
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

The Resurrection of the Lord – March 27, 2016



HE IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sun. (27th): 5:00 pm- *Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite*
Mon. (28th): 9:00 am- +Treeske Holtkamp
Tues. (29th): 9:00 am- Stella Fulawka
Wed. (30th): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- Larry & Adeline Markham
Thurs. (31st): 9:00 am- Deceased members of
Kuruvilla Family
10:30 am- Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)
+Mary Kerunsky
Fri. (1st): 9:00 am- +Tony Spykerman
9:30 am- *Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
Sat. (2nd): **8:30 am-** *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
9:00 am- +Janet Gress

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Antoinette Marsolais

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Ed Steinmacher
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury
Triplex: Leona Pinno

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (28th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (29th): 7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
Wed. (30th): 7:30 pm- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (2nd): 10:00 am- Ecumenical Art Retreat
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (3rd): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Eva Schlechter

An Easter Blessing

Through the resurrection of Jesus
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May God bless us with joy. Amen.

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.
May we inherit everlasting life. Amen.

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.
May our lives be holy, so that we
will be united with Jesus forever. Amen.

May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS!

If you would like more information about our parish please take this bulletin home, browse the information in the Welcome Area, or visit our NEW parish website www.stgerard.ca

Become a part of our parish family! If this is your spiritual home we invite you to register with the parish. Please complete a beige form located on the large table in the Welcome Area. You can drop it off at the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket at Mass.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Mt 4.19-20

We are happy to have you join us!



Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment bibles, books and religious articles including Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion gifts:



Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00	Baptism greeting card	\$1.25
Heart-shaped, Confirmation pewter pocket token	\$1.50	My Angel pewter picture frame	\$6.00
Pewter confirmation book mark	\$5.00	Pewter frame for baptism 3x3 photo	\$6.00
Wooden cross w/prayer card	\$5.00	Baptism Photo Album	\$7.00
Confirmation bracelet w/wood pearls	\$5.00	Medium bevelled mirror baptism plaque	\$8.00
Holy Spirit key chain	\$6.00	Multi-coloured wood cross 5"	\$9.75
Boxed confirmation rosary w/prayer	\$6.50	Baptized in Christ Baptism Cross	\$10.25
Confirmation photo album	\$7.00	Hand-painted enamel & metal cross	\$12.00
Pewter medallion (cut out cross) w/ rope bracelet	\$9.00	Cross w/ praying boy & guardian angel 3"	\$13.25
Box pewter cross & Dove, rhodium-plated chain, 24"	\$9.75	Cross w/ praying girl & guardian angel 3"	\$13.25
Rhodium necklace w/black rope, dove	\$10.25	A Catholic Child's Baptismal Bible	\$18.00
Bevelled mini mirror w/pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50	Catholic Prayer Book for Children	\$4.75
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00	The Three Great Catholic Prayers	\$5.25
True Faith dog tag w/ dove cut-out	\$19.00	The Creation Story (hardcover)	\$12.50
Wood crucifix w/ Dove, silver-plated corpus, 8"	\$19.25	Blessings & Prayers	\$14.00
First Communion bookmark	\$1.00	Youcat (Catechism for Youth)	\$25.00
First Communion pocket token	\$2.00	Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00
Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50	Necklace - Pewter cross w/adj. cord	\$3.50
First Communion Cross, G-F & S-F metal 7"	\$4.50	Coloured wood flower necklace w/BVM	\$5.00
Wooden cross w/prayer card	\$5.00	Necklace - heart-shaped pendant w/ black string	\$8.50
First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50	Bracelet - coloured-bead stretch w/ S-F heart	\$8.75
First Eucharist photo album	\$7.00	Bracelet - coloured-bead stretch w/ S-F dove	\$8.75
Silver chalice pendant w/stone on chain, 13"	\$8.50	Silver-finish hockey pendant necklace	\$10.00
First Communion ornate cross 4"	\$9.50	Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
First Communion cross, w/ ornate flowers 6"	\$12.50	Necklace - "Faith" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

March 28 - April 1, 2016 ~ Easter Break



"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

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~

The parish-based sacrament preparation program for Confirmation & First Eucharist

NEXT SESSION

Sunday, April 10th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

RETREAT

Saturday, April 16th

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated at each Mass the weekend of April 30th & May 1st.



News from the CWL



Diocesan Convention (Regina)

April 17th & 18th

Registration deadline is April 1st. All CWL members are encouraged to attend! National President Barbara Dowling will be one of the speakers.

