

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

Second Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (13th): 9:00 am- +Sonia Simes
Tues. (14th): **9:00 am**- Eugene Swejda
Wed. (15th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
+Elsie Borsa
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
7:00 pm- +Eva Schlechter
Thurs. (16th): **12:05 pm**- +Jordan Stoll
Fri. (17th): 9:00 am- +Walter Konjotka
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*
Sat. (18th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Ed Steinmacher

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Greg Jeroski

Third Sunday of Lent

Sun. (19th): 9:00 am- +James Baumgartner
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Jay Gustafson



Lord, open my ears to hear your invitation to listen to your Son in the word of God and my heart to discern what it means to be your humble servant.

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (12th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table #4*
Mon. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- First Spiritual Exercises (Sess 2)
Tues. (14th): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting
Wed. (15th): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Thurs. (16th): **4:00 pm**- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg

Listen to him.

It is wonderful to begin this week acknowledging that I need God's help in listening and hearing. It is so powerful to ask for the "gift of integrity" - to express my desire for wholeness. And, I humbly ask for light in the midst of whatever might "shadow my vision." This is the God who allows Jesus to be transfigured before his disciples, to prepare them for what they were about to face. This is my God, who can give me the change of heart I ask for.

*O LORD, surely I am Your servant; I am Your servant;
To you I shall offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call
upon the name of the LORD.* Psalm 116

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2017

At the Annual General Meeting, the following were elected by acclamation:

Vice-chairperson:	Gerry Yacishyn	Religious Education:	Deanna Pellatt
Ecumenical:	Carm Molnar	Properties:	Matt Bernat
Hall:	Don Reed		

In addition to Pastoral Council **Secretary, Community Life, Family & Social, Public Relations** and **Youth** remaining **VACANT**, the Co-chairpersons of the **Social Justice** Committee tendered their resignation, therefore that position is **VACANT** as well.

Copies of the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes and the 2016 Annual Report are located at each entrance. Please pick up a copy today!

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2017-2018 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PPC	Chairperson	-	Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson	-	Gerry Yacishyn
	Secretary	-	VACANT	Liturgy	-	Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
	Religious Education	-	Deanna Pellatt	Social Justice	-	VACANT
	Community Life	-	VACANT	Public Relations	-	VACANT
	Family & Social	-	VACANT	Youth	-	VACANT
	Ecumenical	-	Carm Molnar	Stewardship	-	Willie Yacishyn
	CWL Rep.	-	Donna Olshewski	K of C Rep.	-	Wayne Exner
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PFC	Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Secretary	-	Richard Dubois
	Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large	-	Conrad Rodney
	Hall	-	Don Reed	Member at Large	-	Dwight Guy



The Knights of Columbus 2031 invite you to attend

FAITH AND FILM

EACH FRIDAY EVENING (AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

Join us in the Council Chambers for a movie that will make you think and grow on our Lenten journey. Everyone is welcome!

(Please note that while all the films are religious in nature, they might not be suitable for small children).

FRIDAY, MARCH 17:	“ST. PATRICK, THE APOSTLE OF IRELAND”
FRIDAY, MARCH 24:	“THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN”
FRIDAY, MARCH 31:	“THE WAY”



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

March 13 - March 17, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross •Gr. 8 Snowshoeing				
Tues.		•Student-led Conferences				
Wed.	•We Day	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-Led conferences		•We Day in Saskatoon	
Thurs.			•Student-Led conferences (Kindergarten only)		•Stations of the Cross •SCC Hot Lunch	
Fri.	No School					

“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

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

**Session #4
TONIGHT @ 6:30pm**



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love -- The CWL will be quilting every Tuesday and Wednesday during the month of March. Join the fun! You don't have to know how to sew to take part-- just bring your willing hands and your eager heart and share in the fellowship of this wonderful project! Sewing is from 9:30 'til 3:30. Please bring your own bag lunch. Everyone is welcome!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 14 Afternoon bingo
Mar. 25 Rethinking Young Adult Ministry workshop

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

Rethinking Young Adult Ministry

The Knights of Columbus are happy to partner with the Archdiocese of Regina to host a workshop entitled "**Rethinking Young Adult Ministry**".

This workshop will introduce attendees to young ministry and will delve into establishing a vision for the initiative. This program was established to help young to engage with the many young peoples of Saskatchewan. This program will be hosted by the Archdiocesan staff.

Time and date as follows: from 10 to 3 on March 25 at St. Gerard's Complex hosted by Knights of Columbus 2031.

Cost is \$10.00 and lunch and refreshments will be supplied. Preregistration is advised. Call Wayne Exner at 306.783.7380 or wex13@sasktel.net.

Special invite to young adults 18-35. Also invited are all interested parishioners, all Knights of Columbus members and CWL members.

FORWARD TOGETHER LECTURE

The presidents of Campion College, Luther College, First Nations University of Canada, and the University of Regina present the 2017 Forward Together Lecture, **Barking to the Choir: Now Entering the Kinship of God** with guest speaker **Father Greg Boyle, SJ**.

Father Greg is the founder of Homeboy Industries – the largest and most successful gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world – and named 2016 Humanitarian of the Year by the James Beard Foundation.

The lecture takes place on **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Education Auditorium, University of Regina (main campus)**. Admission is free, but please note that seating is limited. Complimentary parking is available in lots 7 & 8. For more information of the Forward together Lecture visit our website at www.campioncollege.ca or call 306.586.4242



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

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

Silver collection donations to the Refugee Family Fund & the Salvation Army Food Bank (Lighthouse)

The new **Liturgical Ministries Schedules** are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area (Welcomers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass). Schedules are also available online at www.stgerard.ca



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



The **Triduum** sign-up sheet is posted in the choir room. Please mark your availability. Cantors, the specific psalms will be discussed at a later date.

Posters announcing the **Triduum rehearsals** dates and times will be posted in the choir room soon. Or watch the bulletin/inbox.

Service for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Sunday, March 19, 2017
7:00 pm

St. Cecilia Parish, 5020-7th Ave., Regina

*May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant
of humble and grateful hearts.*

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



Bringing Home the Word

A Faith So Strong

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Some people get excited about moving. I'm not one of them. I don't like the boxes and the mess, and I find it hard to get settled in a new place. So I can't imagine what seventy-five-year-old Abram thought when God told him to leave his homeland and set out for a place he had never seen.

I stand in wonder of faith so strong that it finds the word of God compelling with no evidence that the promises will come true. But in our long history as a people of God, God is forever waking people up or giving them a vision of a different life, usually far from where they are.

So it is with our spiritual life as well. In today's Gospel, Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and into a vision of Jesus as the glorious Son of God. Wherever they had been in their faith, this was a radical call to move, to grow deeper, and to embrace the identity of the man they called Jesus. Until that moment, Jesus was a compelling preacher and healer. On top of that mountain, he became the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah represent those parts of the Old Testament canon).

When Peter, James, and John heard "Listen to him" coming from the cloud, they could no longer pretend this was an ordinary religious figure. They would never be the same, and the journey would lead them to the cross and beyond. Are you being asked to move in your spiritual life? Where will that take you?

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Women are building an inclusive society in Indonesia

This week, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risyia, a 22-year-old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!

Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

The Share Lent special collection is the weekend of April 2nd.

37TH ANNUAL NASH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Campion College invites you to the 37th annual Nash Memorial Lecture ***Discerning a Path Toward Hope: A Liberal Arts University's Journey with Omar Khadr*** delivered by guest lecturer Dr. Arlette Zinck.

Dr. Zinck is an associate professor of English at The King's University in Edmonton. Beginning in September of 2008, she served as faculty advisor to a group of students who became advocates for justice in the Omar Khadr case. As well, she coordinated a team of volunteer academics who devised and delivered curriculum for Mr. Khadr, both when he was in Guantanamo Bay prison and during his incarceration in Canada. In 2012, Dr. Zinck was awarded The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her work with Omar Khadr.

The lecture will take place on **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Education Auditorium, University of Regina (main campus)**. Admission is free, but please note that seating is limited. Complimentary parking is available in lots 7 & 8. For more information on the Nash Memorial Lecture visit our website at www.campioncollege.ca or call 306.586.4242

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- PETER
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- MOUNTAIN
- FACE
- SUN
- MOSES
- ELIJAH
- TENTS
- CLOUD
- SHADOW



YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Abraham (Abram) and Sarah's (Sarai's) Journey"

This Week...

God calls us to journey. Sometimes we arrive at a beautiful mountaintop, seeing miraculous visions. Other times, we never seem to arrive. We seem to journey on and on with no destination, nor order, no plan. We journey because we trust God, and God calls us to a holy calling.

For Your Reflection

- Abram and Sarai had to leave the land of their parents and travel to an unknown destination, trusting only God's sense of direction. How would you feel if you had to go on an unknown journey? What would you be most afraid of? What would you be sure to bring? What could convince you to make such an unknown journey?

- God told Abram and Sarai that their names would be made great, and that they would be a blessing. God actually tells that to all of us. When does it seem easiest to believe that about yourself? When does it seem most difficult to believe it?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, 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. 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. 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

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