

# 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*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Shelley Kaspick  
Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
7:00 pm- +Frances Mroczko  
Thurs. (30<sup>th</sup>): **12:05 pm**- +Louis Tuttosi  
Fri. (31<sup>st</sup>): NO MASS  
7:00 pm- *Stations of the Cross*  
Sat. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Tony Spykerman

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Noreen Skibinsky

### *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Sun. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Stella & +Steve Palka  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Jay Gustafson



Lord, you are the Word of God that shows me what is good, right, and true. Make me a faithful witness to your Word.

—From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*,  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (26<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- *Come Join Us at the Table #5*  
Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- First Spiritual Exercises (Sess 4)  
Tues. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting  
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting  
Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting  
7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting  
Fri. (31<sup>st</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

Gratitude is the first of the virtues, as we acknowledge that everything we have is an unmerited gift from a loving God, who only asks that we use it well for His Honour and glory." - St. Augustine

## Stewards Nurture and Return Gifts

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13.7)

We must not be like the barren fig tree. We must allow the gifts we have been given to be nurtured within us so that we can bear fruit. How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Not only are we called to be generous, we are called as Christian **Stewards** to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.



# Christ the Teacher

ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL  
DIVISION #212

*Believe... Belong... Become*

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division is now accepting applications for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten education.

### Prekindergarten:

Children who are age 3 or who are already 4, may apply for the Prekindergarten program. The Division Prekindergarten programs are offered at:

- St. Alphonsus Elementary School (Yorkton)
- St. Mary's Elementary School (Yorkton)
- St. Henry's Junior Elementary School (Melville)

### Kindergarten:

Children age 5 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 are eligible to begin Kindergarten this fall. Applications can be picked up at any one of our elementary schools, from the division office, or downloaded from our website [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca).

For more information please contact Christ the Teacher RCSSD #212 at (306)783-8787 or visit our website at [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca)

The Sacred Heart High School Drama Club presents an evening of


# Dessert Theatre

Featuring Three One Act Plays:

## Love and Work Enough

a drama by Peggy Sample

Directed by Mr. C. Eiscut  
Produced by arrangement with Peggy Sample





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## Betweenity

a comedy by Lindsay Price

Directed by Mme. F. Feraeren  
Produced by arrangement with Theatrefolk





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## Anne-Arky

a comedy by Lindsay Price

Directed by Ms. F. Finafelic  
Produced by arrangement with Theatrefolk



**Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
**SHS Performing Arts Theatre**  
**All Seats \$10.00**

Admission includes Dessert and Beverage at Intermission  
Advance Tickets available from the School Office or any Cast Member



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 27 - March 31, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Music Festival – Solos, Duets, Trios •Stations of the Cross @ 10:45am		•Gr. 5-8 Bands at Music Festival	•Penitential Service @ 9:05am	
Tues.		•Music Festival – Solos, Duets, Trios		•SCC Rice Lunch •Stations of the Cross		
Wed.	•Penitential Service @ 9am	•Music Festival – Solos, Duets, Trios			•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Thurs.	•Gr. 9 Retreat	•SCC Family Lunch		•Choir at Music Festival		
Fri.		•Penitential Service @ 9:05am	•Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am		•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  
TONIGHT @ 6:30pm



## News from the Knights of Columbus



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 31: "THE WAY"



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.

### SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
and for the **Triduum**

are in the Welcome Area.

Please sign up as soon as possible! Thanks.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Divine Mercy Conference** will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg St. & 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, SK.

Program begins at 12:15 pm, with Adoration, Confessions and Presentations by Very Rev. James Owolagba, & Shirley Oleskiw, Benediction, and concluding Mass with Archbishop Don Bolen at 3:05pm.

The **2016 Charitable Donation Receipts** are available at the Parish Office. Please stop by during regular office hours. Thank you!

