



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 1, 2020

First 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. (2 nd):	12:05 pm	Joe & Agnes Swejda
Tues. (3 rd):	7:00 pm	+Bill Oliver
Wed. (4 th):	9:30 am	+Claude Slogocki
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES
		+Michael Woods
Thurs. (5 th):	9:30 am	Anne Novakovski
Fri. (6 th):	9:30 am	Sr. Mary Marcelline
Sat. (7 th):	9:30 am	+Andrew & +Mary Bernath

5:00 pm +Rose Broda

Sun. (8th): **Second 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

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion at 6pm Tuesday.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed Friday at 2pm

The Stations of the Cross Devotion is prayed Friday at 7pm during Lent.

CONTACT US

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

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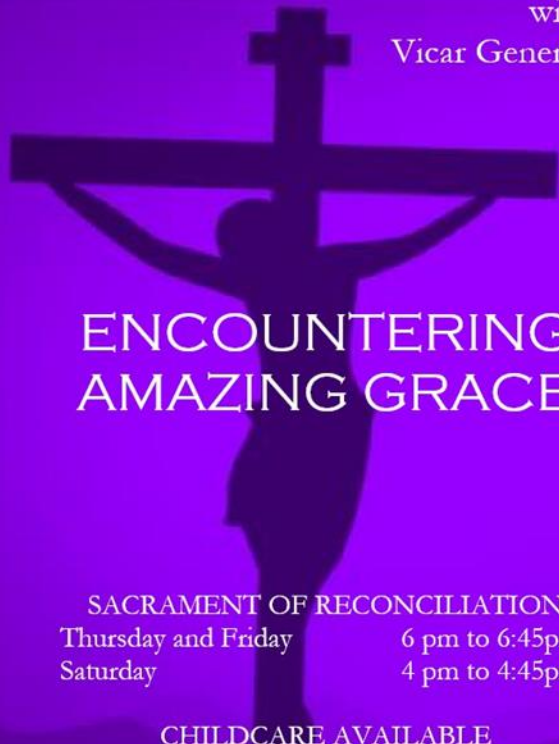


Lord, deepen my awareness of and respect for your presence in creation and in the people around me.

- 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



ENCOUNTERING AMAZING GRACE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday and Friday 6 pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4 pm to 4:45pm

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
(Please phone 306.782.2449 before March 17 to arrange)
Thursday & Friday evening
Saturday morning

1. I ONCE WAS LOST

Mass followed by talk
Thurs., 3/19 @ 7 pm

2. BUT NOW I'M FOUND

Mass followed by talk
Fri., 3/20 @ 7 pm

3. I ONCE WAS BLIND

Mass followed by talk
Sat. 3/21 @ 9:30 am

4. BUT NOW I SEE

Homily
Sat. 3/21 @ 5 pm Mass
Sun. 3/22 @ 9 am & 11 am Mass

After each session, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to visit with Fr. McGee.

ST. GERARD CHURCH, 125 3RD AVE N, YORKTON



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 2 - March 6, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Telemiracle Spirit Week •Gum Day	•Lenten Assembly •SCC Meeting	
Tues.	•Ski Trip Assissippi		•City-wide Bball Tourney	•Hat/Hoodie Day City-wide Bball Tourney •SCC Meeting	•Gr. 4 Swimming •City-wide Bball Tourney	•Skating
Wed.			•City-wide Bball Tourney	•Twin Day City-wide Bball Tourney	•City-wide Bball Tourney	
Thurs.	•Grad Mtg for graduates		•City-wide Bball Tourney	•Backward/Inside Out Day •SCC Hot Lunch City-wide Bball Tourney	•City-wide Bball Tourney	•Donations to Telemiracle
Fri.				•Fun Footwear Day •Lent Assembly •Choir to Telemiracle		•Skating

"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:

Feb. 28	Knights of Columbus
Mar. 6	CWL
Mar. 13	CTTCS Staff
Mar. 20	(No devotion – Parish Mission)
Mar. 27	Youth Connect
Apr. 3	Parish Council



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 S0A 1S0

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

St. Gerard Marriage Preparation Winter Session

The Marriage Prep program will begin Tues, Mar 3 with a brief meet and greet after 7:00 pm evening Mass to pick up course materials and assign reading for next week's session. We will meet in the CWL Room, lower level (East door access). Please contact the parish office to register and meet with Father before the course begins.



