

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (4th): NO MASS
Tues. (5th): 9:00 am- +Edward Yeroschak
Wed. (6th): 9:00 am- +John Wenet
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
Thurs. (7th): 9:00 am- +Elsie Kosowan
Fri. (8th): 9:00 am- +Ann Ostapovich
Sat. (9th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Marion Novakowski
2:00 pm- *Senger-Ryan Marriage*

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
Denis Dierker
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +John Zuback

Sun. (10th): *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +William Hayes

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, MaryAnn Scherr

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.

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:30 pm- CWL Float Meeting
Tues. (5th): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class
Wed. (6th): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class
Thurs. (7th): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class
Sat. (9th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Jesus, when you say, "Follow me,"
you ask so much from us.
You ask us for
everything.

Please deepen our trust.

Let us
pack our bags lightly
then go where you call us.

Loosen our untold attachments,
and whatever fastens us
to our safe
spots.

There is
no fear when you are here.

Let us lay our heads
where you lay
yours.



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

20. It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between *justice* and *mercy*. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as “judge”. In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God’s commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound vale. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God’s will.

For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, “Go and learn the meaning of ‘I desire mercy not sacrifice’. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners” (*Mt* 9.13). Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father’s mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person.

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the Prophet Hosea – “I desire love and not sacrifice” (6.6) – is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the centre, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus’ mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of his mercy.

The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (cf. *Phil* 3.6). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: “We have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified” (2.16).

Paul’s understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God’s justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God’s justice is his mercy (cf. *Ps* 51.11-16)



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449.

The next session will be held
July 5th, 6th & 7th @ 7pm

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

The new **Liturgical Ministries Schedules** are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area (Welcomers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass) and online at www.stgerard.ca

Reminder – if you are unable to minister, **PLEASE** arrange for a replacement. Thanks.



News from the CWL



The **CWL Newsletter** is available in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.

CWL Float - There will be a final meeting regarding the CWL parade float on Monday, July 4 @ 4:30pm at the church. Please attend and express your ideas!



News from the Knights of Columbus



July 9 Afternoon Bingo
July 25 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).

Missionary Opportunity: "Live-In" Host Couple

The Catholic School of Evangelization, situated in St. Malo, MB, is currently seeking a couple (with or without children in their care) interested in serving as "Live-In" Hosts. Basically, to call the CSE "home" for a minimum of one year, and to take care of it as such. Interested or curious about this adventure in hospitality and loving service?

Please contact Nicole Gabra:

204-930-9486 or boardofdirectors@catholicway.net

News from the Archdiocese of Regina The Archdiocese of Regina

Lay Formation and Evangelization Program: "Go, make disciples!"

"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium*. Through the Lay Formation and Evangelization program, we are meeting this challenge today as we help men and women of all ages and stages of life encounter the joy of the Gospel. Over the course of our three-year program, we will deepen your understanding of the Church and your faith through solid teaching by our diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women, all experts in their respected fields. As your confidence in the areas of theology, ethics, and social justice, scripture, liturgy, and the spiritual life grows, you will be able to speak confidently about the church, your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ in your family, the workplace, the parish and the wider community.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. Please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

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

Retrouvaille helps hurting marriages! When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. Retrouvaille cares about your marriage. Please consider registering for the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) program before you consider divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the September 16-18, 2016 weekend in Saskatoon, call (306) 652-7155 or email: retrouvaille@sasktel.net



Please join us in honouring the

SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE



on their 100th Anniversary
of bringing Catholic Education to Yorkton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Divine Liturgy ~ 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Banquet & Program ~ 7:00 pm at St. Gerard's Parish Centre

Please watch for more information in upcoming bulletins

Good News!

July 3, 2016

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 66:10-14c / Gal 6:14-18 / Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Our nation was founded on the principle of religious freedom. For the most part, we can worship as we like, believe as we like, and enjoy the security that comes from knowing we will not be punished, abused, or discriminated against for our faith. That has not been the case for all Christians, both throughout history and recently in several countries. Through the media we learn of ongoing killings and oppression inflicted on those who publicly claim to be Christian.

Jesus sent his disciples to preach the good news "like lambs among wolves." Anyone who knows this metaphor knows how terrible it is—they will stand out, become the first targets and easy prey. But Jesus doesn't tell them to fight back or disguise themselves. Rather, he tells them to give witness at the kitchen table and eat what's put in front of them. In effect, Jesus tells them to get at the heart of people's lives and to wish them peace. Even if their peace is not returned, the disciples are not to let that weigh them down. "Shake the dust from your feet" and move on, Jesus says in Matthew 10:14.

Preaching the gospel is the mission of a disciple, no matter where or when he or she lives. Today, in honour of those who have given their lives in service of the gospel, share with one or two people the good news of what God has done in your life. Listen to them. Invite them to come to church. Offer to pray with them. Just for today, be the sheep that everyone sees. You'll never know who might join the flock.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY SASKATCHEWAN

All young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to a fun-filled day to celebrate **World Youth Day** with activities and prayer.

Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7th Avenue East, Regina

See poster on the bulletin board! Registration forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.

"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 yml@archregina.sk.ca or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/youthministry/Registration%20Pilgrimage%20Camp%202016.pdf>

Camp O'Neill Youth Camp

Youth and Teen Camp (age 8 - 15) is July 10 - 15

Kidz Camp (age 6 & 7) is July 14 - 15

Please visit our website for the registration forms and much more! www.campponeill.ca

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP (MADGE LAKE)

"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"

Youth Camp: July 10-16

Teen Camp: July 17-22

Please visit the website at: www.stmichaelscamp.com

On-line registration is available.

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

**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!

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Sending Workers for the Harvest"

This Week...

The harvest master needs workers for the harvest. There are so few workers that the task seems impossible. But Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples, in pairs, with confidence. They return in jubilation, welcomed by Jesus with open arms, the way Isaiah describes the welcoming and return to Jerusalem. They seem to do the impossible. But like Paul, they are clearly marked as followers of Jesus, and perhaps, like Paul, they have a few scars to show for it.

For Your Reflection

We don't know their names, but we know that three dozen pairs - thirty-six partnerships - set out on this adventure, not knowing what to expect. They took no suitcases, no supplies, no map, and they had no plan. Yet they trusted Jesus, and they went because the harvest was ready and there weren't many workers. Jesus needed them.

- Would you have gone on such a journey if you had been around in those days with Jesus and he asked you to? Why or why not?
- If you wanted to go on a mission trip with a church group that had the same expectations as this trip with the seventy-two - no luggage, no plan, no supplies, and the like - would your parents let you go? Why or why not?
- Would you be willing to do it as an adult? Why or why not?
- Do Jesus' instructions for the seventy-two disciples have any meaning for your life journey?

These seventy-two followers seemed to "do the impossible." They had a mission, they had confidence, and they succeeded.

- Have you ever attempted to do the impossible? What happened? Were you successful? What did others think?

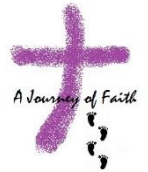
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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.

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 or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html