



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 21, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead. We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy. You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9am and 4pm.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (22nd) NO MASS

Tues. (23rd) 7pm Russell Griffith

Wed. (24th) **NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
7pm Deceased members of the Smith family

Thurs. (25th) 7pm Rick Zuback

Fri. (26th) 7pm Marcella Fedak

Sat. (27th) 9am +Jody Churko

5pm +Alan & +Aileen Hayward

Sun. (28th) **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9am +Marge Farbacher
11am Mass for the People

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH

Great news! Per the Government of Saskatchewan and the Archdiocese of Regina directives, Father Louis will celebrate public Saturday/Sunday Mass for **75 people at 3 Masses next weekend.** Please be patient as we are doing our best to follow the guidelines and to welcome as many people as possible.

All those wishing to attend must pre-register:

1. Check out the link at www.stgerard.ca and complete the registration form for you and your household between Monday morning and Thursday at 4pm (or until registration has ended).
2. **Only if you do not have access to the internet,** phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 Monday to Thursday from 9am until 4pm. If leaving a message, please include your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.

All must receive confirmation from the Parish Office prior to attending Mass. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning next weekend, there will be three Masses – Saturday at 5pm, & Sunday at 9am & 11am. **PLEASE continue to register for Mass. Thanks!**



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www.stgerard.ca



Lord, your gift of unselfish love redeems the world. Remove the selfishness from my heart so I can love and care for others.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor.....

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am very happy to welcome you back! It is great to be here to celebrate our faith together. We are hungry for the Eucharist and when we gather here, Jesus nourishes us, satisfies us, with his Body and Blood, and fills us with joy and happiness.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, the theme of fear and denial seems to be the main one. The context of the Gospel lets us know that when Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the message and to witness for him, he knew that they were fearful, and that they had good reason to be fearful. He knew that they would have to face hardships and persecution. Not only one time, but three times, he said to them *“do not be afraid”*.

Jesus knew that the disciples were afraid. He understood their fears and took them seriously. When he said to them, *“Do not be afraid”*, he was addressing their fears and trying to calm them. He was trying to give them courage, he was trying to move them beyond fear, knowing that fear could make them so nervous that they may be unable to fulfill their mission. He confirmed to them that he is with them always, and with him all fears will go away.

We all know that it is normal and natural that courage will sometimes fail us and that we will be afraid. All of us experience fear at one time or another, and we all know that if we allow fear to control us, we will lose joy and happiness in all of our activities. However, we have Jesus as a healer and a companion. We come to him and ask him to take away our fear. We trust in him and, with him, we keep going forward. You can see this in the Gospel stories such as when Jesus calms the storm, and the journey of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

There is one interesting point in the first reading. The prophet Jeremiah exercised his mission during a very difficult time: the defeat of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem. Yet, in spite of everything, he remained faithful to his calling. What was it that allowed him to overcome his fears and remain faithful to his mission? It was the conviction that God was on his side as he said, *“But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail”*.

Fear is not always a bad thing. Fear sometimes protects us, warning us of the presence of danger.

We wonder how Jesus suggested that they might overcome their fears. Basically through trust in God and relying on God. He asked them to have complete trust in God, who lovingly watches over life and death. Jesus assured them that God knew every detail of their lives and would support them in every crisis. He reminded them, and us, that we are so precious in God’s eyes that each of our hairs is counted. *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet none of them fall to the ground apart from your heavenly Father”*. We are in the Lord’s care. The Lord is at our side too. The greatest freedom of all is freedom from fear. Courage is being afraid and overcoming it or carrying on in spite of it.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, you and I will take time to reflect and see what kind of fears we have and ask ourselves, why do I have to be fearful? Keep in mind the word of Jesus, *“Do not be afraid. I am with you always until the end of the earth”*.

I give you a beautiful prayer that I would ask you to say it in the morning when you first get up:

*I rise today with God’s strength to direct me
God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eyes to look before me
God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak to me
God’s hand to uphold me, God’s pathway before me
God shield to protect me, God’s host to save me from temptations,
from one man or many that seek to destroy me. Amen.*

Peace.

Rev. Louis Nguyen

Livestream of Daily and Sunday Masses - Resurrection Parish (Regina) -

are available at **9am** at the following link:

www.livestream.com/accounts/17094656

Mass may be viewed live, or at any time after the time listed.

Daily & Sunday Mass may also be viewed:

Vision TV (check your local TV listing)

www.dailytvmass.com

www.saltandlighttv.org/live/?muid=1

PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

Please phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 to make arrangements if you would like to spend time in private prayer in the church.

Subject to change without notice.



If your address or phone number has changed, or if you no longer have a landline, please inform the Parish Office so that we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

The St. Gerard C.W.L.'s Gigantic Garage Sale
has been CANCELLED
for September 2020
due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Please do not bring items to the church or Father's garage. Thank you!

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

The COVID-19 virus has impacted individuals world-wide. St. Gerard's Parish is no exception.

One of the consequences of not being able to gather together for Mass is that our revenue has decreased. Despite availing ourselves to government relief programs, our expenses continue.

Thank you to those who are able to contribute by one of the following methods:

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

After downloading the [Pre-Authorized Giving Form](#), please complete it, attach a void cheque, & mail it to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Interac e-Transfer

1. Log into your online banking account.
2. Find e-Transfer and add giving@stgerard.ca to your recipient list.
3. Enter the desired amount.
4. A question, answer, or password is not required by St. Gerard Church, however it may be required by your financial institution. If so, please email the question and answer to giving@stgerard.ca with your name, mailing address and telephone number so that we can ensure your contribution is recorded properly.

Please note that this is a secure transfer deposited directly to the church's account.

If you have an envelope number, your donation will be reflected in your annual charitable donation receipt. All others will receive a receipt by mail, so PLEASE include your mailing address in the follow-up email. Thanks!

Online through CanadaHelps

Credit card donations may be made through CanadaHelps by clicking [here](#).

Mail envelopes to the church

You may mail cheques (not cash), enclosed in your offertory envelope to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4



Bringing Home the Word

Struggle and Rest

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting *Pietà* is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's *Pietà*, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims in today's readings "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection.

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Catechism Theme: Morality and the Passions (CCC 1763-1770)

"Passions" are emotions that drive us to action or inaction when a moral dilemma faces us. Some passions like love focus on the good in life, while others like fear and hatred help us avert evil.

Passions are morally neutral; their morality depend upon their use. When we use they for a good end, we make them virtuous. When we use them for a evil end, we make them immoral. A feeling of love or ecstatic in itself does not make us good. In the same way, feelings of hatred or inadequacy does not make us evil or deficient.

We need passions a such as the will to accomplish the moral good. But most of all, we need the movement of Spirit who empowers us toward the good.

Have you ever been challenged as a Christian? Have you ever felt God relieve you of worry or anxiety?

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Father's Day Prayer

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 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.

FATHER LOUIS' FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

And now, please allow me to say a few words about our fathers when we celebrate Father's Day. We pray, congratulate, praise and say all of the beautiful words for fathers because today we honour them. I think it is a great thing in our Canadian culture that other cultures don't have.

Like a mother, a father's love for his children is a great love. He may not say it, but you experience it.

When a child is born, the joy and pride a father feels for his newborn is great. The immediate thoughts that the father has about how he will nourish, counsel and lead that child as he or she develops into adulthood can be seen and felt. He will offer his child all the best he can with education and activities. I believe the father wants to see his child as being successful and fulfilled as an adult. He wants his child to be a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer, a teacher, a plumber, an electrician and even hopefully a religious priest or nun!

For his entire life he works hard. He is a great supporter, a backbone for his family. Year after year, he offers his love, energy and time, and works hard to support his family. He continues to be like that until the end of his life.

We love him, and we appreciate the great love and support that our Father has shown us. Today his children express their love for him by coming for a visit, texting, phoning, or sending flowers or gifts. I suggest that you should say a prayer for him as well, whether he is still with you or has gone.

In the Ten Commandments we know that the fourth one is: "**Honour thy father and mother.**" This commandment asks us to respect our parents. Children must obey their parents, and adults must respect and see to the care of their parents, especially when they become old and weak. It is a good opportunity to remind ourselves about this on Father's Day. Do we live, exercise this commandment?

The love of a child for his/her father is undeniable. The love of the father is undeniable. **Happy Father's Day!** On this day we express our love for fathers in a special and nice way. We offer our thanks to them for being with us, for supporting us, for their sacrifice, and for being a part that we cannot miss in our lives.

All the fathers at St. Gerard's, Happy Father's Day to each and every one of you! I keep you in my prayers.

