



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

July 1, 2018

Thirteenth 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

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

Sat. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- ~ Funeral Mass ~  
Donna Prout

5:00 pm- GOOD SPIRIT LAKE

+Mary Balint

7:00 pm- +Christine Ooi

Sun. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- +Alex Puchala

11:00 am- Mass for the People

### July 1 is celebrated as Canada's birthday.

Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

- ORDO 2017-2018, CCCB, Ottawa, ON

### 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 promise eternal life to all who believe in you. Give me the courage to be an advocate for life.

- 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.

Rent: \$1,000      Utilities: \$300      Food: \$500      Communications: \$150      Clothing

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

**Contact Rejean Houle 306.641.5430**

## Prayer for Canada Day



## National Anthem – Official Lyrics

Eternal God,  
whose reign extends from sea to sea  
and whose care endures throughout the ages,  
hear our prayers for our country:  
grant wisdom to those who govern it  
and respect for human life and dignity to every  
citizen,  
so that justice may flourish  
and all peoples live in unity and peace.

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen



## Summer Prayer



Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.



## 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?

Please contact the Parish Office **by August 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>



How can I better embrace the challenging moments in my life rather than rebel or run from them?

How can I better accept and let go of those things that cause me pain?



## 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](http://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](mailto: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

## Saved by Faith Alone

By Mary Katharine Deeley

A fourth-century legend from Catholics in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire tells us the name of the woman in today's Gospel is Beronike. A woman of great faith, she knew that the law considered her unclean because she had a flow of blood and no one could touch her. When she saw Jesus, she didn't ask him to touch or even speak to her. She didn't want him to feel what she felt—outcast and isolated. She simply believed that touching his garment would bring her relief.

A couple of weeks ago, St. Paul told us that we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith was all this woman had to go on; everything else had failed. What she heard about Jesus stirred something in her soul, and she followed her convictions. She wasn't disappointed. The power of Christ, who heals us of whatever wounds us deeply, went out immediately to her who dared to hope. When he called out to see who touched him, her fear didn't keep her away. She was saved by faith alone.

Being saved doesn't always mean miraculous cures, but it does involve standing before Christ as we are—bleeding, broken, sinful—and trusting that he is our answer. We don't know for sure what happened to the woman. But her legend continued.

When Jesus carried his cross to his crucifixion, a woman stepped out to stop the flow of blood and sweat streaking his face. We know her by the Latin translation of Beronike—Veronica—which carries with it an additional meaning: "true icon," in reference to the facial image that Jesus left on her cloth.

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## 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](mailto:hannelle_23@hotmail.com)

## OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sign out a baby bottle and fill it with donations to help support those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. **Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!** Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day. Thank you.

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 Corinthians 8:14*

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

~ 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.

- Submitted by St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee



## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): Parish Office Closed
- Tues. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): Parish Office Open at 1pm  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal 9am Mass
- Fri. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Daring to Touch Jesus"

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

The Book of Wisdom proclaims that our God is a God of living; Paul reminds us that our call is to be generous to those who suffer. In Mark's Gospel Jesus demonstrates both principles. He raises a little girl from the dead and he praises a woman for being brave and faithful enough to reach out and grab for the garment she believes will cure her.

#### **For Your Reflection**

This woman who struggles to touch Jesus' robe is in a desperate situation. The Gospel tells us that she has been bleeding for twelve years. That's hard to imagine. IN those days any woman who was bleeding was seen as unclean until her period of bleeding was over. So not only does she touch Jesus' robe and receive power without asking for it (she steals something that belongs to someone else), but she is in fact unclean (and thus causing all of them to risk being made unclean). She should have been reprimanded, but Jesus praises her.

- What does Jesus' praise of this woman say about his view of the cultural practice of keeping the "unclean" women away from other "clean" people?
- Besides curing this woman's medical condition, how else does Jesus heal her and restore her dignity?
- As men in a society that views women as people who become unclean every month, Jesus' disciples must have had a hard time with this. What do you suppose they were thinking, and how do you think Jesus' actions challenged their attitudes toward women?

When Jesus goes in to see Jairus's daughter, he lets only Peter, James, and John go in with him. The rest of the followers have to stay outside. Jesus did this a lot; Peter, James, and John get to do lots of things that the others aren't invited to do.

- How do you think the other disciples reacted to this?
- Why do you think Jesus would behave in such a way - having favourites?
- Do you think Peter, James, and John kept it a secret from the other Apostles that Jesus had raised the little girl from the dead, or do you think they told the others? Do you think the young girl's family members kept it a secret, or do you think they told people about it? Why?



**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 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. 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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