



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday
of Lent

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (5 th):	7:00 pm-	+Adella Nayko
Tues. (6 th):	12:05 pm-	+Norbert Soyka
Wed. (7 th):	2:30 pm-	GLADSTONE SR RES +Valeria Woloschuk
	6:30 pm-	Dan & Brenda Dierker
Thurs. (8 th):	9:30 am-	Souls in Purgatory
	2:30 pm-	LAKESIDE MANOR +Alex Puchala
Fri. (9 th):	9:30 am-	+Peter Rumancik
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	7:00 pm-	Special Intentions
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Sun. (11 th):	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 am-	Stella Fulawka
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is the first Friday of the month at 10am.

The Stations of the Cross are prayed each Friday at 7pm during the season of Lent.

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



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Lord, you instill within me your power and wisdom. Help me discern clearly how to use your power and wisdom in service to my brothers and sisters.

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



**ST. GERARD PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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

Pastoral & Finance Council

Chairperson	1 year	Social Justice	3 years
Community Life	3 years	Public Relations	3 years
Family & Social	3 years	Hall	3 years

Nominations forms and copies of the St. Gerard Constitution and Bylaws are available in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office. **Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 9th at 12 noon.**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 15th @ 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**

Bailey's Grief Group

Mondays beginning, March 5 - April 23
7:00 - 8:30pm
Bailey's Funeral Home (45 Fifth Ave. N. Yorkton)

This eight-week series is designed for anyone who is experiencing grief from the death of a loved one. We meet to learn coping skills, share, listen and watch an informational DVD. There is no cost for attending, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Crystal at 306.783.7552 or email crystalbailey@sasktel.net



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
March 5 - March 9, 2018**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross @ 10am •SCC Meeting @ 6:30pm		•Penitential Service @ 9am •SCC Meeting @ 7pm	•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Tues.			•Penitential Service @ 9am	•KB to Sarcan •Gr. 4 Swimming	•SCC Meeting @ 7pm	
Wed.		•Pulse Retreat			•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Thurs.			•School-wide Religious Retreat	•Gr. 4 Swimming •Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am	•Lent Service @ 9am	
Fri.	•Sr Boys Bball @ YRHS	•Student Progress Reports		•Pulse Retreat •Elementary Band performs at the Music Festival •Progress reports	•Progress reports	•Progress reports

**"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

GUC Session #5 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love -- CWL quilting is now done until fall. Thank you to all the ladies who came out and shared their time, talent and inspiration for this project. Your help was so very much appreciated!



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 7	Executive Meeting @ 7pm
March 11	Parish Brunch
March 14	General Meeting @ 7:30pm
March 15	Afternoon bingo
	Fourth degree 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). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Restorative Justice Conference

"This is why we Can't just get over it" to be held in Melville, April 21, 2018. To register contact Yvette Beutel at 306-730-9934 or yvmetbeutel@sasktel.net



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Retreat & Celebration of the Sacrament
Saturday, March 10th @ 10am



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

*which will be held each Tuesday during Lent
following the 12:05 pm Mass.*

Free-will offering to the
"Catholic Education Matters" Fundraising Campaign

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

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

Mar. 9	Parish Council
Mar. 16	Stewardship Committee
Mar. 23	Altar Servers

The **new schedules** for the following ministries:

Welcomers Lectors
Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
Hospitality Ministers

are available on the large table in the Welcome Area and on-line at www.stgerard.ca

The Annual General Meeting

will be held
Thursday, March 15th @ 7:00 pm
in the Parish Hall.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, March 19th, 2018
2:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

*A reception in the Cathedral Auditorium will
follow the Mass.*

All are welcome to participate in this special Mass!

This Mass will be Live Streamed
www.archregina.sk.ca

CLICK on the 'Live Stream' Link

The next special collection will be March 18th. Please give generously to **Share Lent. Share Lent envelopes** are available in the Welcome Area if you do not use offertory envelopes or contribute by Pre-authorized Giving.



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Each Friday during Lent is 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 ~



Bringing Home the Word **+**

The Spirit of the Ten Commandments

By Mary Katharine Deeley

The license plate on a friend's car reads "56789." When someone asked him about it, he said, "Those are the commandments I'm good at." We all had a laugh but, in truth, the commandments bear deeper reflection.

To pretend that our obedience to the Ten Commandments is limited to the literal words themselves is spiritually shallow. We may not have killed someone, but have we ever thought how much better it would be if someone weren't in our workplace or school? Have we ever hated someone with a passion that interferes with our actions?

We may not have stolen something from a store, but have we ever taken anything that doesn't belong to us—ideas, supplies from work? These don't belong to us. Are there ways in which we really want what a friend has or fail to remain faithful in body, mind, and spirit? The Ten Commandments impact us far more than we realize.

In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates how far the moneychangers in the temple area have strayed from the true spirit of the worship of God. They probably hadn't given it much thought—it was the way they'd always done business. But their action made things difficult for others.

God demands a transformation that deals not only with the wrong everyone can see, but with the subtle ways we violate God's laws and fail to love. The middle of Lent is a good time for us to make this change and, if we need to do so, repent.

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YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

MARK THE DATE! Perogy Bee March 13th – 15th



In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round.

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

Proverbs 23:26 says, "My children give me your heart ... let your eyes observe my ways." God gives us His Spirit. We are marked eternally on our souls – constantly. How can we be used as instruments? When we tap into the Spirit, we find what we need by asking Him how and what to do. Our talents are deeper than we thought. We are asked to share the love that God has shown us and things for the purpose of service. We strive for unity in our relationships. We can change a negative to a positive at any time. Helping others will help us. We never help another without helping ourselves. Kindness is the beginning of wisdom.

We can focus on what's wrong or we can focus on what is right. It's so important to have kindness and genuine love. We can choose to live in the past or pass on it after seeking the Lord's will. We need to make peace with our past. We must believe in ourselves and in our gifts from God. With Him we can be wise and discerning. Our differences are strengths, not handicaps. We can learn from that and become more welcoming others to our parish community.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (4th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
- Mon. (5th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Wed. (7th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Mtg
- Fri. (9th): 4:00pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm- Movie Night
- Sat. (10th): 10:00 am- First Reconciliation Retreat
& Celebration of the Sacrament
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Ten Commandments"

This Week...

Even people who hate rules and regulations cannot deny that the Ten Commandments are a pretty good foundation for moral behaviour. We still need God's wisdom to guide our folly and our sinful ways. No doubt folly and sinful ways were on Jesus' mind as he watched the money changing and marketing going on at the Temple.

For Your Reflection

No matter what the rule or law is, some people can find a way around it. Sometimes they obey the "letter" of the law, but they disregard the "spirit" of the law. Sometimes they pretend to misunderstand the meaning of the law. And sometimes they actually get away with breaking a law by paying off someone who is supposed to be guarding the law.

- Is it ever okay to break a law? Why or why not? Give some examples.
- What are some school rules or family rules that you hate to keep? What do you dislike about them? What are some school rules or family rules that you wish other people would keep, but they don't? Why do you like those rules?
- Do you think it would be possible to run a country, a school, an organization, or a family without rules or laws? Why or why not? How would life be different?

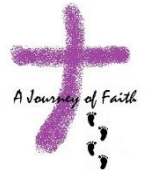
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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 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:

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