

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 18, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +John Vidomski  
Wed. (21<sup>st</sup>): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (SOUTH)  
+David Cherneski  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
7:00 pm- Rose Marchinko  
Thurs. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Margaret Stachura  
2:15 pm- ST. THEODORE SCHOOL  
+Hilary Rae  
Fri. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Louise Begyn  
Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Victor Smith Family  
3:00 pm- *Woloschuk-Hendricks Wedding*  

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Rose Pasloski  
Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 am- +Theresa Bruch  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Religious Ed. Committee Mtg  
Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Wed. (21<sup>st</sup>): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting  
Fri. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Father Francis' Farewell

### **Father Francis' Farewell**

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

Doors open at 4:30pm  
Supper at 5:00 pm

Main course - Beef on a bun

Supper, entertainment, program and socializing to follow. Parishioners attending are asked to bring a salad or a dessert.

If you plan to attend, please sign up TODAY on the lists available on the table in the Welcome Area so we have an idea of the number attending.

Organizations who wish to offer words of farewell in the program are asked to contact Trent Senger at [tjsenger@sasktel.net](mailto:tjsenger@sasktel.net)



Lord, through your body and blood you offer me the gift of eternal life. Help me to make sacrifices and share what I have with the poor.

**Catechism Theme: Question and Answer Summary on the Eucharist (CCC 1407-1418)**

**Why is Eucharist the high point of Christian life?** The Eucharist is the high point of Christian life because 1) Eucharist remembers and celebrates the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and 2) in the Communion, Jesus unites his followers with himself. (1407)

**What are the two parts of Eucharist?** The two parts of Eucharist are 1) the Liturgy of the Word where the Bible is read and taught, and 2) the Liturgy of the Eucharist where God is thanked for all his gifts, the bread and wine are consecrated (changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus), and Jesus' followers share in his Body and Blood at Communion. (1408)

**How is the risen Jesus active in the Eucharist?** Since the Eucharist celebrates the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, the Jesus acts as high priest (by offering himself to God the Father) and victim (who died in our place). The ordained priest represents Christ as priest in the Mass; the consecrated bread and wine is Christ sharing himself with us. (1411)

**What are the sacramental signs of Eucharist?** The sacramental signs of Eucharist are 1) the bread and wine, 2) the prayer asking for the blessing of the Holy Spirit and 3) the word of Consecration ("This is my body...this is my blood of the new covenant..."). (1412)

**Is only part of Jesus present in Eucharist or all of Jesus?** All of Jesus is present in the consecrated bread and wine, not merely his Spirit. Jesus is present "Body, Blood, soul and divinity." (1413)

**What is necessary in order to receive Eucharist?** In order to receive Eucharist, one must be forgiven of serious (or "mortal") sins. Someone with a serious sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before they receive Eucharist. (1415) Eucharist does forgive less serious (or "venial" sins) and strengthens one against serious sin. (1416)

**How many times a year must a Catholic receive Eucharist?** A Catholic must receive Eucharist at least once a year, but all Catholics are encouraged to go every time they attend Mass. (1417)

**Why does one genuflect in front of the tabernacle?** Since the tabernacle contains the consecrated bread (which is really Jesus), one shows honor to the consecrated hosts (known as the "Blessed Sacrament") by genuflecting. (1418)

Christ invites us to consume him in Word and Sacrament. He entreats us to constantly renew our commitment to his Lordship. The question that lies before us is simple. Do we take his invitation at its full value?

**How can you help the Communion you receive on Sunday come alive this week?**

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**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News**  
**June 19 - June 23, 2017**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Divine Liturgy</li> <li>•Awards afternoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Last day of Pre-K</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SCC BBQ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SCC Yearend Picnic</li> </ul>		
Wed.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 8 Ravine Adventures</li> </ul>		
Thurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Final exams begin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Kindergarten Yearend Party</li> <li>•K-3 Playday</li> <li>•Gr. 7/8 Yearend Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 7/8 Yearend Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 6 Sand Dunes</li> <li>•Gr. 7/8 Yearend Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SCC Yearend BBQ</li> <li>•Gr. 7/8 Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year-end Mass</li> </ul>
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Gr. 6 Sand Dunes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Yearend Liturgy</li> <li>•Awards Afternoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Div. 1 Play Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Spelling Bee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year-end School Trip</li> </ul>



## 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*



## 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.



We welcome into our  
**Catholic Christian Community**  
those who were baptized  
recently at St. Gerard:

Dominic Couture

May this child and his family  
experience joy and new life.

## Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!!



All are invited  
for cake and coffee  
**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
after the 10:00 am Mass

There will be a display of antique items. *If you have items that you would like to display, please bring to the Parish Hall the afternoon of Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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

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

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



## News from the CWL



The sale you wait for is coming up in September - the **CWL Gigantic Garage Sale!** Do you have items to donate to the CWL Garage Sale? Please leave them by the door to the CWL Room downstairs on **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm-5pm.** If you have a large amount to donate, please call Rosella at 306.782.7042.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



June 25      Yearend windup **postponed**  
July 1        Afternoon bingo  
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

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

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:mariangrady@sasktel.net)

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

## The Life-Giving Power of Blood

By Diane M. Houdek

**From humanity's earliest days**, people have been awed by the connection between blood and life. A serious injury to a blood vessel would have made it clear that when the blood drained from the body, life was extinguished. We know so much more about blood now. We have lost some of the sense of the mystery involved. But no matter how much our knowledge increases, blood still plays as central a role in the life of the body.

For the ancient Jews, blood was considered the source of life and an essential part of temple sacrifices. Even today, part of the Jewish community's kosher butchering process involves careful and ritual draining of an animal's blood.

But we don't often think of the blood of Christ as being as central to the Eucharist as the body of Christ. For centuries, today's feast was known as *Corpus Christi*, Latin for "body of Christ." However, today we refer to the feast as the Most Holy Body and blood of Christ. And all three *Lectionary* readings emphasize the spiritual and religious symbolism of blood.

Still, until relatively recently, the Precious Blood was not routinely offered to the people at communion. And even now that it is part of nearly every liturgy, many people forego the chalice. While our doctrines teach us that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine, the intention from the Last Supper is clearly that Jesus has given his body and his blood for us and to us. We might think about it this way: Bread nourishes us, but a blood transfusion can save our life.

At times we take the gift of the Eucharist for granted, much as we take for granted the blood that continually flows through our veins, pumping life to every part of our bodies. Today's feast asks us to take time to reflect on and give thanks for the life-giving power of blood – Christ's and our own – and to share that fit with the community.

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**Options Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser**  
Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!  
Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's TODAY!!!

**\*\*Refugee Committee Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm\*\***

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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/civicism/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

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## Archdiocese of Regina Annual Pilgrimage Sites

- June 25 Grotto Kateri Tekakwitha, File Hills
- 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>

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Food for Life"**

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

The Israelites in the desert are given the fine white flakes of manna on the ground to eat and water from a rock to drink so that they will not die. In a similar way, Jesus gives us his own flesh to eat and his blood to drink so that we will not die. Our unity as one is symbolized by the one loaf.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread of life, and that those of us who eat his flesh and drink his blood will live forever. We call that meal the Eucharist; this name means "giving thanks."

- Are you thankful for the abundance of food in your life? Or do you take it for granted?
- How often have you gotten ready for an evening meal (after eating once or twice already that day) and said, "I'm starving!"
- How often do you think of people who only have one tiny meal to eat all day? When you do think of them, how do your thoughts affect you?

The symbol of the meal is significant. In Jesus' time every item of food had to be prepared, and the ingredients needed to be gathered and used before they spoiled. Preparing and cooking food for a meal was a major job.

- What do you think is the overall attitude of teenagers regarding food, nutrition, and health? Are most teens careful not to eat junk food - or is junk food their main form of nutrition?
- Is there a problem in your area with obesity? How about anorexia? Bulimia?
- How are today's meals and meal preparation procedures different from the meals and their preparation in Jesus' time?

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

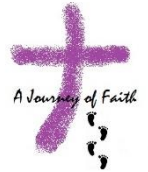




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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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