Rev. Louis Nguyen



St. Gerard Parish
Comparative Income Statement to May 31, 2020

	2020	2019	Change		2020	2019	Change
REVENUE				COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Collections	99,741	111,759	-12,017	Family & Social	0	267	-267
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	5,302	4,673	629	Ecumenical	0	28	-28
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	3,278	5,495	-2,217	Liturgy	2,533	2,710	-177
Annual Fall Supper (net)	0	0	0	Stewardship	0	0	0
Catering	4,791	18,703	-13,913	Religious Education	812	1,158	-346
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	113,112	140,629	-27,517	Social Justice	182	0	182
Building Fund Donations	5,206	4,458	748	Youth	0	1,112	-1,112
Trust Fund Donations	0	0	0	Community Life	0	94	-94
TOTAL REVENUE	118,318	145,087	-26,769	Public Relations	0	0	0
OPERATING EXPENSES				Pastoral & Finance Council	75	902	-827
Pastoral	75	739	-664	Refugee Family Committee (net)	0	12,964	-12,964
Parish Office	9,630	10,939	-1,309	Cemetery Expense	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	21,200	21,840	-640	Total Committee Expenses	3,601	19,234	-15,633
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	49,119	47,022	2,097	TOTAL EXPENSES	124,566	161,831	-37,266
Building:				NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$6,248)	(\$16,744)	\$10,496
Sask Energy	4,022	3,907					
Sask Power	5,934	7,184					
Water	795	1,354					
Property Taxes	0	5,461					
Insurance	8,030	9,108					
Parking Lot	4,693	4,071					
Garbage/recycling	537	1,210					
Repairs & maintenance	3,260	7,491					
Total Building	27,270	39,786	-12,516				
Hall:							
Wages, Salaries, etc.	5,085	9,534	-4,448				
Catering	2,762	7,679	-4,917				
Administrative Expenses	76	756	-681				
Total Hall	7,923	17,969	-10,046				
Rectory	5,747	4,303	1,444				

Approved by Parish Council

Please note that we continue to avail ourselves to government relief programs.

Happy Birthday, St. John the Baptist! – June 24



Jesus said, “Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11:11). Each year on June 24 the Catholic Church honors the birth of John by reflecting on his unique role as the precursor of Jesus. The solemnity held on that date praises John as a worthy example of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Read the full text from Our Sunday Visitor: www.teachingcatholickids.com/happy-birthday-st-john-the-baptist/



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!



New to the parish?? WELCOME !!! If you are attending weekday or Sunday Masses, please introduce yourself to Father Louis! He may give you a New Parishioner form to complete. Or you may download the form online at www.stgerard.ca and mail/email it to the Parish Office.



FAITH FORMATION

Online Catechetical Resources Archdiocese of Regina Catechist Robert Barr has put together a wide variety of online resources for children, teens, adult and families:

www.archregina.sk.ca/catechetical-support-parishes

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that some emails are being sent from scammers claiming to be some of our priests and office staff. Names are being pulled from parish and diocesan websites to create fake email (often Gmail) accounts.

You will notice the email address may have some correct info, though in an unfamiliar form with additional characters, numbers or periods. Most will ask you to contact them or send information.

Please do not reply to any suspicious emails. If you are in doubt, contact the person the email is claiming to be from using an alternate contact method (do not reply to the suspicious email).

Also note: At no time will our priests, deacons, religious or diocesan staff contact you seeking Google Play cards, iTunes cards or any other form of personal financial assistance

The Archdiocese of Regina, in communication with Catholic health leaders, has compiled a series of one-page directives and guidelines on a variety of issues affecting churches and sacramental practice during this COVID-19 pandemic. Information is provided on current government directives, private prayer in church, sacraments, weddings, funerals, and more.

www.archregina.sk.ca/content/church-and-sacramental-guidelines-covid-19-pandemic



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2020 Spring ARCH is now available!!

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/thearch/pdfissues/2020%20Spring%20ARCH%20Final.pdf>

COVID-19 UPDATES

The Pastoral office is now closed to the public until further notice, if you need to reach a staff member, the best way to contact them is by email.

A full list of their contact information is available on the COVID-19 Updates page.

www.archregina.sk.ca/content/covid-19-updates

Archdiocese of Regina on Social Media

We invite you to like us on Facebook, we will have regular Facebook Live prayers and we would love to have you join us!

www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofRegina/

You can also find us on Twitter @archdioceseofreg and on Instagram archdioceseofregina.

Compassionate Listening

If you find that during this difficult time you need a compassionate listening ear, visit:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/archregina-outreach>

for a list of spiritual directors and candidates in training who have volunteered their time to be there for anyone who is struggling.

Prayers, Devotions and Resources



Visit the Prayers and Devotions page to find information on daily mass, daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of social distancing.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/prayers-devotions-resources>

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Archbishop Donald Bolen's Weekly Message

View the latest weekly video message from Archbishop Donald Bolen

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June 18, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of the Archdiocese of Regina, warm greetings in the Lord Jesus.

