



St. Gerard

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday
of Lent

Roman Catholic Parish

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. (16 th):	12:05 pm	+Joseph Pham
Tues. (17 th):	7:00 pm	Miles & Christine Shuya
Wed. (18 th):	9:30 am	Denis & Marianne Dierker
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Rhonda Kormos
Thurs. (19 th):	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA	
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSNG +Emil Polegi
	LENTEN MISSION BEGINS (see page 2 for schedule)	
	7:00 pm	+Claude Slogocki
Fri. (20 th):	7:00 pm	+Joelle Bisschop-Lucas
Sat. (21 st):	9:30 am	Marianne Dierker
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	5:00 pm	+Marion Novakowski
Sun. (22 nd):	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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 306.621.8068

The Stations of the Cross Devotion is prayed Friday at 7pm during Lent (except March 20)

Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed Friday at 2pm

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, you created me to be a member of the human family. Empower me to show respect and love to all people regardless of their racial, cultural, religious, and social background.

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



2020 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Kevin McGee,
Vicar General of the Diocese of Saskatoon

Thursday, March 19 – Sunday, March 22
St. Gerard Church

I ONCE WAS LOST (Thursday)
6pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
7pm - Mass, followed by talk

BUT NOW I'M FOUND (Friday)
6pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
7pm - Mass, followed by talk

I ONCE WAS BLIND (Saturday am)
9:30am Mass, followed by talk

BUT NOW I SEE (Saturday pm)
4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5pm Mass (Homily)

(Sunday)
9am Mass (Homily)
11am Mass (Homily)



God of water from stone, and grace at a well, soften our hearts with hope that you will bring about the new life we long for, especially when we struggle to see what you are doing. May we be filled with hope now and always. Amen.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 16 - March 20, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Penitential Service with Reconciliation to follow •Yorkton Music Festival	•Lenten Assembly	
Tues.					•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.	•SHHS Band at Music Festival			•Gr. 4 Swimming		
Thurs.	•SHHS Choir at Music Festival			•Division French Oratory		•IMPACT: Intriguing Minds: Parents & Children Together
Fri.			•Stations of the Cross •Student Progress Reports	•Crazy Sock Day •Lent Assembly •Progress Reports	•Student Progress Reports	•Student Progress Reports

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."
~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

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

Led by:

Mar. 27 Youth Connect
Apr. 3 Parish Council



Lenten Lunch



Mondays during Lent
following the
12:05 pm Mass

Free-will offering to:

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Camp Inc.
Box 128
Kamsack, SK SoA 1S0

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS (YA/T) Choir

Are you 13 to 21-ish? Do you like to sing? Or do you play an instrument and like to sing?

The YA/T Choir rehearses twice per month (always food to follow) and ministers once per month at the Saturday evening Mass.

For more information or to request music please contact office@stgerard.ca or AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12? DO YOU LOVE TO SING? ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD AT MASS?

Parents, if your children are interested in joining the St. Gerard Youth Choir please contact Stella Felisilda at 306.316.1532.



Volunteers are needed to provide baking for funeral lunches, and are phoned on a rotating basis.

Phone Rose at 306.783.3964 if you would like to be added to the Funeral Baking Ministry list. Thank you!



News from the CWL



2020 Memberships (\$30) are due now and can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 17 Marian Prayer Program at 6pm
Mar. 18 Special Needs Lunch CANCELLED
Mar. 23 Evening Bingo
Mar. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Mar. 29 Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass
Mar. 29 Sunday Brunch

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

COVID-19 Announcement

In recent days, questions have risen surrounding the need for changes to our liturgical practices in light of the coronavirus outbreak. As a matter of prudence, Bishop Don has asked that we begin instituting the following changes [*until further notice*]:

- Replacing handshaking at the sign of Peace with a bow and spoken word of peace.
- Communion is to be distributed under the species of bread alone.
- Parishioners who are ill are asked to stay home to avoid spreading illness to others.

More details can be read in this week's bulletin insert, or online at www.stgerard.ca

DYING HEALED SEMINAR

Learn more about end of life issues, the power of human presence and the meaning of human suffering.

**Saturday, March 28th
10:30am – 4:00pm**

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
(Golden Agers Room)

Registration: Elizabeth Zahayko 306.783.6232
Sonia Starling 306.783.0952
Registration Deadline: March 21st
Cost: \$15.00

(Lunch provided; donations gratefully accepted)

Sponsored by St. Mary's UCWLC



Bringing Home the Word

Evil Exchanged for Good

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, "Father, forgive them...." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned... Have mercy...." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

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This Lent, give from the heart.

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Development
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CARITAS CANADA

For our
COMMON
HOME



The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash


For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively.

"On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. WE are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected." – Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil.

Watch the Mura's testimony at:

www.devp.org/campaign/mura

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The First Thursday of Every Month from 3pm to 6pm

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, April 2nd

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (15th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2 (CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation (Main Hall))
- Mon. (16th): 9:00 am CWL Quilting Bee (CWL Room)
7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Tues. (17th): 9:00 am CWL Quilting Bee (CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Sat. (21st): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Woman at the Well"

This Week...

The need for water led Moses to beg God on behalf of his people. God sent water flowing from a rock. The need for water led the Samaritan woman to the well, and to an encounter with Jesus. Jesus sparked her curiosity when he told her of the living water he could provide. Jesus' story must have worked! The woman left her bucket behind in her zeal to tell others about him. Though she was a sinner, her faith in Jesus brought her forgiveness and peace.

For Your Reflection

The woman at the well did not ask Jesus for a favour. Jesus asked her for a favour. She had the bucket. He wanted a drink. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man. She is a Samaritan and a woman - both characteristics a Jewish man was raised to look down on. Yet, she dares to question and argue with Jesus. As rugged as she is, she recognizes what is special in Jesus and she wants that living water he is talking about. She is so convinced he is the Messiah that she leaves her bucket behind as she runs off to tell others the good news. She won Jesus so many followers that he stayed with them for two days. She is a weed, a flower, and a rebel, all rolled into one.

- Do you know anyone like the Samaritan woman - someone who seems so unholy and so holy at the same time? Someone hard to figure out? Do you feel like that sometimes? Why or why not?
- Jesus came to turn weeds into flowers, and wallflowers into movers and shakers. Share about a time you were most flower-like, a time you were most weed-like, or a time you were most rebel-like.

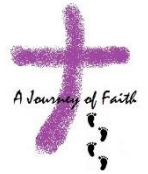
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca