4 - January 8, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 6/7/8 Curling				
Tues.						
Wed.		•Gr. 6/7/8 Curling	•Christmas Mass @ 10:45am			
Thurs.		•Epiphany Water Blessing @ 10:45am				
Fri.		•Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip	•Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip	•Gr. 6&8 Ski Trip		

“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 ~

Session #1 will be held

Sunday, January 10th @ 6:30pm



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community**

**Uzoma Okafor
who was baptized
last weekend at St. Gerard.**

**May this child and his family
experience joy and new life.**



*Congratulations to
Dryw Onslow & Deidre Moen
who were married at St. Gerard's
on December 31st.*

***May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.***



News from the CWL



Jan. 4th - Executive Meeting
Jan. 6th - General Meeting



News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 6th - Executive Meeting
Jan. 13th - General Meeting

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call
Brian @ 306.728.2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).*

Good News!

January 3, 2016

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Several years ago, our family's long-time neighbour died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbour and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website??

It is easy to use and is compatible with new devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our Mass Schedule for the upcoming 7 days is now available on every page of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in our new Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections. www.stgerard.ca

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Following the Star"

This Week...

Isaiah foretold that nations would gather to follow the light and offer gifts. The story of the Magi has glamour, danger, and courage. It is a story of accepting the journey to an unknown place: following the star because of faith. And it is a story of Gentiles coming to visit Jews, bringing gifts, and being welcomed.

For Your Reflection

The astrologers in the Magi story went through quite a journey in search of the baby Jesus. They obviously believed in him and had faith in the star.

- Have you ever "followed a star"? Have you ever gone after a dream or an ideal you believed in? Are you still going after it? What gives you the energy to keep going? How do you know it is worth it?

The gifts brought by the Magi have significance. *Gold* is a symbol of wealth and fidelity. *Frankincense* is burned to purify the atmosphere by releasing an aromatic and pleasing smell. For centuries, Native Americans have burned holy smoke in order to bless and purify themselves, and monks have watched incense rise to the sky as a symbol of their prayers ascending to God. *Myrrh* is a kind of resin or oil used for anointing and embalming. It is a symbol of comfort and soothing but it is also a foreshadowing of death.

- How were these gifts symbolic for Jesus?
- What three gifts would be symbolic of you and your life so far?

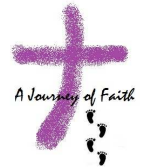
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*- St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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:

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