

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 5, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (6th): NO MASS
Tues. (7th): NO MASS
Wed. (8th): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa
 +Horace Jackson
 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
 7:00 pm- MaryAnn Scherr
Thurs. (9th): 9:00 am- +Terry Morrison
Fri. (10th): 9:00 am- +William Hayes
Sat. (11th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- +Janet Gress

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- Denis Dierker

Sun. (12th): *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 9:00 am- Mass for the People
 11:00 am- +Doreen Sawchyn

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, MaryAnn Scherr

Copies of "The Word Among Us" (June edition) are available in the Welcome Area. Limited supply. Pick up your copy today!

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (6th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (7th): 7:00 pm- Refugee Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (8th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Fri. (10th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (11th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

SAVE THE DATE!

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Refugee Sponsorship Information Night

Learn more about St. Gerard's plans to sponsor a refugee family from Eritrea.



Thursday, June 16th

7:00 to 9:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Raffles and Door Prizes
Wine and Cheese – Cash Bar

Tickets are \$10.00. Call:

Rosella 306.782.7042

Murray 306.782.2956

Rejean 306.783.6767

or contact Father Francis at the Parish Office.



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

15. In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead..... (*cont'd next week*)



Congratulations to all Sacred Heart High School Graduates,
and to the following who were recipients of parish awards:

St. Gerard Parish Bursaries:
St. Gerard CWL Scholarship:
K of C #2031 Scholarships:

Nicholas Kerr & Noah Jendrasheske
Justine Zarowny
Nicholas Kerr & Justine Zarowny



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



June 6 - June 10, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•"Gum" Spirit Day •SCC Meeting @ 7pm	
Tues.		•Gr. 6 Safety Fair		•Gr. 6 Safety Fair •Gr. 3F to City Hall	•"Twin" Spirit Day •Gr. 6 Safety Fair	
Wed.				•Choir Performance	•Beach Day	
Thurs.			•K-3 Playday		•Animal Day	
Fri.				•Div. 1 Play Day	•PJ & Crazy Hair Day	

Final Band Concert @ SHHS @ 7pm Tuesday!

"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



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

Lorenzo Peralta Shawnette Maguilao

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



News from the CWL



Spring cleaning? Items you no longer want? Think of us – the CWL Garage Sale is coming up in September, and you can get a head start by dropping off your items on **June 17 and 18 from 2pm-6pm** at the CWL Room. If you miss those dates, we'll look forward to receiving your items during the entire month of August.



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 8 General Meeting with budget approval
June 12 First Degree @ 2pm
 Knight's Family BBQ @ 4pm
 (rectory yard). **RSVP wex13@sasktel.net**
 or phone/text 306.782.7380
 before June 10 if you are attending.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

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!

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.

Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss

This 3.5 day retreat, grounded in Christian spirituality, will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. **Thursday June 16, 7pm – Sunday June 19, 1pm.** Cost: \$390 (live-in) at Queen's House Retreat Centre in Saskatoon. Retreat is limited to 12 participants – register early. *Limited financial assistance available.*

Registration deadline: Monday June 13. Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div. To register or for more info please contact Sarah, 306.717.3707 or info@sarahdonnelly.ca

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

Good News!

June 5, 2016

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

1 Kgs 17:17-24 / Gal 1:11-19 / Lk 7:11-17

My father died when I was eighteen. For a long time I clung to the Lord in my pain. For a longer time, I was angry and often wondered where God was. I looked for answers in vain. For those of us who have watched someone die, today's readings may seem unrealistic. Elijah the prophet stretches himself out on a dead child and calls on God to restore his life. The child lives. Jesus stops a funeral procession and bids the dead son of a widow to get up. He does so. "Where was God," we might ask, "when my [father, wife, child, or friend] died and left me to mourn?"

The truth is, God was and is there. In God, we have the hope of eternal life. Moreover, the faithful departed remain present to the living through the communion of saints, the stories and memories we hold and share, and in my case, the care I received from those who became a bit like fathers to me when I needed it most. Through God's grace, I am now more compassionate and caring toward those who have suffered loss. I will not fool you: forty-five years later, I still miss my father and wish my children could have known him. But in the Gospels, we hear the truth. God offers to all who believe and follow him the gift of resurrection at the end of our earthly lives and brings us new life even in the midst of death and suffering. This new life is the hope and joy of our faith, even if it takes us a little while to realize it.

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PARIS CLIMATE CONFERENCE AND AFTER?

Friday, June 10, 7pm
Holy Rosary Cathedral (basement hall)

All are invited to an evening with Steve Guilbeault, co-founder and president of Equiterre, and Haley Carlson of Saskatchewan Environment Society. Canada signed the Paris agreement on climate change this April, so what does it mean for us now? Join us to hear a variety of perspectives; international, national and local.

Sponsored by: Canadian Religious Conference, Development and Peace, and Equiterre. For more information contact Marian 306.789.8276.

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.

FacetoFace Ministries Catholic Summer Camp: Ignite 2016 August 7-12, in Bruno, SK

FacetoFace Ignite Camp is for youth going into Gr. 9 to graduating Gr. 12 desiring to grow in their faith. Ignite can literally change your life! Come for an amazing week filled with new friends, tons of fun, the Sacraments, dynamic talks, music, and more! Check out the poster on the bulletin board, or visit www.f2f.ca/ignite

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

Family Fun Day! June 18, 2016 at Camp O'Neill!

Starts at 1:00 pm!

A day filled with fun, family activities, Jackie Guy music and good food! Please come out and enjoy your day!

Kerr's Bouncers Inflatables will be set up!

Silent auction

Family games

Mass @ 4pm (supper to follow)

Tickets: Adults \$15; 12 & Under \$10; Preschool Free

For tickets please call:

Mike or Janice at 306-793-3010; Arnold or Joan at 306-745-6210; Gerd or Verna at 306-896-2904

Deadline for Tickets: June 10, 2016

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Widow's Son is Brought Back to Life"

This Week...

Jesus is like Elijah, restoring life to a widow's only son who has died. Although Paul had not experienced physical death, the change in him was also like new life. In all three stories, not only is life restored in an unexpected and miraculous way, but the faith of others is strengthened.

For Your Reflection

For most of us, death and life are like black and white. But Jesus managed to pull a young man from death right back into life. For Jesus that black and white boundary was no obstacle.

It's always a shock when someone young dies. It's easy to feel as if you are watching a person who is merely asleep when attending a young person's funeral.

- How shocking would it actually be if someone came along and helped them to arise?
- How would it change your view of death?
- Have you ever attended the funeral service for a young person - someone you were close to? Did death seem real to you at the time? What was that experience like?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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