

# 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*

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 2, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Joyce Wells  
Wed. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Jimmy Flavel  
Thurs. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Sonia Simes  
Fri. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Frances Mroczko  
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
10:30 am- *Benediction*  
Sat. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Ron Lawson

5:00 pm- GOOD SPIRIT LAKE (HALL)  
+Horace Jackson

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Elizabeth Adamiak

Sun. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- +John Vidomski  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): *Parish Office Closed*  
Tues. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Baptism Class 1/3  
Wed. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class 2/3  
Thurs. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class 3/3  
Sat. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

**New to the parish??  
WELCOME !!!**



Please complete a new parishioner form (yellow) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

**PRAYER**

Lord, your death on the cross brought life to the world. Help me follow your example of selfless love.

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

**Are you moving this summer??**

Please remember to notify the Parish Office.  
Thanks!

On Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Michael Yaremko (son of Terry and Pamela Yaremko) was Ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

**All are invited to a reception in honour of Father Michael Yaremko following the 11am Mass on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Gerard.**

Cake, coffee and tea will be served. Congratulations and presentations may be made to Father Michael Yaremko at the reception.

## ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2017-2018 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

**PPC**

Chairperson	-	Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson-	Gerry Yacishyn
Secretary	-	Jayne Senger	Liturgy	- Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
Religious Education-		Deanna Pellatt	Social Justice	- <b>VACANT</b>
Community Life	-	Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	- <b>VACANT</b>
Family & Social	-	<b>VACANT</b>	Youth	- <b>VACANT</b>
Ecumenical	-	Carm Molnar	Stewardship	- Willie Yacishyn
CWL Rep.	-	Donna Olshewski	K of C Rep.	- Wayne Exner

**PPFC**

Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Secretary	-	Richard Dubois
Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large	-	Conrad Rodney
Hall	-	Don Reed	Member at Large	-	Dwight Guy

## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

The committee that is working to welcome our refugee family from Eritrea and to help them settle into their new lives in Canada would like to provide an update to St. Gerard's parishioners.

Our diocesan liaison informed us in early May that all members of the family are now officially eligible as refugees as per the definition of the Canadian Refugee and Humanitarian program. There will be a background check done on all of them, followed by a medical check. Once the medical checks are complete, they will be issued their visas and will arrive in Canada shortly thereafter. It is possible that they will arrive by the beginning of August.

We are very excited to meet the family soon!

**We do need your help** though. Our committee needs **more volunteers**; we need to have a **solid core group to help plan and organize**.

If you signed up to donate items, please get ready to bring the items in. To date approximately \$6,000 in household goods have been pledged. We have found a **house** for the family, but we will need volunteers to **help set it up** for them!

**Monetary donations are very welcome!** There are still some items we need, plus monthly services or rent to cover. So far, just over \$5,100 has been contributed to the Refugee Family Fund. Monetary donations may be placed in the weekly collection in an envelope marked "Refugee Family". We really appreciate your generosity!

Once the family arrives, we will need your **continued support**. They will need us to help them settle, which means making appointments for various things, transportation, shopping. They will also need a **support network**, people they can call on if they need anything, have questions or need a friendly face to help them with something. Everything will be new for them so having people they can count on to help them through all the newness is so important.

At the back, on the table in front of our display, you will find a sign-up sheet. If you feel called by the Spirit to help, please join the committee. You can leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. If you would like to be a part of the committee to help with the coordination of this project or if you have any questions, please call Rejean Houle at 306.641.5430. Thank you for your continued support!





## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

The next Baptism Preparation session **begins Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please register by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**\*\* If you have a child who is in Grade 2 or older and has not received the sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered with the parish. \*\***



## Parish-Based Catechetical Home Program



Does your child attend public school?

Please contact the Parish Office **by August 15<sup>th</sup>** to register your child for the parish-based home program that is offered at St. Gerard.

## Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers

The new schedules are available online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) Or pick up a printed copy from the large table in the Welcome Area.

## YOUTH CHOIR



**ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?**

**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?**

**ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD  
AT MASS?**

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining a Youth Choir who rehearse weekly and minister monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093



## News from the CWL



The next CWL Garage Sale drop off date is **August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm**



## News from the Knights of Columbus



July 14

Evening bingo

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)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Do you know that the Archdiocese of Regina publishes a weekly bulletin?

