



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 17, 2019
Second 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. (18 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (19 th):		Solemnity of Saint Joseph (Principal Patron of Canada)
	7:00 pm	+Isabella Eastwood
Wed. (20 th):	9:30 am	+Victor Marchinko
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH) +Mervin Todos
Thurs. (21 st):	12:05 pm	+Agnes Hilbig
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING Special Intentions
Fri. (22 nd):	9:30 am	+Grace Walsh
Sat. (23 rd):	9:30 am	Scott & Colleen Hoffort
	5:00 pm	+Marion Novakowski
Sun. (24 th):		Third Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	+Divina Muyargas
	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

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

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Lord, you desire to be with me and walk with me along life's journey. Awaken in my heart a desire and commitment to be with you in prayer.

- 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**

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Join your fellow parishioners in welcoming those new to St. Gerard's and celebrating baptisms and marriages that have taken place during the past year.

Social time begins at 4:30 pm
 and supper will be at 5:00 pm.

Please bring your favourite dish to share.

Your presence is a gift
 of welcoming and community spirit.

~ Organized by the Community Life Committee ~

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS

WED., MARCH 20TH OR THURS., MARCH 21ST

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| 7:00 pm | Welcomers |
| 7:30 pm | Ministers of the Word (Lectors) |
| 8:00 pm | Ministers of Holy Communion (at Mass) |
| 8:30 pm | Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) |

**ALL MINISTERS
 ARE TO ATTEND THE EVENING OF THEIR CHOICE.**

**PRO-LIFE
 101**
 Equipped + Ready
 Convention 2019

Annual Saskatchewan Convention
APRIL 5TH AND 6TH, 2019
YORKTON, SK

You are invited to a weekend that will delve into what it means to be **PRO-LIFE** and how to be **EQUIPPED** and **READY** to speak out for the defense of **ALL** life in our country

COST \$100

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
 SASKPROLIFE.COM/CONVENTION OR CALL 306-352-3480**

SASKATCHEWAN
PRO-LIFE
 ASSOCIATION

Host Group: Parkland Right to Life
 Location: Yorkton Victory Church, 38 Bradbrooke Dr.
 Special guest speaker: Vanessa Otten, Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform.
 Entertainment: Troy Mac, country gospel recording artist.
 Friday, April 5 Gala only: \$40; Saturday, April 6 sessions & lunch only: \$60
 Student pricing for entire event: \$50



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
 March 18 - March 22, 2019**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross	•Penitential Service		•Lenten Assembly •Gr. 8 X-country Ski Trip •Gr. 4 Swimming	
Tues.		•Gr. 8 X-country Skiing				
Wed.	•Gr. 9 Retreat		•Gr. 4 Swimming •Gr. 8 X-country Ski Trip			•Care Home visit
Thurs.		•Fire Safety Presentation	•Gr. 8 X-country Ski Trip			•Student Progress Reports
Fri.		•Fire Safety Presentation •Gr. 5 Band Trip •Students & Staff Bball Game	•Gr. 5 Band to Regina •Student Progress Reports		•Gr. 5 Band Trip •Student Progress Reports	•K-8 Ski Trip



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

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

Led by:

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| Mar. 22 | CTTCS Staff |
| Mar. 29 | Parish Council |
| Apr. 5 | Youth Connect & Liturgical Committee |
| Apr. 12 | Altar Servers |



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 date for the C.W.L. Monthly Meeting has been changed. It will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 10th following Mass. All C.W.L. members are encouraged to attend and enjoy an evening with your C.W.L. Sisters.



News from the Knights of Columbus



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| Mar. 16 & 17 | Membership Drive |
| Mar. 17 – 19 | Marion Prayer Program |
| Mar. 25 | Articles for "The Word" due |
| Mar. 26 | Executive meeting – create budget |
| Mar. 29 | Afternoon Bingo |
| Mar. 29 – 30 | Spiritual Enrichment (Saskatoon) |
| Mar. 31 | Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass |

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



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 ~



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 for
Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

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News from the Archdiocese of Regina

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 23-26. 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 youth@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.mygenrally.ca



Bringing Home the Word

Accepting Jesus' Challenge

By Mary Katharine Deeley

From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top both the distance and the beauty of the land mesmerized me.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, of divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we hear this transfiguration account every Lent. Jesus takes the Church, and each one of us, up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he dares us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept the challenge.

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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.

•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)



Share the Journey

Share
Lent 2019

Development
and Peace
CARTUS CANADA



Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria



In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an

oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: devp.org/lent.

PARISH SURVEY

Please return your completed survey by Monday, April 15th. One per household. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (17th): 5:00 pm- Potluck Supper
(Social Hall)
- Mon. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (19th): 9:30 am- Cabbage Roll Bee
(Meeting Room A)
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (20th): 7:00 pm- Liturgical Ministries
Workshops (Church)
- Thurs. (21st): 7:00 pm- Liturgical Ministries
Workshops (Church)
- Fri. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
7:30 pm- Movie Night
(K of C Chambers)
- Sat. (23rd): 10:00 am- Lay Presiders' Meeting
4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (24th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.
(Social Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Stars"

This Week...

Abraham and Sarah, both old and childless, look at the stars and see children and grandchildren too many to count. Peter, James, and John look at Jesus and see him beside Moses and Elijah in a sight too brilliant to stare at for long. If God is on our side, how can we fear whomever or whatever is against us?

For Your Reflection

Abraham and Sarah were old and childless, and they longed for children. Descendants, like stars, meant to them a permanent place in history, because their names would be carried on. Today, a "star" is a celebrity, someone with a name that is well known. In fact, people often confuse "stars" with "heroes." Just because a person is famous and well known does not mean that person is a good role model for people.

Who are your heroes? Are they "stars"? What makes them heroic in your opinion?

When you stare up at the stars at night, what do you think of? Life on other planets? Alien creatures and UFOs? TV shows and movies based on space travel? Astronomy? Astrology? How do the stars affect your imagination?

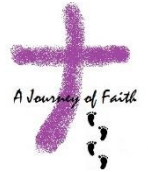
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word*, Cycle C, 2004



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

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