



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**July 14, 2019**  
**Fifteenth 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. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+Dominick Lichacz
Wed. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Bertha Labash
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Pauline Malinowski
Thurs. (18 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Peggy Becker
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Herb Desroches
Fri. (19 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Willy Lyon
Sat. (20 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	Special Intentions
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE
		Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Bill O'Boyle
Sun. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

### 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 306.621.8068



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

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

### CONTACT US

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

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**Stay Connected Online!**

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted. Help me be a good neighbour to all people.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney



Congratulations to the  
**Knights of Columbus Council No. 2031**  
 on the occasion of their  
**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**



**Charity \* Unity \* Fraternity \* Patriotism**

The Knights of Columbus was chartered in 1882. Father Michael J. McGivney and six parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut saw a need for an organization to serve the Church and parish community.

The Knights of Columbus charter for Yorkton was named *Yorkton Council Number 2031* by James Flaherty, Supreme Knight on July 13, 1919.

The basic principles set forth by the Knights of Columbus still prevail:

**Charity:** To share time, talents and treasure with those in need.

**Unity:** To work together to accomplish deeds not achievable individually.

**Fraternity:** To aid our brother and his family, to aid and show concern for them, and to provide insurance protection for them.

**Patriotism:** To serve and honour our country in the Church and in our community.



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



**Farewell to the Johar family** who will be moving to Regina in July. Thank you to all who participated in supporting our refugee family from Eritrea.



### Are you moving this summer??

*Please remember to notify the Parish Office.*

We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

### New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (green) and place in the collection basket at mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

### CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

### FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Do you have a child/children who are entering Grade 2 in September? Do you have children or youth who are older than Grade 2 but they have not received **First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Eucharist?**

#### Mark your calendars!

There will be a Parent Information Meeting and Registration Night on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**You may pre-register your child** by stopping by the Parish Office this summer during regular office hours.



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** continue to be a priority over the summer months. Please consider helping those less fortunate. Non-perishable food items may be left in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area. - Submitted by the St. Gerard Social Justice Committee



Can I work toward being a neighbour to everyone I meet?

At church, can I reach out and welcome those who are not like me?



## News from the CWL



Donations of household items and clothing for CWL Garage Sale may be left outside of the CWL room (lower level, east door) during regular office hours. Please hold larger items until Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>



## News from the Knights of Columbus



July 21 Afternoon Bingo  
August 7 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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camp for teens focuses on faith, fun, and community building and leadership skills.

This year's camp runs from August 13-17 for those ENTERING grades 9-12 and August 18-20 for those ENTERING grades 7-9.

Our theme this year is "LOL" and we will most definitely be purposeful about "LAUGHING" Out Loud, but will also look at how we are called to "LOVE" Out Loud and "LIVE" Out Loud.

To register or for more information: <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youth-summer-camps> or call Michelle OR Braden at 306-352-1651.

**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 large table in the Welcome Area.

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# Bringing Home the Word

## Seeing God in Every Person

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 neighbour as yourself* was part of the Holiness Code of Leviticus. But he asked, "Who is my neighbour?" as though neighbourliness was determined by a specific set of rules or restrictions: *My neighbour 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 neighbour, 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 neighbours.

Jesus turns the scholar's question around: "[Who] was neighbour to the robbers' victim?" This change put the responsibility of being a neighbour 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 neighbour and loving neighbours are 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 neighbour; and the only conceivable response to that love is to see God in every person and to love all people in return.

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## St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

August 11 – 14, 2019

From Yorkton, SK

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK

Come on a pilgrimage to somewhere special to your faith. As a pilgrim, you will have time to pray by leaving behind the everyday concerns from back home and spending time in the presence of God. If you are looking for peace or healing, this is a good time to do it. You may become closer to God.

For more information contact Dave and Bev Hudy at [davehudy@hotmail.com](mailto:davehudy@hotmail.com) or 306.728.5525

Register: [www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org](http://www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org)

**St. Anthony's**  
**78th Pilgrimage**  
**August 14th & 15th**  
**Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Rama, Sk.**

August 14th	August 15th
<b>Vigil of Mary's Assumption</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
2:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)	8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)
3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross	9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)	11:45 am: Final Mass: Main Celebrant - Archbishop Don Bolen. Anointing of the Sick & Aged. * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles
6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.	* Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Main Celebrant- Archbishop Don Bolen	** Visit: <a href="http://www.RamaShrine.ca">www.RamaShrine.ca</a>
***Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	

## •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

### PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	(15 <sup>th</sup> ):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm- Bible Study ( <i>Lower Level</i> )
Tues.	(16 <sup>th</sup> ):	5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Fri.	(19 <sup>th</sup> ):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat.	(20 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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. 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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