

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (18th): NO MASS
Tues. (19th): 9:00 am- +William Hayes
Wed. (20th): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
+Mary Weber
Thurs. (21st): 9:00 am- Special Intentions
Fri. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Michael Billay
Sat. (23rd): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Ann Ostapovich
1:00 pm- *Baranosky-Von Barga Marriage*

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
+Rudy Gulash
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- Novakowski Family

Sun. (24th): *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Nicholas Banzuela

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Jerome Niezgoda
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Leona Pinno

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

Non-liturgical Schedule

Tues. (19th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (20th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Sat. (23rd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th & 15th
Rama, Saskatchewan

This annual event contains 2 days of prayer, mass in Polish, Ukrainian & English, music by the Yorkton Filipino Choir and Rama's Choir, along with an evening vigil, candlelight procession, rosary and adoration. Two full days with 1000+ Catholics from across Canada! See poster on the bulletin board for more info. Or www.ramashrine.com

THE KAPOSVAR PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Sunday August 21st

3 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Esterhazy

Noon – 1pm Individual Stations of the Cross
1:30 – 2pm Rosary in the Church
2:00-2:45pm Private confessions in the Church
2:45-3pm Procession from church to the Shrine
3pm-4pm Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick (followed by chicken supper)

For more information contact Bea Twardzik @ 306.745.6374 or Mary-Lou Pisak @ 306.745.3301



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

22. A Jubilee also entails the granting of *indulgences*. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. *Mt* 5.48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes *indulgence* on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin.

The Church lives within the communion of the saints. In the Eucharist, this communion, which is a gift from God, becomes a spiritual union binding us to the saints and blessed ones whose number is beyond counting (cf. *Rev* 7.4). Their holiness comes to the aid of our weakness in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others. Hence, to live the indulgence of the Holy Year means to approach the Father’s mercy with the certainty that his forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ’s redemption, so that God’s love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful “indulgence.”

In today’s Gospel reading, Martha and Mary represented the two problems in welcoming people. Martha got busy serving her guest, while Mary simply wanted to listen. Harried with the work and frustrated with her sister’s lack of help, Martha complained to Jesus. In response, Jesus told Martha to stop worrying and start listening. [Luke 10.40-42]

Jesus did not reject the need for serving others. Helping guests is the sign of a gracious host. What Jesus did insist upon was balance. There is a time to prepare for guests and there is a time to socialize with them. There is a time to serve and a time to listen.

When we welcome the Lord, we should prepare for the welcome with prayer, but be ready to hear the Lord at every moment. On the one hand, we cannot reduce our spiritual life to prayer. If we do, prayer becomes our speech to God: a list of our needs, wants, and desires. And we do not hear his voice, his call, his word. On the other hand, we cannot simply go about our business without prayer, hoping the Lord will surprise us. We might not hear his voice. So, we need to prepare our hearts with prayer, but have open hearts to hear the Lord.

Like a gracious host, let us prepare to welcome the Lord. Pray for the gift of an open heart this week.

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SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



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

August 11

Council 5182 vs 2031 at Deer Park Golf Course. 1pm tee off. Supper & prizes to follow. To register reply to saints94@hotmail.com or 306.621.4290

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).



HEY PARENTS!!



DO YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND **PUBLIC** SCHOOL??
ARE THEY **HOME-SCHOOLED**?

Please phone the office today to register for the parish-based home religion program, offered by St. Gerard's at no cost to you! Materials will be ordered in the next few weeks, so **call 306.782.2449 THIS WEEK!!**



Congratulations to

Michael Senger & Megan Ryan

who were married at St. Gerard on July 9th.

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



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community**

Kaerra Manalo

Kaylla Padolina

Isla Sanchez

who were baptized recently
at St. Gerard

**May these children and their families
experience joy and new life.**

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation and Evangelization Program:

"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

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

**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!

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 17, 2016

DIXEINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Gn 18:1–10a / Col 1:24–28 / Lk 10:38–42

During the holidays, my husband and I invite relatives, friends, and students who can't return home to share our meal and find welcome in a special time. We enjoy cooking for a crowd, and our guests often bring something to share, adding to the bounty. Beforehand, we clean and dust, making sure the house is presentable. Our preparations are anything but relaxed. On the day itself, my husband usually cooks the meal while I offer drinks and conversation. The event couldn't succeed without either of our roles.

In the first reading, Abraham put wife Sarah and the servants to work to provide the feast while he waited on the guests. To his (and his wife's) surprise, the strangers asked where Sarah was and promised her a son. In this moment, we see that Abraham isn't the only important person in the story. God's blessing came mainly to the one in the kitchen, in the background.

When Jesus visits the sisters of Bethany, Martha remains in the kitchen like Sarah. In her anxiety, did she believe God's favor would come only to those who toil? Jesus reminds her there also is blessing in sitting with the guest; he even calls this "the better part."

There is pride and vanity in assuming we can achieve favor and blessing through our works. When we start to think we know where, when, how, and to whom God will come, it's good to return to the word, which reminds us that favor and blessing come according to God's choosing and often to our surprise.

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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 - 7th 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 yml@archregina.sk.ca or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

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

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

Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be. — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Rock the Mount 2016

*"Putting on the Whole Armour of God –
A Medieval Festival of Faith"*

www.rockthemount.com

will be held 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. **July 23, 2016** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine, Carmel, SK, about 55 minutes east of Saskatoon. The day features medieval games, drama presentations, and 5 p.m. Mass with Bishop Don Bolen. Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and umbrellas. There is a food booth on site, or bring a picnic. Guest speaker is Matt Nelson, and musical guests are "The Trudels" and "Brad Johner and the Johner Boys". There is no fee to attend Rock the Mount, an event for youth and families and all those interested in attending. Donations are much appreciated to offset costs.

For more information about Rock the Mount contact Emily Hill at (306) 231-6011 or emilyhill@sasktel.net

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Martha and Mary"

This Week...

Hospitality is very important. Abraham is hospitable to three strangers, and then receives the marvellous news that he will have a son with his wife, Sarah. Jesus visits Martha and Mary and, in their different ways, they both attend to the needs of hospitality. Good and effective ministry, which Paul speaks of, involves the element of hospitality.

For Your Reflection

Martha and Mary are often seen as symbols for a balance of hospitality. Martha represents the tasks of preparation - cleaning house, cooking food, setting out the dishes and cups, and the like. Mary represents the personal care of the visitor - listening, paying attention, spending quality time in conversation. Both are important.

- If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the house was a total mess and no food was prepared, but the person cleared the junk off the sofa so you both would have a place to sit and visit, how would you feel?
- If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the gourmet meal was so complicated that you were completely ignored until dinner was on the table, how would you feel?

Some people are the "perfect blend" of the Martha-Mary examples of hospitality, but others fall off to one side or the other, being more talkers than housekeepers, or being more housekeepers than talkers.

- When you have people over, do you tend to be more of a talker or more of a housekeeper? Or do you think you have a good balance, having all the preparations done ahead of time so that the focus for your attention is your guest?
- Do you know anyone who has a perfect balance?

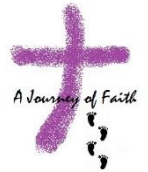
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html