### CHRISM MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral

3125 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Regina  
Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

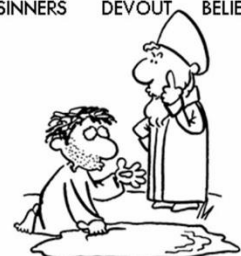
**Priests & Chrism Mass Attendees are invited to a special dinner** prior to the Chrism Mass, hosted by Holy Child Parish in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

The MY GENERATION YOUTH RALLY invites parishioners of ALL generations, who would like to pray with and for the young church to join us for *portions* of the My Gen Rally weekend. We would love to welcome you to join us at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School on Saturday, April 1st for the Stations of the Cross at 3:45 p.m., at 8:30p.m. for Adoration and/or Sunday, April 2nd at 11:30 for our mass. For details please see [www.mygenrally.ca](http://www.mygenrally.ca)

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# Bringing Home the Word

## Seeing as God Sees

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**“Do you see what I’m saying?”** The question came at the end of a difficult conversation about a hurtful remark I’d made. I hadn’t intended it to hurt—I was going for a cheap laugh in a group of people, and I got it. But, as my colleague made clear to me, the laugh came at the expense of her comfort and, to some extent, her dignity.

The very fact that she had to call it to my attention meant that I had not been paying attention. I didn’t “see” her—I saw only myself scoring laugh points with the seven or eight people we were with. Let’s face it: I was blind to her and to the effect of my words.

In today’s Scriptures, Samuel is chastised for his narrow vision because he believes a king must surely look like Eliab, someone of stature and importance. He saw only what impressed him. He couldn’t look into the heart as God did, so he didn’t see as God did.

The Pharisees, too, are called to account for their own constricted sight, which couldn’t accept that a man born blind might know the presence of God more surely than they ever could. When we’re convinced of our own righteousness and consider ourselves more important than anyone else, we become blind to others and to God.

Today our prayers ask God for holy sight—the grace to see the world and all in it as God sees. Many things can make us blind, but God can open the eyes of our heart if we simply come to him and ask him to help us see.

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## Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria

This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner’s training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. “Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre.” Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please, be generous!

Did you know that in 1982, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada launched its first three-year mobilization and education campaign, entitled “Militarization: Obstacle to Development”?



*You are invited to a*  
**Quilt Sale**  
*with Coffee, Tea and Desserts!*

**Saturday, April 8 from 2 – 4 pm**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Admission is \$4.00

*St. Paul Lutheran Church – lower level  
73 Smith Street, Yorkton, SK*

Proceeds will offset delivery costs of quilts to overseas countries through Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

St. Mary’s U.C.W.L.C.

## EASTER BREAD BAKE SALE



ST. MARY’S CULTURAL CENTRE

**Wednesday & Thursday  
March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Starting at 5:00 p.m.

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306-783-4255 - PEROGY HOTLINE – 306-783-4255

### \*\*\*\*Perogy Bee\*\*\*\*

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>	9:00 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions, cheese
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Mar. 28</b>	9:00 am - Pinching
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar. 29</b>	9:00 am - Bagging

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"The Man Born Blind"**

#### **This Week...**

God chooses Jesse's youngest son David to be anointed as the new king, even though others do not "see" David's potential yet. When Jesus heals a man born blind, it is clear that he who was blind was able to "see" more clearly than the Pharisees, who supposedly have excellent sight. We all have been given the light of faith to see with; no longer spiritually blind, no longer walking in spiritual darkness.

#### **For Your Reflection**

- Stevie Wonder, the famous singer and musician who is blind, once remarked that just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision. What do you think he meant? What do you think we need to learn from him?
- Jesus cured a man born blind. That man had more "vision" than the Pharisees, who could see. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us about spiritual and physical blindness?
- What is the most incredible thing you have ever seen: a lunar eclipse? A rainbow? A shooting star? A peacock showing off its feathers? A butterfly on a flower? Fireworks? How could you describe this incredible sight to a person who is blind?
- What do you think would be the most difficult part of being blind? If you are blind, talk about what the most difficult part is for you.

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004

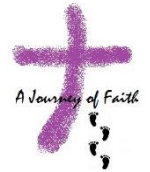




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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](mailto: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.*



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## 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.

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## 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

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**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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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