

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
(at Good Spirit Lake Hall at 5pm commencing July 1st)
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – June 11, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (13th): 9:00 am- +Frances Mroczko
Wed. (14th): 10:00 am- ASPEN VILLA
 +Rev. Peter Daoust
 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
Thurs. (15th): 9:00 am- +Walter Adams
Fri. (16th): 9:00 am- Fran Meehan
Sat. (17th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- Nicole Sereda

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Walter Konjolka

Sun. (18th): *The Solemnity of the
 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Sonia Simes

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Rita Herchuk, Mildred Nagy

At the CWL Provincial Convention, & at Saltcoats
Lakeside Manor on June 8th, Father Francis celebrated
Mass for the repose of the soul of +Frances Mroczko



Lord, you live in communion
with God and the Holy Spirit.
Help me to live in communion
and peace with all people.

*- From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (12th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (13th): 6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (14th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
Fri. (16th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (17th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

**Don't Miss the
"Early Bird" Fathers' Day Brunch
TODAY!!**



Adults - \$8 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 - No charge

FAREWELL TO FATHER FRANCIS

Mark the date!
Sunday, June 25, 2017

Farewell Supper for Father Francis
(Doors open at 4:30pm)

If you plan to attend,
please sign up on the sheets available on the
table in the Welcome Area.

(More details to come!)

Archdiocese of Regina – Annual Pilgrimage Sites

June 11	Our Lady of LaSalette, Forget	Aug. 12&13	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kronau
June 25	Grotto Kateri Tekakwitha, File Hills	Aug. 14&15	Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama
July 16	Our Lady of Auvergne, Ponteix	Aug. 20	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar
July 16	Mary, Queen of Hearts, Lestock		

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

The Government of Canada has launched a **Famine Relief Fund** to respond to the severe food crisis in northeast Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, as well as other affected countries in Africa.

This particular humanitarian crisis stems from a conjunction of events that include armed conflicts coupled with severe droughts brought about by climate change. Many have fled their homes and land to escape the violence of armed conflict and are continually displaced. These issues make transportation and access to food extremely difficult. **Development and Peace** is present in the region and working closely with local partners to respond to this humanitarian crisis threatening the lives of 20 millions of people. Since February, **Development and Peace** has released \$250,000 in funds for emergency food assistance to support its partners in South Sudan, northeastern Nigeria and Somalia.

For every eligible donation made by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities, such as **Development and Peace** between March 17 and June 30, 2017, the Government of Canada will contribute an equivalent amount to the Famine Relief Fund. **#ZEROFAMINE**

Donations have to be made by June 30th to take advantage of the matching funds offered by the Federal Government. (see below for ways to donate).

How to donate:

- By phone: 1.888.664.3387
- On the web: <https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24396>
- Text to give: Using your cell phone, send a text message with the word PEACE to 45678 to donate \$10 to Development and Peace.
- By mail: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News June 12 - June 16, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Sun.	•Channel 22 Concert					
Mon.	•Sports Banquet					
Tues.	•Choir & Band Concert					
Wed.						
Thurs.		•Band Pizza Party				
Fri.						

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."
~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



The CWL Newsletter is available for pickup in the Welcome Area!



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 14 General Meeting (budget approval)
June 15 Fourth Degree Meeting
June 25 Yearend windup **postponed**

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Social Justice in Motion Conference: "Listening, Learning and Walking Together" - a Truth and Reconciliation Event -

June 24th – 9:00am to 3:30pm
Holy Child Parish (Regina)
Keynote Speaker: Archbishop Don Bolen

For more info. or to register contact Marian Grady 306.789.8276 or mariangrady@sasktel.net



Parish-Based Catechetical Home Program



Does your child attend public school?

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

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

Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify the Parish Office. We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!



Everyone is Invited!



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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FR. HUGONARD & FR. JOHN RIFFEL ASSEMBLIES & SANTO NINO COUNCIL
AND THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



invite you to the **Canada Day**
Eucharistic Celebration



by **Archbishop Donald J. Bolen**



at the Blessed Sacrament Church
2049 Scarth Street
Regina, Saskatchewan

10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017

Honor Guards, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus,
Catholic Women's League, Regina City Police



Pancake brunch w/ sausages, eggs and coffee
11:30 a.m. immediately following Mass



Happy Canada Day!





