

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall) & 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Claude & Lorraine Slogocki  
Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- ASPEN VILLA  
+Yvonne Hryhoriw  
7:00 pm- +Ray Konecsni  
Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Donald Bugoy  
10:30 am- LAKESIDE MANOR (SALTCOATS)  
+Ann Ostapovich  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Kelly Lavasseur  
Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +William Hayes  
3:00 pm- *Andrade-Peepeetch Marriage*

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5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall  
+Horace Jackson  
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- Art & MaryAnn Scherr

Sun. (17<sup>th</sup>): *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Nell Hanewich

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich  
Hospital: Richard Yabohnitsky  
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Alfred Labas

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Lord,  
we love you.  
Expand our hearts.  
Let us love our neighbors.

Make us brave enough to cleanse wounds,  
to give shelter when it is needed,  
to help pay the bills and  
give our helping  
hands.

When we love you  
in our neighbour,  
let us find  
you  
in  
ourselves.



## What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

*“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”*

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

21. Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. The experience of the prophet Hosea can help us see the way in which mercy surpasses justice. The era in which the prophet lived was one of the most dramatic in the history of the Jewish people. The kingdom was tottering on the edge of destruction; the people had not remained faithful to the covenant; they had wandered from God and lost the faith of their forefathers. According to human logic, it seems reasonable for God to think of rejecting an unfaithful people; they had not observed their pact with God and therefore deserved just punishment: in other words, exile. The prophet’s words attest to this: “They shall not return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me” (*Hos* 11.5). And yet, after this invocation of justice, the prophet radically changes his speech and reveals the true face of God: “How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboim! My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy” (11.8-9). Saint Augustine, almost as if he were commenting on these words of the prophet, says: “It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy”. And so it is. God’s anger lasts but a moment, his mercy forever.

If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: “For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified” (*Rom* 10.3-4). God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God’s judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.

**In today’s Gospel reading,** Jesus’ command summed up the moral of the parable: Go out like the hated Samaritan. Do acts of mercy for whomever you meet.

As we travel this vacation season, let us remember that, in spite of the risks, we are to care for others as much as we expect to be cared for. Acting with such mercy is the first step in sharing the Good News.

*How can I be a good neighbor this summer? At home? On the road?*



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

WHO HAVE YET TO RECEIVE THE  
SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND/OR  
FIRST COMMUNION

*The sacraments preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449*



*Congratulations to*

***Raymond Langlais & Madeline Mandzuk***

*who were married at St. Gerard on July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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



**We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community**

**Elizabeth Biblow**

**who was baptized recently  
at St. Gerard**

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

All are invited to the **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Key Turning Ceremony on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at the Myrtle Avenue build site. Come celebrate Saskatchewan's first Faith build as Yorkton and area churches turn over the key to a new home.



## News from the CWL



The **CWL Newsletter** is available in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



July 25

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).*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina The Archdiocese of Regina

### Lay Formation and Evangelization Program: "Go, make disciples!"

*"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium.* Through the Lay Formation and Evangelization program, we are meeting this challenge today as we help men and women of all ages and stages of life encounter the joy of the Gospel. Over the course of our three-year program, we will deepen your understanding of the Church and your faith through solid teaching by our diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women, all experts in their respected fields. As your confidence in the areas of theology, ethics, and social justice, scripture, liturgy, and the spiritual life grows, you will be able to speak confidently about the church, your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ in your family, the workplace, the parish and the wider community.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. Please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

**Looking for something to feed your soul this summer?** Check out some of the wonderful new books and DVDs that we just got in at the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at 445 Broad Street North. Drop in to browse or take a look on line at [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca)

**Our ministries and parish initiatives continue throughout the summer.** As you plan vacations, please remember the needs of your spiritual home. For information on how to establish automated parish gifts, please call the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. **Pre-Authorized Giving** forms are available on the glass table in the Welcome Area.