Please contact Rosella Wanner **by March 28th** if you would like to attend, or for more information re: car-pooling and shared hotel expenses.



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 29

April 3

April 6

Evening Bingo

Parish Brunch

Executive Meeting

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306-730-7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

Year of Mercy Celebration

Brother Stanislaus Assembly is hosting a Year of Mercy Celebration. On Sunday April 3rd at 3:30pm at St. Mary's Parish there will be a concelebrated service hosted by Father Bohdan and Father Francis. An inspirational talk will be presented by Father Gregory Hrynkiw. A banquet will follow. More details will follow. If interested, please call Jeff Krasowski at 306.783.5672.

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/teens are interested in joining a Youth Choir who will rehearse weekly and minister regularly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306-621-0093.

The 2015 charitable donation receipts are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular office hours.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

All are invited to a Eucharistic Celebration wherein our seminarian, Arpee Urquico, will publicly manifest his will to offer himself to God and to the Church, so that he may exercise a sacred order. This is the third out of five steps towards priesthood (Lector, Acolyte, Candidacy, Diaconate, and Priesthood).

The ceremony will take place within the 11am Mass on Sunday, April 3rd, 2016 at St. George's Parish, Assiniboia, SK. (Archbishop Weisgerber will preside.)

15th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

Sunday, April 3, 2016

St. Mary's Church

Winnipeg & 13th Ave., Regina, SK

Presenters:

Very Rev. James Owolagba V.F.,

Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Regina

Shirley Oleskiw, EADM Director

See the poster on the bulletin board for more details!

Good News!

March 27, 2016

EASTER (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

My daughter was about four when we went to the local department store to do some shopping. I was looking over some item when I turned and realized that she wasn't beside me. It was not like her to wander away, and I spent a frantic fifteen minutes before I located her sitting on the floor playing with a doll from a display. I was at once relieved and angry, but more scared than anything else. What if something had happened?

When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb that early Sunday morning, she expected to find Jesus' body and mourn the loss of this man whom they all loved. Not finding him where she expected was an utter shock. I can only imagine there was some fear and anger: "Who took him? Where did he go? How could someone do this?" Her words tumbled out to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They, too, were astounded to find his burial cloth and though they believed, they did not understand what the empty tomb signified.

I can also imagine what they felt when they finally saw Jesus—surely relief and wonder, but there may have been a little anger that he had left them and fear for all that meant. Maybe that's how God feels about us when we wander away. We were lost, and God sent the prophets first and then his only Son to find us and lead us home. Out of love, Jesus gave his life and conquered death itself. In this Easter season, let us take great care neither to wander away nor to lose sight of the Lord. He is the source of our life. We belong to him.

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Ecumenical Art Retreat

SATURDAY, April 2nd
10 am – 3pm, St. Gerard's Parish Hall



Whether you draw, paint, quilt, do embroidery, do photography, knit, crochet, or whatever your creative gift, you are most welcome! Please bring your own supplies for your project, a bag lunch, and an open and creative spirit. There is no charge for the retreat, but please pre-register by calling Debbie and Keith at 306-783-0963.

Operation Pilgrimage!



Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camps 2016

AUGUST 15th @ 6:00 p.m.
to AUGUST 18th @ 2:00
for those ENTERING
Grades 10- 1st year University

AUGUST 19th @ 6:00 p.m.
to AUGUST 22nd @ 2:00
for those ENTERING
Grades 7- 9

WHO: Any student in the Archdiocese is looking for some summer excitement with "No Passport Required"

WHAT: A fun-filled, faith-filled experience with a "Pilgrimage" theme!
Come enjoy swimming, hiking, games, camp fires, prayer, FOOD! And friendships!

WHERE: "Glen Harbor Camp" (about 40 minutes from Regina)

COST: \$140.00

HOW: For more info or to register contact Michelle at 352-1651 OR mhraden@archdioceseofregina.sk.ca



Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: Sunday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm



PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Folded Linen Cloths"

This Week...

To believe that Jesus rose from the dead is to believe in something that never happened before. Minds have to adjust to seeing things differently. Old ways of thinking have to be thrown out and new ways of thinking brought in. The Resurrection happened, Jesus is the Messiah, and the only remaining trace of death is the folded linen cloths left in the tomb.

For Your Reflection

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The napkin and linen cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this "death business" for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

- Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way?

Obviously Mary, Peter, and the other disciples were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

- Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships, you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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