ST. GERARD PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for the following positions (and terms):

Vice-chairperson	3 years
Religious Education	3 years
Family & Social	2 years
Ecumenical	3 years
Properties	2 years
Secretary	3 years
Public Relations	2 years
Youth	3 years
Stewardship	3 years

Nominations forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 6th at 12 noon.**



News from the CWL



The next CWL meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 following the 6:30pm Mass.

2020 Executive and Standing Committee Chairs

Spiritual Advisor	Father Louis
President	Paulette Cooper
President Elect/ Organization & Membership	<i>Vacant</i>
Recording Secretary	Della Faul
Treasurer	Mary Bybliw
Past-President, Archives	Linda Maddaford
Spiritual Development	Deanna Pellatt & Christine Shuya
Christian Family Life	Rosemarie Todos & Lorraine Slogocki
Communications	Stephanie Flaman
Community Life	Linda Maddaford
Health & Education	<i>Vacant</i>
Legislation & Resolutions	Jody Chupa
Parish Council Representative	Paulette Cooper



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 29-Mar. 1 Vocations Endowment Fund Campaign
Mar. 1 Sunday Brunch
Mar. 4 Executive Meeting – budget planning
Mar. 11 Afternoon Bingo
Mar. 11 General Meeting
Mar. 14-15 Membership Drive

Attention Brothers/Widows: The March issue of "The Word" is available to be picked up from the magazine rack in the Welcome Area.

*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*

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment Weekend

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered with the Sask Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation to create the Sask Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment will be disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses and Eparchy to help defray the \$33,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian.

Please view our website at:
www.saskkofcfoundation.com

for further details and to make a contribution. The Bishops, Priests, Knights of Columbus and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous support of the education and development of Seminarians through prayer and financial assistance.



Bringing Home the Word

Sin and Redemption
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In the Sistine Chapel fresco, *Original Sin and Banishment from the Garden of Eden*, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so we freely choose righteousness. Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

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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, March 5th

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

This Lent, give from the heart.

Share
Lent 2020

Development
and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

For our
COMMON
HOME



The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny.

Consult the Mini-magazine to learn more about Development and Peace's work:

www.devp.org/lent/resources

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 pm
Meeting Rooms A & B

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Sun. | (1 st): | 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room) |
| | | 12:15 pm- Teen Sacrament Prep. Meeting |
| | | 5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall) |
| Mon. | (2 nd): | 9:00 am CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room) |
| | | 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal |
| | | 7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level) |
| Tues. | (3 rd): | 9:00 am CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room) |
| | | 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass |
| | | 7:30 pm- Marriage Prep Session
(CWL Room) |
| Thurs. | (5 th): | 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough) |
| | | 3:00 pm- Perogy & Cabbage Roll
Fundraiser |
| Fri. | (6 th): | 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching) |
| | | 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal |
| Sat. | (7 th): | 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass |
| Sun. | (8 th): | 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room) |

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Serpent"

This Week...

The serpent is an old symbol of evil. It can strike suddenly and quickly, or it can enter slowly over a period of time. It can strike suddenly and catch us off guard, or slither into our lives and slowly choke the goodness out of us. We humans often give in to sin, but Jesus showed us how to live a life of righteousness.

For Your Reflection

Peer pressure works like a snake. Sometimes it is a slow process, and without realizing it you just gradually start doing things and saying things and thinking things that your friends do, say, and think. Sometimes it is a quick strike and you are suddenly in a situation and have to make a choice. Some friends are trying to get you to do one thing and some are trying to get you to do something else. Peer pressure can be negative or positive.

- Which kind of negative peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by - the slow, gradual type or the high-pressure, fast type?
- Which kind of positive peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by?
- Can you give an example of when positive or negative peer pressure influenced you?
- Do you ever use positive peer pressure to influence others? Do you think you are more likely to influence others slowly, over the long haul, or quickly, in a sudden or specific situation? Can you give an example of when you have had a positive influence on another person?

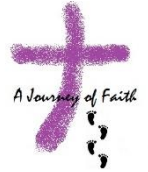
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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

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