As anticipated, at the end of last week, we were informed that the numbers allowed at services of worship, including Catholic Masses, has risen significantly. We are now allowed to gather up to a third of the normal capacity of churches, up to a maximum of 150, but with the following stipulations, which are very important, and have not always been clearly presented in media reports. What is permitted, if our space allows, is up to five groups of 30 people. Each of those 5 groups need to be separated by 5 m. Within each group of 30, we still need to keep 2 m distance between families or individuals. So in fact we don't actually have a facility that could hold 150 unless we also used halls, auditoriums, and other meeting spaces. But it is good news that we are able to gather to that extent, and is a real step forward. Of course those with health risks, the elderly, and anyone who is not yet comfortable gathering in a public place at this stage of the pandemic, are free to remain at home. The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains in place.

The government-appointed liaison team that has been working with faith leaders has helped us to interpret the government directives, assuring us that a certain trust has been extended to faith communities, in part because of the work we have done to this point in taking the precautions which reduce the chances of a further spread of the virus. Faith leaders have been invited to make decisions for their congregations, and as Archbishop, I in turn entrust local pastors, in dialogue with their parish councils and drawing on our archdiocesan guidelines, to make decisions and take appropriate steps in each parish. We need to make those decisions with public safety and care for the most vulnerable ever in mind.

From the discussions with the government's liaison team, here are a couple of cautions that I would identify for all concerned. First, given the physical distancing directives from the chief medical officer and government, it is more helpful and more realistic for us to think in terms of how many groups of 30 (or less in smaller churches) we can safely accommodate, rather than to think in terms of 150 at the outset. Second, have a plan for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces touched by parishioners prior to and after each Mass, a seating arrangement, and a plan for entering and exiting the church. Third, and most difficult of all in terms of giving communion, when people come within 2 m of each other, both need to be wearing masks.

While many have rejoiced in the last couple of weeks at being able to go to Mass for the first time in several months, there has been much discussion and in some circles, no small controversy, about how communion is being given in various parishes within the Archdiocese. We can understand why some people are upset, and feel so passionately about how we receive communion. It is a sign that your faith matters to you greatly. For some who have shared their concerns, the greatest priority is doing things in the most appropriate liturgical way possible; for others, it is doing things in the safest way possible from a health perspective; for some it is being able to receive communion in their preferred way; for others, it is holding everyone in the community together in the midst of an enormously challenging situation.

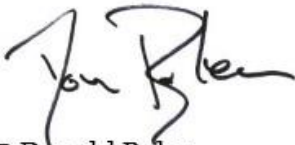
When we prepared guidelines based on the government's directives, including several possible ways in which communion could be given, we sought to take all of these concerns into consideration. But these values need to be held in relation to each other. While we are grateful that the numbers allowed at Mass

have risen, the current restrictions are indeed challenging. The surge in new cases a couple of days ago is a reminder that we need to remain vigilant.

Thank you for your patience, care and perseverance, including with those with whom you may disagree; these are tangible signs of your love for your neighbours. Thank you to all who have found creative ways to reach out to parishioners and those in need around you amidst the pandemic, ways within the parameters of what is allowed, which are genuinely helpful to others. Thank you for your efforts at maintaining communication with your fellow parishioners, for your care for the vulnerable, for your love for the Eucharist and your patience with us as we try our best to find a way forward, and to remain united as a community as we do so.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you all.

Grace and peace in the Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Bolen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Cherished by God"

This Week...

We are important to God. Even the hairs on our head are counted and known by God. Jeremiah, in all his turmoil, knows this. Paul, who is imprisoned for his faith, knows this. Jesus urges us not only to know this but to shout it from the rooftops. Our life will be more peaceful if we fully know and accept God's providence.

For Your Reflection

God cherishes even the sparrows, who cannot fly without God's help. Yet sparrows are worth nothing compared with us.

- Is it easy or difficult to believe that you are cherished by God? How so?
- Is it easy or difficult to believe in yourself? Do you think you are significant? Why or why not?
- Do you think most people your age feel their worth from their friends' opinions of them or from their own opinions about themselves? Explain your answer.
- Who else cherishes you? Who believes in you? Who knows you are significant?

Jesus tells us to proclaim the truth from the rooftops. Jesus urges us to not be afraid of anyone who can only hurt our body, but to fear whatever can hurt our soul.

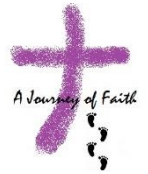
- What can hurt your soul? What influences from today's world can prevent you from being the best you can be? How do you counteract those influences?
- What things are you afraid to talk about because you may be teased or mocked? How often do you talk about your inner fears and concerns? How often do you talk about your biggest dreams for yourself and for the world? What is the most important focus of your life right now?



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.

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 Regina 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

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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

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