



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

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. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Frank Halliday
Tues. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>10:00 am</b>	Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Maria Cattelaens
Wed. ( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:30 pm	ASPEN VILLA
		+Hilda Padar
	6:30 pm	+Grace Walsh
Thurs. (10 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Bill Hilbig
	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Donna Prout
Fri. (11 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Maureen Quigley
	10:30 am	ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL
		Special Intentions
Sat. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Anne Halarewich
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	5:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sun. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	
	9:00 am	+Walter Sliwa
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### 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



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

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion every Tuesday evening at 6pm

### CONTACT US

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

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Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

- From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## Catechism Theme: The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the pagan nations. And it points to Israel's place as the source of God's revelation. The Magi came to seek the newly born King, the one who would be a light to the nations. Their encounter foreshadowed the evangelization success Christianity would have among pagan people who hungered for God's truth. Their encounter also acknowledged Israel as God's chosen people. They would be the source of God's blessing, a living fountain of God's revelation for all people. In the feast of the Epiphany, we rejoice in the worship of the first seekers. And we are reminded to honor God's people who gave us the great gift of Jesus, our Lord.

*When have you searched for the Lord? When has that search encountered road blocks or deception or wrong turns? How has God kept you on track?*

As we look back on the story of the Epiphany, let us remember who called, guided, and revealed himself to the Magi: God. The story was God-driven from the first verse. Let us not forget God himself calls us from the surface experience of daily living to seek something higher, something better. He is the one who turns us from those who expect experience into those who receive grace, pure gift, at every turn. In God, we find someone to give our hearts, our minds, and our lives to. We find the goal of our quest.

*How has God called you this week? How has God graced you this week? How can you pass your call and your grace along to others?*

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### ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2018-2019 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 7 - January 11, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•One School, One Book begins	
Tues.		•Christmas Mass @ St. Gerard		•Gr. 4 Swim Day		
Wed.	•Gr. 11 Retreat @ St. Gerard					
Thurs.						
Fri.				•Christmas Mass •5/6E,6F,7F Curling		

**"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*

**CONFIRMATION**

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**Second Session on Centering Prayer**

Thursday, Jan. 24 @ 7:00 pm in Meeting Room B

15 min. Video reviewing Video 1

20 min. Video answering some questions

Discussion to follow as to where we go from here.



**News from the CWL**



**Stitches of Love** is beginning again on January 14 and 15. 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.

Jan. 9 Mass at 6:30pm. Installation and Reaffirmation of Officers following Mass, followed by General Meeting & fellowship



**News from the Knights of Columbus**



- Jan. 9 General Meeting
- Jan. 11 Afternoon bingo
- Jan. 12 Take down Keep Christ in Christmas signs at 9am
- Jan. 13 Sunday Brunch
- Jan. 21 Evening Bingo
- Jan. 25 Articles for "The Word" due

*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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

**Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch**

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$25.00

**Companions on the Journey –  
A Workshop on Mentoring and Accompaniment**

**When:** January 19, 2019  
**Where:** Church of Our Lady Parish,  
5266 Vaughn Street, Moose Jaw  
**Time:** 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

This workshop will feature a keynote address on accompaniment and mentoring from Tom East of the Centre for Ministry Development in Washington State. Tom will provide valuable background on accompaniment and mentoring as well as concrete approaches to walking with others.

The afternoon will provide opportunities for specialized breakout sessions including; Journeying with Youth, Journeying with the Sick and Dying, Journeying with Hurting Families, Journeying with LBGTQ and Journeying with Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse.

Cost for the event is \$10 per person which covers our lunchtime meal. To register, please contact Melissa Gurash at [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca) or call 306-352-1651 Ext 237

**Prayer Service for  
Healing from Clergy Sexual Abuse  
“The Light Shines Through the Broken Places”**

**Sunday January 20 @ 7pm  
St. Cecilia's Parish – Regina**

Everyone is welcome to join Archbishop Don to come together for a Prayer Service for Healing from Clergy Sexual Abuse.

“The Light Shines Through the Broken Places” is a reminder that although victims are often broken the light of Christ may shine through their brokenness.

The service will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded in a place where they should have found love.

**A Word from Pope Francis...**

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly.... They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

– Homily, Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2016



# Bringing Home the Word

## Our Undeserved Inheritance

By Janel Esker

Several years ago, our family's long-time neighbor 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 neighbor 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 “coheirs” 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 from 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 “by another 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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*O God,  
who by a star guided the wise men to the  
worship of your Son;  
we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and  
great of every land,  
that unto you every knee may bow,  
and every thought be brought into captivity,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

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### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
3pm to 6pm

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

*Merry Christmas to our friends and neighbours  
who follow the Julian calendar.*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting  
- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. (11<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (12<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass  
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
- Sun. (13<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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

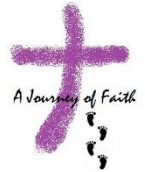




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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. 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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