
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
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 19, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (20th): 10:30 am- *Funeral Liturgy—Arthur Griffith*
(Christie's Funeral Home)
Tues. (21st): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko
Wed. (22nd): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)
Irene Cherneski
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Bill Leik
Thurs. (23rd): 9:30 am- St. Mary School
+William Hayes
Fri. (24th): 9:00 am- +Jenna Hunt
Sat. (25th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Mildred Jackson

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Rose Pasloski
Sun. (26th): *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am- +John Watling
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Leona Pinno

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (21st): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Fri. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (25th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

You ask,
“Who do you say I am?”

You are not asking who the laws of the Church
say you are,
or what the catechism states, or what we opine,
but along with all of these,

who do each of us
say you are.

Help us say it,
with mouths speaking justice for the poor,
with feet running to those in need,
shoulders bearing the cross,
trusting, shattering fear.

O Lord, with hearts
loving you and
all others
within
you,

help us to say it
and to do it.

REMINDER - OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Bottles are to be returned to St. Gerard's **TODAY**.
Thank you.



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

16. In the Gospel of Luke, we find another important element that will help us live the Jubilee with faith. Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (*Is 61.1-2*). A “year of the Lord’s favour” or “mercy”: this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now. This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus’ mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith which Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: he who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness (cf. *Rom 12.8*).

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!

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.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



June 20 - June 24, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Year End Picnic •SRC 5-School Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC BBQ •Gr. 7/8 Yearend Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7/8 Yearend Dance 	
Wed.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Yearend Picnic 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •New Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yearend Liturgy @ St. Mary’s Church •Student Recognition Awards •Gr. 8 Farewell Supper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yearend Mass @ 9:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Service Awards •Kids Matter Presentation Gr. 3E/3F 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jump Rope for Heart •SCC Yearend BBQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 6-8 Golf Trip to Whitesand
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. K-5 Play Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Service Awards & Gr. 8 Awards 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Spelling Bee •Service Awards 	

“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

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 Western Conference for Liturgy's fall 2016 conference, **Those Who Sing Pray Twice: A Second Glance at Chant in the Liturgy**, will be held on October 21 and 22 at Corpus Christi Church in Edmonton.

Music ministry members, teachers, clergy and all members of the faithful are invited to come and rediscover chant and how it provides for full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy.

Visit the WCL website at <http://WCLcanada.wordpress.com> for more information, registration, conference schedule and accommodation.



News from the CWL



The **CWL Newsletter** is available at the back of the church.

The CWL continues with **Stitches of Love** projects and will be making comfort cushions in the fall. Would you like to help this wonderful project by donating a metre or two of plain fleece for the cushions? We mention this now because *Fabricland* is closing, so if you would like to buy some fleece, now is the time! Fabric can be left by the CWL room. Thank you.

Father's Day Brunch hosted by the CWL after each Mass today!



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 27 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).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

It's Time to Talk...

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Monday, June 20, 2016 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parliament Community Church,
4011 Pasqua Street, Regina

Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)

The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion.

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. For more information or to register, 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

Good News!

June 19, 2016

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1 / Gal 3:26-29 / Lk 9:18-24

A few years ago at the ice rink my daughters skated at, I picked up an ad for hockey gear. The pictures showed shoulder pads, shin guards, helmets, and chest pads. What caught my eye was the name of the company and the way they advertised. This was "Christian Protective Gear." I immediately began chuckling to myself as I imagined the Apostle Paul calling on all of us to "put on the armour" of righteousness and wondering if this was what he had in mind (Ephesians 6:10-17). I think not, but the reading from Galatians reminded me of the ad: "you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." What does that mean for us today?

The Church teaches that we must show forth the love and mercy of God, especially with regard to the least and poorest among us. In a poem by St. Teresa of Ávila, we are reminded that "Christ has no body but yours, / No hands, no feet on earth but yours." In today's Gospel, Jesus says that to put on Christ is to follow in his footsteps, to take up our cross daily, and to lose our lives for his sake that we might find them forever. Most of us can get behind love, mercy, and compassion for others—at least in theory—but discipleship in its fullest is no easy task. Are we willing to live our lives as Christ even when it isn't easy, when it requires denying ourselves and suffering? Only we can answer that, and with God's help through grace and the sacraments, the answer can be "yes!"

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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.camponeill.ca

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP (MADGE LAKE)

"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"

Youth Camp: July 3-8 and July 10-16
Teen Camp: July 17-22

Please visit the website at: www.stmichaelscamp.com
Online registration is available.

ALSO....

If you are 16-18 years old, please apply to be a youth camp counsellor. Please submit your resume to: stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net or lesannjm44@gmail.com

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation. May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith, in joy and in sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering. May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

“Who Do You Say that I Am?”

This Week...

Who am I? This is an important question that everyone asks. We are the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, united with Jesus. We are descendants of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who have come to know the significance of the death of Jesus. We are followers of the Christ, God's Anointed One, and we know that means that we have to take up our cross daily in order to follow.

For Your Reflection

Reputation is very significant - in school, in the workplace, and in the community. A person who is thought to be responsible and honest is treated with respect. A person who is thought to be untrustworthy is treated with suspicion. Sometimes the way we dress or the way we speak affects our reputation.

Who do people say you are - especially people who aren't your closest friends and don't know you very well?

Who would your closest friends say you are?

Who would your family say you are?

How are any of the above answers different from what you would say about who you are?

What is the real truth that you have come to know about who you are? Do you know yourself completely, or is the search for that truth still continuing?

There was confusion about who Jesus was. He had quite a colourful reputation. Only his closest followers knew that he was the Messiah.

Who is Jesus to you now? Since he no longer walks the earth in his own flesh and blood, how can you have a relationship with him?

How does he affect your life?



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