Bringing Home the Word

Called to the Banquet

By Richard Rohr, OFM

God does not love us because we deserve it. God loves us because we need it. Does that sound startling? It shouldn't. If there is one prime idea in the Bible, it is God's undeserved lot for what God has created.

There is no accounting for God's love. God's love is not earned. There is nothing we can do to attain it or even to lose it. All we can do is surrender to it, trust it and let it flow through us.

The significant difference in this world is not between those who are worthy of God's love and those who are unworthy. (In truth, we are all various degrees of unworthy.) The significant difference is between those who know and enjoy God's love and those who do not know and do not enjoy it. God does not love us because we are good. We are good because God loves us. That is a major transformation of consciousness! It moves us from life as an obstacle course to be endured to life as a banquet to be eaten and shared.

Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus constantly invoking this banquet symbolism. He eats with sinners, invites the outcasts to share a meal with him, does not wash his hands or his food, allows a woman at a male symposium meal, apparently gives "communion" to Judas on the night of his betrayal. He is always expanding the meaning of the table, even breaking clear social conventions, to communicate the hospitality and inclusivity of God.

If we are grateful for and deeply confident in God's grace, we will spend our lives trying to give back to others what has been so graciously given to us.

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Catechism Theme: The Father revealed by the Son (CCC 238-242)

Many religions call God "Father," as he who created and sustains all things. Christianity's unique claim to the title lies in the relationship between God and Jesus of Nazareth. As John's gospel stated, the Father sent his Son into the world. That is, God commissioned Jesus to reveal the true nature of the Father. In doing so, Jesus revealed himself as the Father's only true Son, or as John's gospel stated, God's only begotten Son. This relationship transcends time into the eternal.

At the Council of Nicaea (325), the Church defined the relationship between the Father and the Son as "consubstantial." That is, the Father and the Son share the same divine nature. Eventually, the Church extended the definition to include the Spirit. Hence, the belief in the Trinity was codified.

Name someone you trust. Why do you trust that person? Could the qualities you list apply to Jesus? Why or why not?

As John's community found, many people put a trust relationship at arm's length. Even today, talk of trust based upon love seems too naive, too idealistic. The real world, as common wisdom implies, rewards the devious, those who build their lives on money and power. Those who point to a greater goal find themselves punished by the world.

But, is a trust relationship built on love worth the effort? Gentle reader, if you have reached this point in the essay, you have already answered that question for yourself. Yes, love makes the effort worthwhile, the outreach of trust realistic.

In what ways do you trust God with your daily life? Make a list of all your projects, hopes, and ambitions. Place that list in God's hands.

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St. Gerard Parish Social Justice Committee

is sponsoring the upcoming
Community Family Dinner
(former "Soup Haven Supper")

Wednesday, June 14th
Dream Centre at 244 Myrtle Avenue

If you are able to help by preparing supper and/or serving at the supper, please call Rejean Houle at 306.641.5430

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Communication"

This Week...

The Trinity is a mystery, impossible to fully understand. So we often speak in analogy or try to use words that reflect a unified threesome. God our Maker is indeed a God of compassion and forgiveness. In the Gospel, John pulls together the relationship of God, our compassionate and forgiving maker, with Jesus the Son, who is also God and our Redeemer. And Paul, in the second reading refers to God as Maker, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit together in his greeting in the name of God as Trinity.

For Your Reflection

The second reading is like a greeting card from Paul. It is a note of encouragement and love. In Paul's day they don't have "smiley faces" that say, "Have a nice day," but Paul still cares enough to send the very best. He sends greetings and blessings in the name of God as Trinity - our Creator, our Saviour Jesus, and the Spirit they share. We share in that holy and divine Spirit whenever we greet and bless one another.

- When was the last time you sent someone a greeting card that your parents didn't make you send?
- When was the last time you received a card that wasn't a Christmas or birthday card?

Prayer is like a greeting card to God and from God. Greeting cards do not create love and friendship between people, but they are a channel so that feelings and thoughts can be shared and expressed more easily.

- What feelings and thoughts does God express to you? How do you know?
- What feelings and thoughts do you express to God? How do you do it?

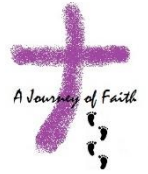
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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

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

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