



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday
of Lent

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. (12 th):	7:00 pm-	+Doreen Sereda
Tues. (13 th):	12:05 pm-	+Mildred Nagy
Wed. (14 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		Special Intentions
	7:00 pm-	+Patrick Nicholson
Thurs. (15 th):	2:30 pm-	YORKTON CROSSING
		+James Baumgartner
Fri. (16 th):		NO MASS
Sat. (17 th):	10:00 am-	+Louise Szumutku
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	7:00 pm-	+Christine Ooi
Sun. (18 th):	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 am-	Robert Exner
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is the first Friday of the month at 10am.

The Stations of the Cross are prayed each Friday at 7pm during the season of Lent.

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



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Lord, you are the source of love, peace and justice in the world. Help me to live in communion with you and all people.

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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Mar. 29 Thursday of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 11:45pm

Mar. 30 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Living Stations of the Cross
11:00 am

The Celebration of the Passion
3:00 pm

Mar. 31 Holy Saturday

2:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 pm

Apr. 1 The Mass of Easter Day

9:00 am 11:00 am



Don't Be Alone this Easter Sunday!

Enjoy an Easter lunch with other members of your St. Gerard Parish Family!!

A light lunch will be served at 12:15pm, following the 11:00 am Mass.

There is no cost for the lunch, but please leave your name and telephone number by March 27th with one of the following to confirm your attendance:

Rose	306-783-3964
Jeisel	306-620-6150
Maureen	306-782-2956

Hosted by the
St. Gerard
Community Life Committee



The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 15th @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 12 - March 16, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross	•Gr. 6/7 students to the Nursing Home	•Gr. 4 Swim Program	•Penitential Service @ 9am •Gr. 4 Swimming	•K-Gr. 3 class choral speaking at the Yorkton Music Festival •Student-Led Conferences
Tues.		•Student-led Conferences		•Gr. 4 Swim Program	•Book Fair	
Wed.		•Student-led Conferences	•Gr. 4 Swimming •Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	•Book Fair •Student Led Conferences	•Student-Led Conferences
Thurs.		•Penitential Service @ 9am	•Student Led Conferences	•French Oratory •Student Led Conferences	•Book Fair •Gr. 4 Swimming •Student Led Conferences	•Pulse Retreat
Fri.			•Penitential Service @ 9am	•Stations of the Cross @ 12:30pm	•Pulse Retreat	

"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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #7 – March 18th @ 6:30 pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 14 General Meeting @ 7:30pm
 March 15 Afternoon bingo
 March 18 Fourth degree St. Patrick's Day meeting and social at St. Stephen Church (Kamsack) @ 2:30pm. Phone David Spelay 306.782.5320. Charge \$10.00

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser deadline is TODAY, March 11th. Contact John or Jeff at 306.782.4356 for information.

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 10th.



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

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

Free-will offering to the
"Catholic Education Matters" Fundraising Campaign

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

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

Mar. 16 Stewardship Committee
 Mar. 23 Altar Servers



Penitential Service (St. Gerard Church)

Thursday, March 22nd @ 7pm

With the celebration of Reconciliation (in sacrament and in Penance celebrations), our Lenten practices allow us to be closer to Christ and to improve our life.

The one-half hour Penitential Service will be celebrated communally with individual absolution (Form B) to follow. Several priests will be in attendance.

The next special collection will be March 18th. Please give generously to **Share Lent**. **Share Lent envelopes** are available in the Welcome Area if you do not use offertory envelopes or contribute by Pre-authorized Giving.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, March 19th, 2018
2:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

A reception in the Cathedral Auditorium will follow the Mass.

All are welcome to participate in this special Mass!

This Mass will be Live Streamed

www.archregina.sk.ca

Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Abuse

March 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Christ the King Parish
3239 Garnet Street, Regina

Please join us in a Stations of the Cross prayer service for those who are victims of clergy sexual abuse. The service will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded where they should have found love.



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Each Friday during Lent is 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 ~



Bringing Home the Word **+**

We are God's Handiwork

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My husband likes to photograph the beauty of creation. He has gotten very good at it, sometimes zooming in to focus on the details of individual flowers or butterflies, other times zooming out to capture the glory of a waterfall, a mountain lake, or the fiery clouds billowing from one of Hawaii's volcanoes into a night sky full of stars.

Several of his photos decorate my office walls. He's justifiably proud of each. They're the work of his artist's eye and hand, so he signs them and takes care to frame them just right.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul calls us God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus— not because we are so amazing (we are, in fact, sinners), but because he loved us.

John's Gospel echoes the sentiment: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." If a human being like my husband can take pleasure in and be justifiably proud of the work of his own hands, then how much more can God love his own handiwork? The answer, of course, is immeasurably more. God loved us enough to give us himself in Christ Jesus, who laid down his life for us though we had done nothing to deserve it.

The photos my husband creates can't thank him or give anything back to him, but it is in our power to thank our Creator, who filled us with life and redeemed us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Today, try to love someone else a little more out of sheer gratitude that God so loves you.

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For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

John 8.36 says "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." We are called to follow him first. We are seeking to be free, to move forward with a mission. We will want to do something different with your lives. Conversion is an everyday process. We stop and then we move forward. We are called to look at Jesus in the gospel: how he cares, forgives and enjoys when we turn our lives around and believe. We need to speak to Jesus. His home is our soul. He will speak to us and transform us into new creations. It's in the heart of Jesus that we open ourselves to him. It's our heart that recognizes Jesus at a great level.

Jesus transforms our very lives with love, forgiveness, and conversion... constantly moving us to what God wants us to be. Jesus comes to tell us that we who judge cannot be part of him or the church. Rather we need to focus on what is right in our parish. We need to believe in ourselves and realize that our differences are our strengths.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (12th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (13th): 9:00 am- **Perogy Bee** (preparation)
- Wed. (14th): 9:00 am- **Perogy Bee** (pinching)
7:00 pm- K of C General Mtg
- Thurs. (15th): 9:00 am- **Perogy Bee** (packaging)
7:00 pm- Annual General Meeting
- Fri. (16th): 4:00pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm- Movie Night
- Sat. (17th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (18th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

The next event will be held
Saturday, March 24th from 10:30am to 3pm.

For more information contact:

Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson

1.306.562.7480 email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

YOUTH REFLECTION

"God's Handiwork"

This Week...

We are God's handiwork. The immeasurable riches of God's own grace and kindness are given to us. We are precious to God, who sends us prophets to guide us and Jesus to save us. Our work reflects the handiwork of the One who made us, the One who prepared the path for us to walk.

For Your Reflection

- Being God's handiwork means God took great pride and care in creating us. What are some of your gifts and talents - characteristics that God takes great pride in? Do you feel awkward when you are asked to list your gifts and talents? Why or why not?
- We were created in Christ to do good works. What are some good works you have already participated in? What are some needs in your school, in your family, in your neighbourhood, in your country, and in your world? What is one good work you can focus on doing in the near future?
- God created a path for us beforehand, so that we might walk on it. Do you think God created a very specific path for each individual? Or do you think God created a very general path of goodness so that each individual might find his or her own way to walk? Explain your answer.

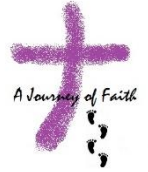
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 2004



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 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. 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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