

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

Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (20th): *Solemnity of Saint Joseph*
7:00 pm- +Joelle Bisschop Lucas
Tues. (21st): 9:00 am- +Bill Hamilton
Wed. (22nd): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)
+Eva Schlechter
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
7:00 pm- Penitential Service
Thurs. (23rd): **12:05 pm**- +Marion Novakowski
Fri. (24th): 7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*
Sat. (25th): *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*
9:00 am- +Peter & +Rose Osika

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Tyler Dobko

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sun. (26th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Lena Zawrslak

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Jay Gustafson



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 in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- First Spiritual Exercises (Sess 3)
Tues. (21st): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg
Wed. (22nd): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
Fri. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (25th): 10:00 am- Rethinking Young Adult Ministry
Sun. (26th): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table #5*

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, including Knights of Columbus members and CWL members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2017

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

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

The following Parish Pastoral Council positions remain **VACANT**:

Secretary Community Life Family & Social Public Relations Youth Social Justice

Thank you to those who served on Parish Council, and to the Nominating Committee (Wayne Exner, Richard Dubois & Dwight Guy) for your service.

If you are interested in more information regarding these vacancies, please speak with Father Francis or Trent Senger, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.

TOWARDS A NON-JUDGMENTAL LIFE

One of the hardest spiritual tasks is to live without prejudices. Sometimes we aren't even aware how deeply rooted our prejudices are. We may think that we relate to people who are different from us in colour, religion, sexual orientation, or lifestyle as equals, but in concrete circumstances our spontaneous thoughts, uncensored words, and knee-jerk reactions often reveal that our prejudices are still there.

Strangers, people different than we are, stir up fear, discomfort, suspicion, and hostility. They make us lose our sense of security just by being "other." Only when we fully claim that God loves us in an unconditional way and look at "those other persons" as equally loved can we begin to discover that the great variety in being human is an expression of the immense richness of God's heart. Then the need to prejudge people can gradually disappear.

- Bread for the Journey, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 20 - March 24, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student Recognition Awards •Stations of the Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Book Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Penitential Celebration @ 9am •Gr. 4 Swim 		
Tues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Canadian Citizenship Ceremony 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Book Fair 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student Led Conferences 	
Wed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Francofievre 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Book Fair 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Student Led Conferences 	
Thurs.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Book Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •French Oratory Competition •Stations of the Cross Gospel Assembly @ 12:30pm 		
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regina Optimist Gr. 5 Band Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Book Fair •Gr. 5 to Regina Band Festival •Penitential Service @ 9am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 5 Band to Optimist Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 5 Band Trip •Stations of the Cross •Gr. 4 Swimming 	

"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 #5

Sunday, March 26th @ 6:30pm



News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL would like to thank everyone for their valued contributions to the **Spring Tea**: to everyone who donated dainties and treasures for our boutiques; to everyone who helped with preparation, set-up, and serving; and to all who supported us by attending.

\$2,040.00 was raised for the Refugee Family Fund.

The winner of the necklace donated by Hillberg & Berk was Marjorie Wlock.

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!



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

which will be held each **THURSDAY** during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass. Silver collection to the Refugee Family Fund & the Salvation Army Food Bank (Lighthouse)



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.



Penitential Service (St. Gerard)

Wednesday, 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.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Service for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Sunday, March 19, 2017

7:00 pm

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

The **2016 Charitable Donation Receipts** are available in the Welcome Area until March 24th. Commencing March 25th please pick up your receipt at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Thank you!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 25

Rethinking Young Adult Ministry workshop
Articles for the Word due
Day of the Unborn

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

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 24:

"THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN"

FRIDAY, MARCH 31:

"THE WAY"

CHRISM MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral

3125 13th Avenue, Regina

Tuesday, April 4th @ 7 pm

Priests & Chrism Mass Attendees are invited to a special dinner prior to the Chrism Mass, hosted by Holy Child Parish in celebration of their 40th Anniversary.

There is no cost for the dinner, which begins at **5:00pm**. Please contact the Parish Office by email: office@stgerard.ca or by calling 306.782.2449 if you plan to attend the dinner. **Deadline for response is 12 noon March 27th.**



Bringing Home the Word

Source of Life

By Mary Katharine Deeley

The conventional wisdom of fitness experts and health professionals is that we should drink eight glasses of water a day. This suggestion is the product of a country with the luxury of clean, abundant, easily accessible water. Some of us are so used to processed water that we balk when we have to drink well water.

Some people think bottled water is a necessity because, in their minds, it tastes better. It rarely hits home that in much of the world safe drinking water is scarce, if it's available at all. People who live in those areas have to make do with the little good water they have for drinking, cooking, and washing.

In the desert regions of the Middle East, wells were a source of life and a social meeting place. Asking for water took a little courage in a place where water was rare. Offering someone water was a great gesture of hospitality.

Jesus' request invited the woman's hospitality and led to so much more. She opened her life to Jesus; in turn, Jesus revealed who he was and the gift of life he brings.

Living water must have sounded like a dream to a woman with a stagnant well, and maybe it does to us, too, but we do know this: Those who drink eight glasses of water a day will eventually die as surely as those who fight for even one.

On the other hand, Jesus promises that if we drink the water he gives, we will have eternal life—for he is Living Water. Have you had your glass today?

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JOSEPH	WELL	WOMAN
WATER	DRINK	JEW
BUCKET	CATTLE	HUSBAND



Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. “Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights.”

This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s monthly donor program? More information can be found online at www.devp.org/shareyearround

Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

37TH ANNUAL NASH MEMORIAL LECTURE *Discerning a Path Toward Hope: A Liberal Arts University's Journey with Omar Khadr*

Tuesday, March 21st

Education Auditorium, University of Regina
Free Admission

Dr. Arlette Zinck, guest lecturer, 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.

For more information on the Nash Memorial Lecture visit our website at www.campioncollege.ca or call 306.586.4242

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS 306-783-4255 - PEROGY HOTLINE – 306-783-4255

****Perogy Bee****

- Mon. Mar. 20** 9:30 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions
- Tues. Mar. 21** 9:00 am - Pinching
- Wed. Mar. 22** 9:00 am - Bagging

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. 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