Check it out online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) Click on the "Archdiocesan News" icon on the homepage.

## VATICAN RELEASES ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on Youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of **16 to 29 year-olds** around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site:

<https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>

and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief. The answers to the questionnaire, along with contributions from bishops, bishops' conferences and other church bodies, "will provide the basis for the drafting of the 'instrumentum laboris,'" or working document, for the assembly.

## Archdiocese of Regina Annual Pilgrimage Sites

July 16	Our Lady of Auvergne, Ponteix
July 16	Mary, Queen of Hearts, Lestock
Aug. 12&13	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kronau
Aug. 14&15	Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama
Aug. 20	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar

For more information, including directions to the sites, visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/archbishop-elect-donald-bolen/annual-pilgrimage-sites>

St. Mary's R.C. Church (Tiny) invites parishioners and friends to attend Mass and the Blessing of Graves at 3pm on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Lunch to follow.



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## The Race We Run

By Mary Katharine Deeley

What was it like in those years after the crucifixion? What was it like to talk about an experience and a relationship unlike anything ever encountered? What was it like to go to jail for preaching what you described as good news even though it seemed foolish to many of those who were listening?

Paul saw it in terms of a race whose finish line was heaven and for which he was willing to spend his last ounce of energy. Peter saw that once he acknowledged who Jesus was, he had no choice but to proclaim the truth of his heart. He knew Jesus was the Messiah because he saw it in the looks of those who were healed, fed, and restored at Christ's hand. He experienced it in the love Christ gave him, even after he denied him. He saw it in the faces of those whom he healed in Christ's name and who eagerly came to baptism and the outpouring of the Spirit.

What is it like now? How do we know in our hearts that Jesus is the Messiah? And how has that made a difference in our lives? Is this relationship so unlike any other that we are willing to be poured out, to spend our energy to proclaim the good news even though it may seem foolish? That's an uncomfortable question for many Catholics today.

For many of us, religion and faith are private, and sometimes that helps us avoid arguments or endless debate. But the compelling story of our redemption begs to be told, if not in words, then in lives transformed. This is our story and our race to be run full out to the very last.

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### **SERENA Saskatchewan's Sixth Annual "Run for the Family"**

10:00am, Saturday, September 9, 2017 in Saskatoon. Choose from 1km, 3km, or 5km (run, walk, strollers welcome). Pledges can be collected in support of SERENA; prizes awarded (20% of collection). To register, visit [www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com) (races – province SK –click date). Register by August 19<sup>th</sup> for early bird rates; family rate available. For more info, contact [sask@serena.ca](mailto:sask@serena.ca) or [306-934-8223](tel:306-934-8223).

## An Ignatian Summer Prayer

Father, 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.

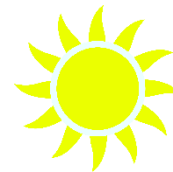
Draw me closer to You this summer.

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.



The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve.

– Albert Schweitzer (Vision 2000: A Cycle)

## Father Francis' Farewell

Thank you to all those who participated in the Farewell Supper for Father Francis on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was a wondrous celebration of faithful stewardship in action.

- Organizing Committee for Father Francis' Farewell

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Service"**

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

Being baptized into the death and life of Jesus means living for Jesus, following Jesus, and being a disciple of Jesus'. Welcoming such disciples, as well as prophets and holy people, will bring a reward. Anything we can do - even just giving a cup of cold water - is an act of service that will be appreciated.

#### **For Your Reflection**

In today's Gospel Jesus talks to us about service.

- I Jesus appeared to you in the flesh and asked you to be a special disciple, what do you imagine that might entail?
- How do you picture "big-time" service - living in the inner city? Volunteering at a shelter? Spending a week in Appalachia? Going to South America for a summer? Or joining a missionary order and spending the rest of your life in Africa?
- How do you picture "ordinary" service? Give some examples.

Some jobs have great potential for simple human service, for example, smiling and being extra friendly as you bag groceries, looking out for what the children may need as you baby-sit, noticing whose coffee cup is empty as you wait tables, or being sure the newspapers you deliver are always placed close to your customers' door.

- What are some simple things that you might do every day that can be compared to giving someone a cup of cold water?
- What kind of reward do you think comes to someone who serves another?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004



**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](mailto: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.*



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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)

**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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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