



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 22, 2018

Sixteenth 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

Thurs. (26 th):	9:00 am	St. Anne & St. Joachim +Madeleine Colbow
Fri. (27 th):	9:00 am	+Ellen MacKenzie
Sat. (28 th):	9:30 am	Marianne Dierker
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Sun. (29 th):	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	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 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 are the Good Shepherd who cares for all people. Help me be a good shepherd of love and compassion.

- 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

Catechism Theme: Places Favourable for Prayer (CCC 2691)

Just like his followers, we, too, are invited to find a quiet place to spend time with the Lord. We can pray before the Blessed Sacrament in a reservation chapel. We can create and use prayer corners in our homes, centered around icons and the Scriptures. We can visit places of prayer like monasteries, and partake in communal celebrations (like the Liturgy of the Hours). Even the travel to and from churches and shrines can invite us to prayer, creating an atmosphere of "pilgrimage." All times and all places invite us to prayer. But, there are quiet times and places to "come and rest" in the Lord.

Remember a special time of quiet you spent with the Lord. Why was it special?

Escape and relax. Don't those words sound inviting? There are times and places those words mean more than vacation. They mean prayer. After all, prayer is not mere work. It is an encounter with the Lord. What better partner can we have to share times of pause, places of refreshment.

What places and times invite you to spent time with the Lord? Reread the Catechism theme paragraph and use these ideas to create a space or plan a trip for prayer.

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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.



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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

Jesus Gathers His Flock

By Mary Katharine Deeley

At the ranch where my mother lived in her adolescence, sheep wandered through pastures of grass and shrubs. When it came time to gather them into the corral at night, the ranch hands would get the dogs out and set them to work running around and behind the sheep to keep them together while the hands drove them in the right direction. Occasionally a young lamb or an injured ewe would fall, and the man closest would pick the animal up with a tenderness that seemed out of character with callouses and sunburned, weathered skin. When we visited the ranch, I remember vividly the look and smell of the sheep and that the ranch hands thought they were dumb.

While the sheep may not have been the smartest of animals, they knew the men, and the promise of a safe pen and water at the end of the hot day undoubtedly made the job easier. From my mother's stories, I remember most the way she described the shepherders. They did not lead the sheep so much as walk with or behind them. They became part of the procession, rather than the head of it. This kept the sheep calm and moved them faster. When Jesus looked at the crowd, he saw a people that needed someone to walk with them and show them the way to go. They needed someone occasionally to go behind them to pick up the strays and the wounded and carry them tenderly home. This is what Jesus does for us. In his compassion, he brings us to pasture and, at the end, he gathers all people into his one flock and guides them home.

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Am I humble enough to admit my faults to myself and others?

How often do I ask forgiveness from my loved ones and in confession?

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

"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." Mark 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

St. Anthony's
77th Pilgrimage
August 14th & 15th

August 14th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk. **August 15th**

<p>Vigil of the Assumption</p> <p>1:30 pm: Deanery Youth Encounter- Theme: Walking With Our Blessed Mother, Mary "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5</p> <p>3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)</p> <p>5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)</p> <p>6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available</p> <p>8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Celebrant - Father Andrew Sowa OMI</p> <p>**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament ** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca</p>	<p>Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)</p> <p>9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)</p> <p>10:00am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac (Grotto)</p> <p>11:00 am: Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged</p> <p>12:15 pm: Final Mass: Celebrant ~ Bishop Mark Hagemoen (Saskatoon)</p> <p>* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles **Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter!</p>
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (23rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Fri. (27th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus Calls Us to Rest"

This Week...

Jeremiah tells the people God's idea of a good shepherd: one who cares for the people so they do not tremble and fear. As a good shepherd, Jesus urges the Apostles to get the rest they need, yet when the crowds catch up with them, he is moved by their need for a shepherd. Paul describes Jesus as the person who brought unity to the believers by his words and actions. In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates what Paul describes, as well as what Jeremiah foretold.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is so popular, he can't get away from the crowds. He tries to take the Apostles away in a boat for a little break, but the people find out where they are going, and they arrive ahead of the boat. Still, Jesus pities them and gives in to the crowd. He shifts his focus from resting to preaching. He begins to teach them with the words they long to hear.

- Who is someone you would follow with that kind of determination? Is there an athlete, a rock star, or some other performer or celebrity that you would want to see that much? Would you ever take another route to meet up with him or her, just to get a front-row seat? Why or why not?
- Would you like to be that famous? Would you like to draw such huge crowds that wherever you go, you have to take a pillow and do your sleeping in the car, boat, plane, or train? Would you like to be so popular that whenever you arrive anywhere, a crowd of fans is waiting to see you and hear from you? Why or why not?

The Apostles had just gotten back from a long journey and were telling Jesus about it. He urges them to get the rest they need.

- The teenage years can be a very busy time. Often lots of school, church, and community activities fill a young person's schedule. Is your life hectic? Do you get the rest you need? Do you get sick sometimes (or often) because you don't take care of yourself? Or do you eat nutritious meals, exercise, and get enough sleep? What do you think of the pace of your life?

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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