



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent
Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (11 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (12 th):	7:00 pm	+Doris Karutsky
Wed. (13 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA
		+Anne Halarewich
	7:00 pm	+Florence Selinger
Thurs. (14 th):	12:05 pm	+Eileen Griffith
	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Grace Walsh
Fri. (15 th):	9:30 am	+Merv Todos
Sat. (16 th):	9:30 am	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson
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	5:00 pm	Fran Meehan
Sun. (17 th):		Second Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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 1.306.530.0126

CONTACT US

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Lord, give me the courage to accept the painful, ugly realities of life and become your advocate of truth and justice in the world.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

ST. GERARD'S ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER AND SOCIAL

to welcome families who are new to our parish, as well as to celebrate Baptisms and Marriages that have taken place at St. Gerard Church during the past year.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, March 17. Social time begins at 4:30 pm and supper will be at 5:00 pm.

Please bring your favourite dish to share with other families. (We suggest servings for your family plus two extra people).

Please try to attend!!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit.

~ Organized by the Community Life Committee ~

Catechism Theme: The Proliferation of Sin (CCC 1865-1869)

What would have happened if Jesus gave into the temptation in the desert? Sin would have grown. And salvation would have been denied.

We face the type of choice Jesus faced. Do we choose for God and others? Or, do we choose for self? Both choices have effects. The choice for self, sin, fuels the growth of vices (also called the "deadly sins"): pride, avarice, envy, wrath, sloth, lust, and gluttony. These attitudes fan the flames of sin and help to destroy a sense of morality on an individual and communal level. Through our acts, our omissions, or our approval, sin weaves its way into the structure of society. Evil can grow beyond the power of the individual to control it. At that point, we can speak of social sin.

However, one choice for others can help tear down social sin. One choice for good can help change the world. The desert choice of Jesus made that hope a reality. When he denied the devil's sense of Messiah, he took one more step to reveal himself as God's Messiah. And our Savior.

Have you ever seen personal sin grow, like a disease? Have you ever seen sin stopped by the choice of one person? What happened?

The choice lies before us. Do we choose the self? Or others? Do we choose self pride? Or, pride in others? Choosing the self points toward a downfall. Choosing others eventually chooses toward God.

Jesus had the same choice. Self or the Other? Ultimately, he chose between what he could have vs. what he could give. He chose to give. He gave of himself so all could live. That is the reason he is Lord. Not the mob, not military power, not the following of the faithful. He is Messiah because of his gift, his grace.

What can you give to others this week? How can you set aside your pride for the good of others? Choose one way and act on it.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 11 - March 15, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross			•Lenten Assembly •Gr. 4 Swimming	
Tues.	•Nurse Practitioner	•Pre-K tour of Sarcan			•Gr. 8 to Saskatoon for Les Miserables	
Wed.		•AMPO Meeting			•Gr. 4 Swimming	•SCC Meeting
Thurs.						
Fri.	•Sr Boys Bball •Sr. Girls Bbal Regionals					



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



REMINDER: Membership fees are overdue. If you haven't paid your 2019 C.W.L. membership fee (\$30.00), please do so as soon as possible. You can put your money (cash or cheque) in an envelope, mark it C.W.L. Membership, and put it in the collection basket, leave it at the parish office, or put it in the C.W.L. mail slot in the sacristy.

The last session for the quilting projects is Monday March 11 and Tuesday the 12.

Starting in Lent..... Bible Study!

Beginning March 11th there will be Bible Study at 7pm each Monday evening (Lower Level). Please use the east entrance.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 13

General Meeting

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

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Led by:

- Mar. 8 Knights of Columbus
- Mar. 15 CWL
- Mar. 22 CTCS Staff
- Mar. 29 Parish Council
- Apr. 5 Youth Connect & Liturgical Committee
- Apr. 12 Altar Servers



News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The New Evangelization Summit Saturday May 4, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Live from Ottawa the Archdiocese of Regina is pleased to offer two webcast locations:

Holy Rosary Cathedral - Regina
Christ the Redeemer - Swift Current

The NES will INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT you with like-minded Catholics! Join thousands of others and learn from leaders on Evangelization in the Church.

And it's FREE to register - spaces are limited! Visit www.newevangelization.ca to REGISTER TODAY!



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Each Friday during Lent we will have Movie Night (right after the Stations of the Cross)!

No charge! Free popcorn and refreshments!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

~ Organized by the Religious Education Team ~

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join the Archdiocese of Regina Youth office on an **"Inner City Missions Trip"** to Winnipeg on the Easter break. This road trip adventure will take place on April 3-6. Spaces are limited! The days will include a retreat day and two days of service to the people of downtown Winnipeg. To register or for further info please contact the youth office at ymp@archregina.sk.ca or 306 352 1651. Cost of the trip is \$120 includes all food, accommodations and transportation.

The **My Generation Youth Rally (My Gen)** will be held this year on March 30th and 31st. My Gen is a gathering of young people from all over the diocese who come together to do service, explore their faith and form new friendships! All young people in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us. Check out the website for promotional videos, more info and to register. Spots are limited, so register soon! www.mygenerally.ca



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

which will be held each Thursday during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass.

Free-will offering

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~



Bringing Home the Word

Jesus is Our Example for Resisting Temptation

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was on a pilgrimage to Israel, we visited Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The temperature hit 117 degrees the day we came. We wandered around and wondered what it must have been like to hold out for a long time. When we returned to our bus, we couldn't wait to get to the cold water that awaited us. The priest said, "The Jews were in the desert for forty years; Jesus was in the desert for forty days; you've been in the desert for forty minutes. Think about that."

I have no doubt that Jesus was tempted to give himself food and water when he was enduring the desert heat. I have no doubt that in his agony he might also have thought about seizing power for himself. These are the things that tempt us when we are worn out, beaten down, or simply think we are not getting enough of what we believe we deserve.

Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Like us in all things but sin, he knew about being and feeling deprived and weak. And while his temptations came while he was in an actual desert, our harsh and barren places may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. We may feel lost, alone, helpless, and sometimes hopeless. In our times of weakness, evil can find a foothold and convince us that we must control our lives, that we can and should have whatever we want. In this account, we find in Jesus an example of how to resist temptation—patiently, humbly, with trust in God's promise of salvation.

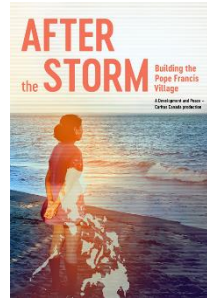
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An open letter to all those who have been wounded by the effects of clergy sexual abuse within the Archdiocese of Regina is available on the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area. Please pick up a copy for yourself, or for someone you know who is affected.



Share the Journey

Share Lent 2019  Development and Peace 



Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines.

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village.

Watch the documentary *After the storm* to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: devp.org/en/philippines-documentary

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **APRIL 4TH**
3pm to 6pm

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- Tri- sacrament Prep. (Social Hall)
- Mon. (11th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Tues. (12th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg. (Meeting Room B)
- Wed. (13th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (14th): 7:00 pm- Annual General Meeting (Social Hall)
- Fri. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
7:30 pm- Movie Night (K of C Chambers)
- Sat. (16th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep. (Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (17th): 5:00 pm- Potluck Supper

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Desert"

This Week...

Jesus knows what it is like to be in the desert and to want God's help. He had his own desert experience, being tempted by the devil, feeling alone and isolated, and needing strength and faith. It happened to the Hebrews, it happened to Jesus, and it happens to us. Desert experiences can be retreats for us if we use them as a way to get closer to God.

For Your Reflection

The Hebrews were not happy with their slavery in Egypt. But they were not thrilled with being isolated in the desert land, either. In some ways, that was worse. But Jesus actually chose to retreat into the desert land. He followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his life and ended up in the desert for a long time.

Have you ever felt as if you were in a desert, alone and isolated - escaped from an old place perhaps, but not yet arrived at a new place? Which was worse - the place you had escaped from or the desert place? Why? What moved you to get on with your life journey in order to actually arrive at the new place? Or are you still in the desert? How do you know?

Jesus retreated to the desert because the Holy Spirit led him there. Has the Spirit ever led you to a place that ended up being a desert? Did you ever do "the right thing" and end up alone and isolated? What happened? Were you surprised? Angry? At peace? How does the bareness of desert-life give way to the rich fullness of growth-life?

Is there anything good about a desert experience? Without other distractions, all you have is yourself and God. In that situation, is it easier or harder to get closer to God?

Is it possible to become more in touch with God and not become more in touch with yourself? Why or why not? How does being in touch with yourself help your relationship with God? How do you get in touch with yourself?

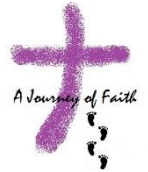
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle C, 2004



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.

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

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

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