

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (1st): NO MASS
Tues. (2nd): 9:00 am- John & Irene Fedirko
Wed. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Ray & +Effie Hardy
Thurs. (4th): 9:00 am- MaryAnn Scherr
Fri. (5th): 9:00 am- +Gladys Molnar
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
Sat. (6th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Edward Yeroschak

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
Mary Ryhorski
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Elsie Belitsky

Sun. (7th): *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Marianna Kowalczyk

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (1st): *Parish Office Closed*
Tues. (2nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wed. (3rd): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Sat. (6th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

If we owned every dress in the mall
but we did not clothe
the naked,

if we
sipped tasty wines
but didn't give a cup of cool water,

if we took time to rake in money
but did not spread
love,

then, what
would we have?

Christ, what matters to you?
Make us want that
more than
anything
else.



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

24. My thoughts now turn to the Mother of Mercy. May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness. No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The Mother of the Crucified and Risen One has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of His love.

Chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God, Mary, from the outset, was prepared by the love of God to be the *Ark of the Covenant* between God and man. She treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son Jesus. Her hymn of praise, sung at the threshold of the home of Elizabeth, was dedicated to the mercy of God which extends from “generation to generation” (*Lk 1.50*). We too were included in those prophetic words of the Virgin Mary. This will be a source of comfort and strength to us as we cross the threshold of the Holy Year to experience the fruits of divine mercy.

At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach. Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the *Salve Regina*, a prayer ever ancient and ever new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes upon us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus.

Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I think especially of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love.

"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 ymp@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



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449



News from the CWL



The CWL would like to extend a big "thank you" to all who responded to our plea for fleece. We had a marvellous response! The comfort cushions will be made in the fall.

Summer cleaning? Keep the CWL Garage Sale in mind! You can drop off garage sale items at the bottom of the east entrance stairs by the CWL Room all through August!

Monday to Friday 8am-noon/1pm-4pm

It's the sale you wait for!

St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Sept. 8th - 9am to 8pm
Friday, Sept. 9th - 9am to noon

Coffee & Pie Special ** Produce Table

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



- August 10 Brainstorming Meeting. **All Directors and Executive Members**, your presence is requested for this meeting to do all planning for this Columbian year.
- August 11 Council 5182 vs 2031 at Deer Park Golf Course. 1pm tee off. Supper & prizes to follow. To register please reply to saints94@hotmail.com or 306.621.4290
- August 23 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).

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

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!

Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over your body.

- George Carlin

Good News!

July 31, 2016

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Ecc 1:2; 2:21–23 / Col 3:1–5, 9–11 / Lk 12:13–21

I love to buy storage materials. My heart longs for the matching bins and boxes that claim to organize all the stuff in my house. If I just get the right-sized box, I think, I will be able to keep everything I have and make room for more. If Jesus were telling this parable today, perhaps the rich man wouldn't (just) be building bigger barns; he may be installing a better organization system.

The problem with a consumer society is that it tempts us to buy and collect far more than we need. We sometimes think we must have the latest phone, appliances, or fashions even as our existing toys and clothes vie for space in our closets and drawers. We rush to "recycle" in order to take advantage of sales and hardly pause to wonder, "Do I really need this?" We rarely, if ever, reflect on the truism, "You can't have everything—what would you do with it?"

If we give in to the temptation to acquire more things, to build bigger barns, we may find ourselves held captive by material goods—counting them, managing and maintaining them, or protecting and paying them off. Perhaps our time and energy would be better spent making sure that others have enough to eat and a place to sleep—in other words, being the image of the generous and loving God who "bestow[s] on the world all that is good" (Eucharistic Prayer III and IV). Today let us let go, clear away the clutter, and embrace the simplicity and freedom of loving in truth and fullness.

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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

REMINDER – **OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottles** are to be returned as soon as possible. Please drop off at the Parish Office during regular office hours, or place in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. Thank you.

Catechism Themes: Capital Sins and the Cardinal Virtues (CCC 1835-38, 1866, 1876)

In this short parable, Jesus addressed the nature of true wealth. In the world's eyes, wealth is acquired through greed. In God's eyes, wealth is acquired through faith. Both are based upon habits. Some habits are vices. Others are virtues.

When people sin over and over (like the blind pursuit of wealth), they develop habits ("vices") that lead to evil. These vices (called "capital sins") are: pride, greed, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and laziness. (1876, 1866).

However, when people turn to God over and over, they develop moral ("cardinal") virtues.

These four virtues are:

a) **Prudence:** *the ability to choose the "good" and the means to achieve it. (1835)*

b) **Justice:** *the will to give to God and others what is theirs. (1836)*

c) **Fortitude:** *the firm will to do good through all difficulties. (1837)*

d) **Temperance:** *the wisdom to say "no" to excess; temperance gives balance to life. (1838).*

When we compare these vices and virtues, we can easily see why the virtues would seem like riches in the eyes of God.

Who do you know that possesses the cardinal virtues? How have they influenced your life?

So, what is really important? Dying with the most toys? Or, living a life of faith? Accumulating stuff requires greed. But living faith requires a prudent knowledge of good, a sense of justice, an unwavering commitment, and a sense of balance. At the crisis points of life (and ultimately at the point of death) which is more important? Which will carry us through?

Reflect on what you have this week. What could you live without? What do you truly need? (Hint: the ones you truly need lead you to God.) Pray God will help you guide you in the accumulation and use of your possessions.

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Piling Up Possessions"

This Week...

Don't be greedy! All the wealth in the world won't get us to heaven! If we are to put our energy into anything, let it not be useless earthly desires that only lead to boredom and dissatisfaction. Material things are useless in themselves - there's no point to living if we don't live for God.

For Your Reflection

Money can make life a little easier to manage at times, but a famous proverb proclaims that "money can't buy happiness."

- Do you think most people believe that proverb?
- Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?
- What types of ads are you most susceptible to? What do you end up buying or wanting to buy most often?
- Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?

Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

- Do you have room in your closets for all your clothes and possessions?
- When your closets get too full, are you more likely to find more storage space in your house, or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?
- Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army? Do you sell them at a yard sale to make more money?

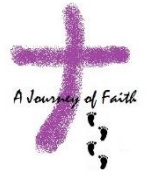
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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.

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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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