



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 31, 2019

**Fourth 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. (1 st):		NO MASS
Tues. (2 nd):	7:00 pm	+Eileen Griffith
Wed. (3 rd):	9:30 am	+Hilda Padar
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES
		Dan & Brenda Dierker
Thurs. (4 th):	12:05 pm	+Stan Skaluba
Fri. (5 th):	9:30 am	David & Mary Ryhorski
Sat. (6 th):	9:30 am	+Elizabeth Lutzko
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	5:00 pm	+Bill O'Boyle
Sun. (7 th):		Fifth Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	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

PARISH SURVEY

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you are the face of God's compassion in the world. Give me a compassionate heart to embrace my suffering brothers and sisters.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2019-2020 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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**PRO-LIFE
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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

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SASKPROLIFE.COM/CONVENTION OR CALL 306-352-3480**

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PRO LIFE
ASSOCIATION

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Apr. 18 Thursday of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45pm

Apr. 19 Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Living Stations of the Cross
11:00 am
The Celebration of the Passion
3:00 pm

Apr. 20 Holy Saturday
2:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Food
The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
8:00 pm

Apr. 21 The Mass of Easter Day
9:00 am 11:00 am



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
April 1 - April 5, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stations of the Cross •SHHS Drama – Gr. 7&8 •Pre-K RCMP Visitor 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHHS Drama Performance – Gr. 7&8 •Penitential Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHHS Drama Performance – Gr. 7&8 	
Tues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dessert Theatre @ 7pm 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Mtg 	
Wed.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Teddy Anderson Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SCC Hot Lunch 	
Thurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regional Drama Festival @ SHHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parable Awards •Pre-K at St. Gerard 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Family Math Night 	
Fri.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regional Drama Festival @ SHHS 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lent Stations 10, 11 & 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Penitential Service 	
Sat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regional Drama Festival @ SHHS 					



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

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

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

Led by:

Apr. 5 Youth Connect & Liturgical Committee

Apr. 12 Altar Servers



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

The final one will be held Thursday, April 4 following the 12:05 pm Mass.

*Free-will offering for
Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth*

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~



Penitential Service (St. Gerard Church)

Thursday, April 4th @ 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.

TRIDUUM MINISTRIES SIGN-UP SHEETS

The sign-up sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be available on a table in the Welcome Area next weekend.

Sign-up sheet for altar servers will be in the sacristy.



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



Apr. 3 Executive Meeting
Apr. 7 Parish Brunch
Apr. 10 General Meeting
Apr. 12 Afternoon Bingo

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

Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on **Sunday, April 7th**. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$25.00

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 8th, 2019

7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

A reception in the Cathedral Auditorium will follow the Mass.

New Evangelization Summit 2019 On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class **Catholic speakers:** Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are pleased to offer this at two locations this year. {This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca

Where/Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina

When: May 4, 2019 - 8:45 am-4:30 pm

Cost: FREE



Bringing Home the Word **+**

God's Extravagant Love for All of His People

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signaled in verse 2: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Last Sunday, Jesus challenged the people to realize they were no better than those they condemned. The Pharisees and scribes had trouble with that lesson. They felt morally superior and more entitled to God's favor than those whose lives they questioned. Jesus turned that attitude on its head, showing time and again that God seeks out the sinner and the lost, particularly those who recognize that they are sinners and lost. As long as the Pharisees and scribes did not see themselves that way, Jesus could not help them.

Dictionary.com Unabridged says *prodigal* means "wastefully or recklessly extravagant," so someone who is prodigal is lavish, a spendthrift. According to the Pharisees, Jesus was prodigal, for they considered his welcome of sinners as wildly wasteful, frittering away time and resources on people they thought were unworthy. But Jesus simply was showing them, and all of us, what God's love is like. God is extravagant in his love for saints and sinners alike. To some it might seem pointless or unjust to love and care for sinners and enemies, but God finds no one unworthy or unlovable—even those who reject him and oppress others.

Lent is a time to accept our sinfulness, our lost condition, and return home to the Father. Like the father of the prodigal son, God waits for that warm embrace, willing to give us everything. Hurry!

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•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 those forcibly displaced in Colombia.

In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects. With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!



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 ~

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (2nd): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Fri. (5th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
7:30 pm- Movie Night
(K of C Chambers)
- Sat. (6th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (7th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.
(Social Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Prodigal Child"

This Week...

The guilt from the days in Egypt is forgiven. Our God is a forgiving God. Jesus tells us the story about a family member who sinned and was greeted with presents and a party upon returning home. The prodigal wasn't even sorry - just merely hungry and tired and looking for a way to get basic needs met! But forgiveness is bountiful with [God]. We need that reconciliation. And it is waiting for us.

For Your Reflection

Which one are you most like, the "good" sibling who does the right thing and sits in judgment of the "bad" sibling? Or the "bad" sibling who does the wrong thing and comes home to partying and presents and a jealous "good" sibling? Why?

Have you ever been surprised by someone's willingness to forgive you? Have you ever felt the simple, patient compassion of a parent like the one in this story? What happened? What is your relationship like with that parent now?

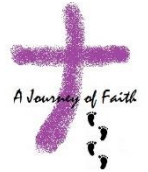
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, 2004



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. 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

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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca