

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 13, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (14th): NO MASS
Tues. (15th): 12:05 pm- +James Baumgartner
7:00 pm- *Chrism Mass (Regina)*
Wed. (16th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
+Treeske Holtkamp
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
Thurs. (17th): **8:00 am-** +Bernard Wozniak
Fri. (18th): **8:00 am-** +Mary Kerunsky
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*
Sat. (19th): *Solemnity of Saint Joseph*
9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- Bernie Wlock

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Antoinette Marsolais

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sun. (20th): 9:00 am- +Helen Flavel
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Rosemarie Massett, Ernesto Reyes

The 2015 charitable donation receipts are available in the Welcome Area. If you would like a set of collection envelopes, please complete a parish registration form and place in the collection basket at Mass.

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (13th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group
Mon. (14th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal – Easter Vigil
7:45 pm- Choir Rehearsal – Good Friday
Tues. (15th): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (16th): **6:30 pm-** Liturgy Committee Meeting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal – Holy Thurs.
7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Thurs. (17th): 7:00 pm- RCIA
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.
Fri. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (19th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (20th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table*

~ EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE ~

March 24th **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(until 11:45 pm), Closing with Night Prayer

March 25th **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
(Day of Fast and Abstinence)
3 pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

March 26th **HOLY SATURDAY**
2 pm *Blessing of Easter Food*

8 pm **Easter Vigil**
The Resurrection of the Lord

March 27th **EASTER SUNDAY**
9 & 11 am *The Resurrection of the Lord*

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

5. The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!



Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: **Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 pm**



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 14 - March 18, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 7/8 to SHHS for Drama Presentations •SCC Meeting	•Gr. 7/8 to SHHS for Drama Presentations	•Penitential Service @ 9am •SCC Meeting	•Book fair •Gr. 7/8 to SHHS for Drama Presentations	
Tues.	•Dessert Theatre	•Stations of the Cross @ 10:45am	•Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am	•Concours d'Art Oratoire •SCC Rice Lunch	•Book Fair	
Wed.			•Book Fair		•SCC Hot Lunch •Book Fair	
Thurs.			•Book Fair	•Stations of the Cross @ 11:45am	•Book Fair	
Fri.		•Student Progress Reports	•Book Fair	•Gr. 5 Band Trip •Progress reports distributed	•Gr. 5 Band Trip •Lenten Service •Student Progress Reports •Gr. 4 Easter eggs	•Student Progress Reports

“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 ~

*The parish-based sacrament preparation program
for Confirmation & First Eucharist*

NEXT SESSION

Sunday, March 20th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



The **Triduum** sign-up sheet is posted in the choir room. Please mark your availability. **See page one of the bulletin or online at www.stgerard.ca for rehearsal days/times (starting this week!)**

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES for *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord AND the Triduum* are in the Welcome Area. Please sign up today!!!

For those who are scheduled for Palm Sunday, please ensure that, in the event that you are unable to minister, you ask your replacement to sign-up on the sheet. Thank you.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

CHRISM MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral
3125 13th Avenue, Regina
Tuesday, March 15th @ 7 pm

Bishop Albert Thévenot (Prince Albert), Presider

Anointing with oil is an important part of the sacramental life of the Church. The consecration of Sacred Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens at the Chrism Mass is a powerful symbol of our oneness as a diocesan family through the ministry of our chief shepherd.

All faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to attend. Reception to follow.



News from the CWL



If you have Fortrel fabric, please contact Yvonne at 306.782.1055

ONE HEART VOICE MISSION

At Mass on March 2nd new CWL members received their pins. Congratulations to all new members! Also, the new CWL Executive for 2015-2017 was installed:

Spiritual Advisor	-	Father Francis
President	-	Rosella Wanner
Past President	-	Mary Bybliw
1 st Vice President	-	Elaine Wintonyk
Secretary	-	Donna Olshewski
Treasurer	-	Yvonne Turgeon
Spiritual Development	-	Frances Mroczo
Christian Family Life	-	Diane Laycock
		Marie Kruger
Health and Education	-	Angela Ostapovich
Communications	-	Debbie Hayward
Legislation and Resolutions		Carol Deters
		Shirley Pierce

(President Elect/Organization is currently vacant).

Diocesan Convention (Regina)

April 17th & 18th

Registration deadline is April 1st. All CWL members are encouraged to attend! National President Barbara Dowling will be one of the speakers.

Please contact Rosella Wanner by March 28th if you would like to attend, or for more information re: car-pooling and shared hotel expenses.



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 13 Parish Brunch
March 24 Afternoon bingo

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

Year of Mercy Celebration

Brother Stanislaus Assembly is hosting a Year of Mercy Celebration. On Sunday April 3rd at 3:30pm at St. Mary's Parish there will be a concelebrated service hosted by Father Bohdan and Father Francis. An inspirational talk will be presented by Father Gregory Hrynkiw. A banquet will follow. More details will follow. If interested, please call Steve Popowich at 306.783.5441 or Jeff Krasowski at 306.783.5672.

Good News!

March 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells water into Helen's hand while water pours over Helen's other hand. Helen's face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.

Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don't know what he wrote, and it isn't important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It's a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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Special Collection Dates

Mar. 24	The Pope's Pastoral Works
Mar. 25	Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
Apr. 17	Education of Seminarians
May 15	Catholic Missions in Canada
Sept. 25	Needs of the Church in Canada
Oct. 23	Propagation of the Faith

If you are part of the Pre-Authorized Giving Program and would like to contribute to the special collections, please place your donation in an envelope, indicating the name of the collection as well as your name and address. Thank you!

Ecumenical Art Retreat



SATURDAY, April 2nd

10 am – 3pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Whether you draw, paint, quilt, do embroidery, do photography, knit, crochet, or whatever your creative gift, you are most welcome!

Please bring your own supplies for your project, a bag lunch, and an open and creative spirit.

There is no charge for the retreat, but please pre-register by calling Debbie and Keith at 783-0963.

Hosted by the St. Gerard Parish Ecumenical Committee

Don't Be Alone this Easter Sunday!

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

There is no cost for the lunch, which will be served at 1:00 pm (doors open at 12:30pm).

Please leave your name and telephone number with one of the following to confirm your attendance:

Bernadette:	306-782-0109
Maureen	306-782-2956
Rose	306-783-3964

Hosted by the
St. Gerard
Community Life Committee



The National Catholic Mission 2016, "Merciful Like the Father"

with Fr. Tom Rosica CSB will be broadcast during Holy Week on VISIONTV on the following dates/times:

Monday March 21 (Pt. 1) and Tuesday March 22 (Pt. 2) at 4 pm and 8 pm.

To support the Mission or to get more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's toll-free number: 1-888-383-6277.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

Jesus Saves a Woman Who Sinned

This Week...

The old law said that some sins were so bad, the sinner ought to be stoned to death. Jesus had a new law to teach us - a law of compassion and forgiveness. We all are sinners, and we need to help one another rather than destroy one another. We can hate the sin, but we need to love the sinner. It is never too late for us to learn a new way. This new way saved a woman's life.

For Your Reflection

Have you ever been caught doing something you knew was wrong? What happened?

Have you ever done something with a friend of yours, and your friend got away with it, but you didn't? How did you feel? Did you want your friend to get into trouble as well? Or were you thankful that at least both of you didn't get caught?

What sins, mistakes, or faults from the past would you like to forget? What stops you from letting go of them and moving on? What new ways or new habits would you like to be yours from now on?

Jesus stopped a mob of men from stoning a woman to death. They could easily have turned on him, but they did not. Why do mobs want to commit acts of violence? Why do you think violence has become such a major part of the entertainment business, such as movies, video games, and so forth? What is fun about violence?

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. 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.

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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:

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