



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 15, 2018

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Please note that there will be no daily Mass 'til July 26th.

Sun. (22nd): **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00 am Sunday Celebration of the Word
(with Communion)

We welcome Rev. Father Arpee Urquico who is celebrating Mass with us July 14 & 15 at St. Gerard Church.

PLEASE NOTE

SUNDAY MASS will not be celebrated on Saturday, July 21 OR Sunday, July 22.

There will be a **SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION** at 11:00 am on Sunday, July 22.

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you offered your life in humble service to humanity. Empower me with your Spirit, that I may be a humble servant of love and compassion to all people.

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



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



The parish-sponsored refugee family of 5 from Eritrea will arrive in Yorkton August 1. Through your generous donations we have secured a house and have furnished it.

We now need cash donations to pay initial expenses until the family is established and able to pay their own way. **Any cash donation** will help with monthly expenses.

MAKE CHEQUES OUT TO ST. GERARD'S PARISH. INCLUDE "Refugee Family" ON THE MEMO LINE

Contact Rejean Houle 306.641.5430

Catechism Theme: The Church's Missionary Efforts (CCC 849-856)

In the spirit of Jesus' mobile ministry, the Church has always reached out to others, tried to meet these people where they lived, and evangelize them. More than simple obedience to Christ's mandate in Matthew 28:19-20, the Church always seeks to share that which gathers it together: the very life and love of the Father poured out in the Son through the power of the Spirit. As members of Christ's body, we share in the Father's love with a life in the Spirit. Like the Church, we, too, seek to share the Father's love, a life in Christ, and the power of the Spirit with others.

Such an effort requires patience, humility, and charity. We must listen, dialogue, and act as instruments for Christ, so the Spirit can act. We can only rely on the power of the Spirit, not political, economic, or social power to evangelize. (That, of course, does not mean we cannot work with these powers to project Christ's message.) But, we must remember the Spirit really evangelizes, not us. God works through us, not because of us.

What have you done to lead others to Christ? How much of your efforts were material (notes, visits, gifts, etc.) and how much were spiritual (prayer)? Have the actions of those you helped to evangelize surprise you? How?

In this summer time of relaxation and leisure travel, let us remember the efforts of those who went before us. Those who evangelized us, our parents, or grandparents. Their travels, their sweat and tears, their example brought others to Christ. Along our travels, let us take time, thank God for the efforts of missionaries past, and seek to do good for others. Let us live in their spirit of self-giving and in the Spirit that moves us all to action.

During this vacation time, how do you intend to spread God's message? Remember to concentrate on the small ways with family and friends this week. The larger opportunities will present themselves in due course.

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Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

Didn't schedule an appointment for August? No problem!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER there will be an opportunity for you to schedule a photography session for you and your family. Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church.

There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS!

If your child has not received the sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation, **please pre-register at the Parish Office.** If your child was not baptized at St. Gerard, a copy of his/her baptism certificate is required.

Preparation programs to commence in early fall.

Parish-Based Catechetical Home Program

Does your child/ren attend public school?

If so, please contact the Parish Office **by August 1st** to register your child for the parish-based home program that is offered at St. Gerard.



Mass at
Good Spirit Lake Hall
will be celebrated
each Saturday at 5:00 pm
'til September 1st

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND JULY 22ND

Are you ministering to the Sick/Homebound on Sunday, July 22nd? **Please come to the church at 10:00 am** to receive the consecrated hosts as there will not be a 9am Mass on Sunday, July 22nd.



News from the CWL



Reminder – we are still accepting donations for the Fall Garage Sale when you are cleaning out your unwanted items. Items may be left outside the CWL Room (lower level) during office hours.

We are also in need of and looking for clean plastic shopping bags



News from the Knights of Columbus



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

Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

"I'd love to take the course, but I want to wait until; my kids are grown, I can slow down at work, I'm retired..."

The sad truth is, nearly 75% of young people, even those raised in religious homes, will leave the Church by the time they are 25 - well before many of us retire! Some of the most common reasons given for leaving one's faith behind include; perceived conflicts between faith and science, Christians behaving badly, a lack of evidence for the existence of God and difficulties with some of the Church's teachings.

Our sons and daughters need mentors who are *"well-trained and animated by a sincere faith whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Jesus Christ"* (Pope Francis).

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext. 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

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!

Are you moving this summer? Please notify the Parish Office with your new contact information so that we can keep our parish records current. Thanks!



Bringing Home the Word

Discerning God's Call

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Spiritually, discernment is the process of listening for and responding to God's call. It's a popular activity these days in churches, schools, and businesses. Discerning the right career, the right person for a job—or even the right person to marry—occupies a lot of adults. I often talk about discernment with college students because Catholic tradition has much to offer to the process.

We can draw some principles of discernment from our readings today. From Ephesians, we learn that God has called us into the mission of Christ and to praise his glory in the world. Does the life you live now allow you to do that with a full heart? From Amos, we learn that God doesn't call only the ones we think are holy enough, brave enough, or religious enough. God calls all of us wherever he finds us. Amos was a dresser of sycamore trees. We might be teachers, parents, or students in school, but we are all part of Christ's mission by baptism. Finally, in Mark, we learn that mission is a communal affair. We are together in mission. We are to go into every house, depending on God to tell us what to do and give us what we need.

With our different gifts, we help each other spread God's word and love those we meet. Finally, we learn that not everyone will hear us, but we must not let that weigh us down. We must shake the dust from our feet and move on. These and other principles of discernment can apply no matter where we find ourselves along the road. How have you responded to God's call today?

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How do I participate in the Church's mission of serving the poor?

What more can I do to educate my children or others about this important subject?

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Mark 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

VOLUNTEER HALL EVENT COORDINATORS WANTED

If you would like to volunteer to coordinate one of our Hall events, please contact Father Louis or leave your name at the Parish Office. If you are unsure and would like more details, we can talk about it. Training provided and all procedures will be reviewed and outlined.

- Submitted by St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee

HALL COOKS WANTED

Paid per event. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues. (17th): 7:00 pm- Refugee Committee Mtg (43 Gladstone Ave S)
- Fri. (20th): 6:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Sent Forth as Apostles"

This Week...

This is not easy work we have. We hear the word of God, we believe, and we receive the Holy Spirit. Now the hard part begins. Like Amos, we will be told sometimes to take our religion elsewhere. Like the Twelve, we have no plan and no idea of the future. When we find someone who wants to share our faith, we are to stick around. If not, we are to shake the dust and move on.

For Your Reflection

Jesus tells the Twelve to go out in pairs, so friendship must be important. Jesus doesn't want us to go it alone.

- Who are your closest friends?
- What do you like about your friends? What do they like about you?

Jesus tells the Twelve to stay where they are welcome, and to leave when they are not.

- Where do you feel welcome? Where is a place you feel safe and secure? Why is that?
- When have you not felt welcome? When have you had to just move on because things were not working out the way you had hoped?

Jesus tells the Twelve not to take any money or extra clothes. They have no plan and no map. They just have to take the risk, trust in their faith, and see what happens.

- How is that like your life? How is that unlike your life?

Jesus does tell them to take a walking stick - to support them as they journey.

- What gives you support? Do you have a hobby or an activity that gives your life structure and helps you to find meaning?

Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

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. Visit on line at 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

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