# Good News!

July 10, 2016

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Dt 30:10-14 / Col 1:15-20 / Lk 9:25-37

The scholar of the law had the right answer, but the wrong question. *Love God with all your heart* is the great Jewish law, and *love your neighbor as yourself* was part of the Holiness Code of Leviticus. But he asked, "Who is my neighbor," as though neighborliness was determined by a specific set of rules or restrictions: *My neighbor is the person who lives next door, attends my child's school, or works in my field.*

We, too, may think we'll help a neighbor, but a stranger—an outsider, a foreigner, someone who simply isn't "like me"—may be a different matter. For many, there are a few exceptions: When natural disasters strike, for instance, people reach out to help. They clear debris, send money, food, and supplies, and try to comfort the victims. In such circumstances, they are all neighbors.

Jesus turns the scholar's question around: "[Who] was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" This change put the responsibility of being a neighbor on us. The answer becomes, ***I am a neighbour to everyone I meet***, whether stranger or friend, black or white, Christian or atheist, gay or straight, native or immigrant. Being a neighbor and loving neighbors is part and parcel of loving God and following Christ. Once I realize that, I must acknowledge two connected truths: God sees me as I am, loves me, and calls me neighbor; and the only conceivable response to that love is to see God in every person and to love them in return.

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY SASKATCHEWAN

All young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to a fun-filled day to celebrate **World Youth Day** with activities and prayer.

Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Regina

See poster on the bulletin board! Registration forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.

## "Operation Pilgrimage"

On August 15 - 18 the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry office will run their annual **Leadership Camp** for students ENTERING grades 10 - 1st year University. The 2nd camp on August 19 - 22 will be for those entering grades 7 - 9. This is a great opportunity for those young people who seek to grow in their faith, increase their leadership skills and have an awesome summer adventure.

The link to the registration form can be found below. You may also get more information by emailing [ymp@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:ymp@archregina.sk.ca) or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/youthministry/Registration%20Pilgrimage%20Camp%202016.pdf>

## Camp O'Neill Youth Camp

Youth and Teen Camp (age 8 - 15) is July 10 - 15  
Kidz Camp (age 6 & 7) is July 14 - 15

Please visit our website for the registration forms and much more! [www.camponeill.ca](http://www.camponeill.ca)

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP (MADGE LAKE)

## "PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"

Teen Camp: July 17-22

Please visit the website at: [www.stmichaelscamp.com](http://www.stmichaelscamp.com)  
On-line registration is available.

## FacetoFace Ministries Catholic Summer Camp: Ignite 2016

Aug. 7-12, in Bruno, SK

FacetoFace Ignite Camp is for youth going into Grade 9 to graduating Grade 12 desiring to grow in their faith. Ignite can literally change your life! Come for an amazing week filled with new friends, tons of fun, the Sacraments, dynamic talks, music and more! More information can be found on the table in the Welcome Area, or visit [www.f2f.ca/ignite](http://www.f2f.ca/ignite)

**New to the parish??  
WELCOME !!!**



Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "The Good Samaritan"

#### **This Week...**

The most important law is not far away or difficult to understand. It is already in our heart, because it is the law of love. Jesus lived the law of love and shows us how to do the same. Jesus chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of his story, knowing that Jews are taught to despise Samaritans. Telling us this story about love is an excellent example of his own love.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Samaritans had a bad reputation among Jews. Jews regarded them as bad examples, people to avoid, people who did not follow God's law. Yet Jesus made a Samaritan the hero in his story. The priest and the Levite are people Jews were taught to respect and imitate, and yet Jesus made them the selfish and uncaring people in his story.

- Besides telling us to get involved and help other people, what else do you think Jesus was trying to teach us with this story?
- If Jesus came to us today, in our modern culture, how would he tell this story to get the same point across?

Sometimes we avoid getting involved with strangers because it might be dangerous, and sometimes we avoid it because we might have to spend some time and energy, or because we would feel awkward in doing so.

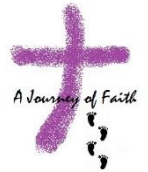
- What is an example of a dangerous situation when most people would agree that it would not be a good idea to get involved with a stranger in need?
- What is an example of a situation involving a stranger in need that is difficult to decide upon - a situation that isn't completely dangerous, but isn't completely safe either? What would you do in that situation? What advice would you give regarding appropriate action to take in that situation?



**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](mailto: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.*



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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 our city 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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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