



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 29, 2018
Seventeenth 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. (30 th):	9:00 am	+Ruth Molnar
Tues. (31 st):	7:00 pm	Eugene Swejda
Wed. (1 st):	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES +Mary Balint
Thurs. (2 nd):	9:00 am	+Viola Molnar
Fri. (3 rd):	9:00 am	+Alex Puchala
Sat. (4 th):	9:30 am	Helen Saworski
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Christine Ooi
Sun. (5 th):	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

God of miracles, loosen our grip on the things you've given to us. Help us to respond to your invitation to give ourselves away. May we believe in miracles by being generous, offering whatever we have to whoever is in need. Amen.

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 bread that satisfies hungry hearts. Remove the selfishness from my heart, that I may be generous to people in need.

- 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

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

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

Vigil of the Assumption

1:30 pm: Deanery Youth Encounter- Theme: Walking With Our Blessed Mother, Mary "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)
5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)
6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Celebrant - Father Andrew Sowa OMI
**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession,
**Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)
9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
10:00am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac (Grotto)
11:00 am: Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged
12:15 pm: Final Mass: Celebrant - Bishop Mark Hagemoen (Saskatoon)
* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence
* Blessing of Religious Articles
**Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter!

Kaposvar Pilgrimage

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Sunday August 19, 2018
3 miles South & ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637
Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00

11:00 am – 12:00 noon..... Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm..... Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm..... Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm..... Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm..... Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm..... Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm..... Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm..... Supper

For more information Contact:
Bea Twardzik @ 745-6374
Eola Stevenson @ 740-6095

Ethnic Attire is encouraged
Bring your own Lawn chairs
Concession Booth on Site

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.

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

Submitted by the St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee



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.



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



Aug. 9

Inter-council Golf. 1pm at Deer Park Municipal Golf Course. Golfers are responsible for green fees and cart. Beef on a bun to follow at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. Phone Darren at 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). 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!

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.



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!

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm



Bringing Home the Word

Abundant Life from Jesus

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My Irish aunt's motto was, "If there aren't leftovers, somebody went away hungry." The motto is shared by aunts, mothers, and grandmothers in nearly every culture. During holidays, our table was a groaning board of food prepared by my mother and aunt, brought by other family members, and shared with everyone. On the many occasions when we had more guests than we realized, the whispered command, "FHB," would make its way through our house. The initials stood for "Family, Hold Back" because our first duty was to make sure that our guests had enough to eat, and there were always peanut butter sandwiches and apples for us later.

Whenever I think of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, I think about holidays at our house. Impossibly, it seemed, everyone had more than enough to eat. There were always leftovers. But Jesus started with far less than we did. The five barley loaves and two fish were a meager beginning, food of the poor. That food became abundant in Jesus' hands. It wasn't the first miraculous multiplication. The Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha, both multiplied scarce resources, but not for so many. Jesus outdoes them all. It is John's way of saying that Jesus isn't just another prophet. He is more powerful than any who came before him. As we will hear in the coming weeks, he is life itself. This is John's eucharistic story. The life that Jesus brings is abundant—we will all be satisfied. Think about that when you next receive Communion.

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Am I generous with my time, treasure, and talent?

Do I multiply what I have by giving it to God and others, allowing him to return it to me twelvefold?

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

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (30th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Fri. (3rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus Feeds a Multitude"

This Week...

At this point in the cycle of readings, we have a shift from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel of John. But this week there is no lack of continuity. The story of Jesus feeding the five thousand is the very next story in Mark's Gospel, following last week's reading. In fact this story appears in all four Gospels, and an additional story about Jesus feeding a crowd of four thousand appears in Matthew's and Mark's Gospels as well. Elisha's miraculous feeding is a foreshadowing of Jesus' miraculous feeding. The humility, meekness, and patience that Paul speaks about in the second reading certainly can be found in a person who would give up a personal lunch in order to feed a crowd.

For Your Reflection

Who has the courage to bring forth those five barley loaves and two fish? A young person! It is a young person who makes the decision to share personal food with a crowd of people. That young person gives us an example of how we should be. That one young person makes a difference.

- Have you ever been in that situation? Have you ever done something that served as an example to adults as well as to other young people? If so, what did you do? What happened?

So often we want to make a difference, but feel as if we cannot. "I am only one person. How can I make a difference?" is what we often ask ourselves. But most major changes in the world happen because one or two people have the courage to try something new.

- Have you ever tried something new? Have you ever had a dream about doing something different or starting a movement that might bring about a major change in people's behaviour or attitude? If so, what is it? If not, what do you wish you could accomplish?

- If you had been the only person in a hungry crowd who would admit to having brought any food along, would you have offered it to Jesus so it might be shared with more than five thousand people? Why or why not?

Lots of times we try something new and it fails. At that point we have two choices. We can either give up or we can try again in a way that applies our learning from the first failed attempt. Sooner or later we will make a discovery: we will discover the right way to do something new, or we will discover that we've put enough time and energy into a difficult quest and it's time to change gears and focus on something else.

- Have you ever railed at some attempt, then learned enough to try and try again until you finally succeeded? If so, what happened?

- Have you ever failed at some attempt, tried again a few times, and finally decided that it was time to stop trying and to move on with something else? If so, what happened?



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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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:

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