



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

July 8, 2018

Fourteenth 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

Please note that there will be no daily Mass 'til July 26th.

Sat. (14<sup>th</sup>):

5:00 pm-	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE
	+Doreen Sereda
7:00 pm-	+Alex Puchala

Sun. (15<sup>th</sup>): **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am-	Mass for the People
11:00 am-	+Oman Jose

We welcome Rev. Father Arpee Urquico who is celebrating Mass with us July 7 & 8 and July 14 & 15 at St. Gerard Church.

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO SUNDAY MASS** celebrated on Saturday, July 21 OR Sunday, July 22.

There will be a **LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION** at 11:00 am on Sunday, July 22.

### 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 accept everyone with unconditional love. Help me overcome my fear of others so I can love and accept them as you do.

- 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

## Update from St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee

Due to restructuring (in an effort to reduce expenses), the following are changes that have been made at St. Gerard Church effective June 30, 2018:

1. The Parish Office is closed Mondays until 1pm (Tuesday until 1pm if a long weekend).
2. The position of Parish Office Assistant has been eliminated.
3. The position of Parish Hall Manager has been eliminated.
4. A Volunteer Event Coordinator will be appointed to oversee each Hall function.
5. The "Hall Manager" Office will become a bereavement/counselling room.

**Thousands of Pilgrims**

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

**Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Rama, Sk.

August 14th	August 15th
Vigil of the Assumption	Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1:30 pm: Deanery Youth Encounter- Theme: Walking With Our Blessed Mother, Mary "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5	8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)	9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)	10:00am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac (Grotto)
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)	11:00 am: Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged
6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available	12:15 pm: Final Mass: Celebrant - Bishop Mark Hagemoen (Saskatoon)
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Celebrant - Father Andrew Sowa OMI	
**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	
** Visit: <a href="http://www.RamaShrine.ca">www.RamaShrine.ca</a>	

\* 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 & 1/2 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

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>** to register your child for the parish-based home program that is offered at St. Gerard.



## COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Are you ministering to the Sick/Homebound on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>? **Please come to the church at 10:00 am** to receive the consecrated hosts (note that there will not be a 9am Mass on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>).



## 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](http://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](mailto: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 **+**

## Overcoming Our Stubbornness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My mother always thought I was a little bit stubborn. "Not stubborn," I said, "but sometimes, I think things should be done a different way." What I usually meant by that was that things should be done my way. "I know," she said, "stubborn." I recalled that conversation when my daughters reached the same age that I was when I thought my mother was dumb and didn't know anything and my desire was to do always what I thought best. They have since conceded that I might know a little, just as I gave my mother that same credit, as I got older. We all have our periods of stubbornness. Sometimes we are right; sometimes we can be persuaded differently, and sometimes we have to persist until our mistakes become evident even to us, even if that means we suffer the consequences of our folly.

The people of Nazareth were astonished at Jesus' teaching and wisdom. Their stubborn refusal to believe in him grew out of their familiarity. "We know him and his family," they thought. "He can't possibly have this power." Stubbornness is a hard thing to overcome. Mark records that Jesus was amazed at their refusal to believe. Their very refusal made it difficult for him to perform mighty deeds (a phrase used of God in the Old Testament), and so he did what he could: He healed a few sick people. Some of us still have a stubborn streak. Has that ever interfered in our recognition of God's power? Do we hang on to our belief that our way is best even if that hurts us? Reflect on that.

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Does my familiarity with Jesus lead me to routine and lack of faith?

What ways have I seen Jesus work and answer prayers?

## 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](mailto:hannelle_23@hotmail.com)

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3*

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

## 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.

- Submitted by St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee

## HALL COOKS WANTED

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

- Submitted by St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (10<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal 9am Mass
- Fri. (13<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Jesus, the Carpenter Prophet"**

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

Like Ezekiel, Jesus is rejected by people too rebellious to listen. Like Paul, Jesus finds that there is power in weakness nonetheless, and he sets out to preach in the towns where people are more open to what he has to say.

#### **For Your Reflection**

When Jesus comes back home, his neighbours remember Jesus the kid, and refuse to believe in the talents and gifts of Jesus the adult and prophet.

- How would it be if you grew up, became famous at your craft or skill, and returned home to discover that everyone who knew you as a child had a hard time respecting you as an accomplished expert in your field? What would you do? How would you react?
- How would it be if one of your friends who never seemed particularly gifted in any one area grew up, left town, and became famous for her or his talent and insight and opinions? How would you respond to her or his sudden popularity? How might you feel about this friend?

When Jesus returns to visit his hometown, people are not very supportive. They just have a hard time accepting that the child they knew is now a famous prophet, healer, and speaker. Jesus is so distressed by their lack of confidence in his ability and their lack of trust that he cannot even perform the miracles he wants to.

- Why not? What do you think?
- How does the support of your friends and family affect your own performance level and ability?

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.*

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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)

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