



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**June 2, 2019**

**The Ascension  
of the Lord**

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	Sherrie Flahr
Wed. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Melvin Maduke
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR. RES.
		+Larry Roth
Thurs. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Bill O'Boyle
Fri. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	Andre & Yvonne Turgeon
Sat. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	Elizabeth Beres
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	7:00 pm	+Albert Mitu
Sun. ( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!



Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

### 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 306.621.8068

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		



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Risen Lord, your resurrection and ascension give witness to God's power. May my life bear witness to God's love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace.

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

<b>St. Gerard Parish</b>			
<b>Income Statement January 1 to April 30, 2019</b>			
<b>REVENUE</b>		Hall:	
Collections	89,077	Wages, Salaries, etc.	7,188
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	3,046	Catering	5,586
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	4,305	Administrative Expenses	<u>596</u>
Catering	<u>12,388</u>	Total Hall	13,370
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>108,816</b>	Rectory	3,376
Building Fund Donations	2,780		
Refugee Family Donations	<u>100</u>	Family & Social	12
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>111,696</b>	Ecumenical	28
		Liturgy	1,927
<b>EXPENSES</b>		Stewardship	(no expense) 0
Pastoral	470	Religious Education	1,152
Parish Office	10,181	Social Justice	(no expense) 0
Diocesan Assessments	12,140	Youth	224
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	42,688	Community Life	94
Building:		Public Relations	(no expense) 0
Sask Energy	3,538	Pastoral & Finance Council	729
Sask Power	5,818	Refugee Family Committee (net)	10,164
Water	1,101	Cemetery Expense	(no expense) 0
Property Taxes	4,960	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>130,032</b>
Insurance	7,286		
Parking Lot	4,071	<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>(18,336)</u></b>
Garbage/recycling	933		
Repairs & maintenance	<u>5,768</u>		
Total Building	33,476	<i>Approved by Parish Finance Council</i>	

### Catholic Education Week Prayer (May 26 – June 2, 2019)

Loving Father, You sent Jesus, Your Son, to be our Saviour. As we follow the way of Christ, keep us faithful to You and forever close to Your love. Help us to be joyful disciples as we continue His mission and share the message of Your love with the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

### June 3 - June 7, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•SCC Meeting				
Tues.			•Gr. 3/4 at Pizza Farm	•Gr. 3 to Food Farm		
Wed.						
Thurs.		•Safety Day (Gr. 6)	•Gr. 5/6 at Safety Presentation	•June Safety Fair – Gr. 6	•Gr. 6 Safety Fair	
Fri.						

**AMPO - June 3-7, 2019 for Grade 7 students**

**"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 is Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the next Baptism Preparation Session. 306.782.2449

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



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

Jensen Exner                  Scarlett Bauche  
Joaquin Beltran              J. Matthew Esperanza

**May these children and their families experience joy and new life.**

## 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 the St. Gerard Youth Choir please contact Jenny Baraoidan at 306.620.2848

The St. Gerard Youth Choir rehearses twice weekly and ministers the third Sunday of EVERY MONTH at the 11am Mass.



**HEY PARENTS!!  
CHECK THIS OUT WITH  
YOUR CHILDREN!**

**Pentecost explained  
with LEGO**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xvy-Dayaoc#action=share>



## News from the CWL



- Our June Windup Social is Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 6:30pm, with supper and social to follow. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Area.
- We are collecting items for our Fall Garage Sale. Items may be left in boxes or bags outside of the CWL Room in the lower level, during regular office hours Mon to Fri. Please hold large items until Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



June 5	Executive Meeting
June 12	General Meeting – Budget approval
June 14	Afternoon Bingo
June 23	Yearend windup event
June 26	Evening Bingo
June 30	Fifth Sunday rosary before 9am Mass

*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

*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the Ordination of*

**DEACON PARKER LOVE  
DEACON ANTHONY TRAN PHUNG  
DEACON VAN CHINH VU**


*To the Sacred Order of the Priesthood*

**Friday, June 14, 2019  
7:00 pm**

**Holy Rosary Cathedral**

A reception will follow

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# Bringing Home the Word

## Putting Prayer First

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In Luke's ascension account from Acts, Jesus admonishes his apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit because they are witnesses of his mission and message. When the time for his ascension comes, Jesus blesses them, then "was lifted up" (1:9). We don't hear the great commission to go out to, preach to, and baptize all nations as we do in Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20). Instead, Luke's account leaves us with an image of the apostles joyfully returning to Jerusalem: "They were continually in the temple praising God" (24:53).

Returning to Acts, I love that the early disciples' first order of business—even before Pentecost—was to gather to pray (1:14). Paul often admonished the early Christians to pray constantly. He knew that prayer grounds us in the Lord and strengthens us to lay down our lives and carry our crosses. Prayer focuses our attention on God's call and our response to it. The apostles' prayer opened them to receive the promised gift of the Spirit and strengthened them for their mission—to let the world know that Jesus is Lord, that the kingdom of God has come, and that we have been restored through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Thus should our week begin: in praise and worship before God, in gathered prayer. Like the disciples in Jerusalem, the Lord will open our minds "to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). We, too, will be filled with the Spirit and be sent out as joyful witnesses to God's presence and saving work.

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### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

## PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

Cabbage rolls                      \$25 ( 5 dozen bag)  
Potato & onion perogies      \$35 (10 dozen bag)  
Potato & cheddar perogies   \$40 (10 dozen bag)

### Let's get together and Build Community!

## The St. Gerard Parish Pictorial Directory has arrived!

**Photo directories are available for sale** at the Parish Office during regular office hours (while supplies last). Cost: \$15.00 (cash or cheque payable to "St. Gerard Church"). Limited supply.



## FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Lower Level (please use east entrance)

Featuring... **"Heaven is for Real"**

No charge! Free popcorn and refreshments!  
Everyone is welcome to attend!

## An Ascension Day Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me.

And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!

And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)  
Tues. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Parish Survey Committee Mtg  
(*Meeting Room B*)  
Wed. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting  
Fri. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA (*Meeting Room B*)  
Sat. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Alpha and Omega"

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

Before his death, Jesus prayed for unity among his followers - unity that reflected the oneness of himself with the One who sent him. He knew the road ahead would not be easy for himself or for his followers. Stephen was the first of many of Jesus' followers to be killed for believing in him. Jesus, along with the One who sent him, is truly Alpha and Omega, the first and last. The struggle of the story makes sense when you know how it begins and ends.

#### **For Your Reflection**

What struggles in your life today were not present when you were a small child? Are you happier now than you were then, or do you think you were happier when you were a child? Do you think you will be happier as an adult than you are now? Why or why not?

God was with you when your life began. God will be there when your life ends. Does knowing that God is there in the beginning and the end change your life at all? Does it affect the way you look at your struggles? How and why? Or why not?

The Book of Revelation tells us that Jesus is returning soon. How soon is soon? What do you think? Is it important to know? Why or why not? Would life be different if you thought it would be over in a day or a week or a month or a year? How would you do things differently? Give some examples.

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004

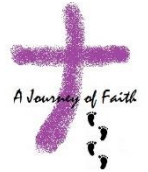




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience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