



What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

4. ...We recall the poignant words of Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: “Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity... The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all; patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children”. Blessed Paul VI spoke in a similar vein at the closing of the Council: “We prefer to point out how charity has been the principal religious feature of this Council... the old story of the Good Samaritan has been the model of the spirituality of the Council... a wave of affection and admiration flowed from the Council over the modern world of humanity. Errors were condemned, indeed, because charity demanded this no less than did truth, but for individuals themselves there was only admonition, respect and love. Instead of depressing diagnoses, encouraging remedies; instead of direful predictions, messages of trust issued from the Council to the present-day world. The modern world’s values were not only respected but honoured, its efforts approved, its aspirations purified and blessed... Another point we must stress in this: all this rich teaching is channelled in one direction, the service of mankind, of every condition, in every weakness and need.”

With these sentiments of gratitude for everything the Church has received, and with a sense of responsibility for the task that lies ahead, we shall cross the threshold of the Holy Door fully confident that the strength of the Risen Lord, who constantly supports us on our pilgrim way, will sustain us. May the Holy Spirit, who guides the steps of believers in cooperating with the work of salvation wrought by Christ, lead the way and support the People of God so that they may contemplate the face of mercy.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News March 7 - March 11, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stations of the Cross @ 10:00am •SHHS Gr. 8 Registration & Info. Meeting @ SHHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stations of the Cross @ 9:30am 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 9 SHHS Parent Info. Night @ SHHS
Tues.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr.8 X-country Ski Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stations of the Cross @ 12:30pm 		
Wed.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr.8 X-country Ski Trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chess Tournament 		
Thurs.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Penitential Service @ 9am 	
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Penitential Service @ 9:05am 				

“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 ~

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

TONIGHT

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



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



ATTENTION CANTORS & CHORISTERS!!!

The **Triduum** sign-up sheet is posted in the choir room. Please mark your availability. Cantors, the specific psalms will be discussed at a later date.

Posters announcing the **Triduum rehearsals** dates and times will be posted in the choir room soon. Or watch the bulletin for dates and times.



Penitential Service (St. Gerard)



Thursday, March 10th @ 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.

The **NEW SCHEDULES** for the Liturgical Ministries are available in the Welcome Area. Please pick up your copy today! Or online at www.stgerard.ca

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES for *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* are in the Welcome Area. **For those who are scheduled for Palm Sunday**, please ensure that, in the event that you are unable to minister, you ask your replacement to sign-up on the sheet. Thank you.



News from the CWL



If you have Fortrel fabric, please contact Yvonne at 306.782.1055



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 9 General Meeting
March 13 Parish Brunch
March 24 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).

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 Hryniw. A banquet will follow. More details will follow. If interested, please call Steve Popowich at 306.783.5441 or Jeff Krasowski at 306.783.5672.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

MARTHA HOUSE VACANCY- a Home for Retired Priests and Seniors (Men and Women) is accepting those who can descend and ascend stairs independently. (Level 1) It is a beautiful and serene place for seniors who love to PRAY. We have daily recitation of the Rosary and daily Masses.

Martha House offers the lowest and most affordable cost in Regina. For more information contact: Sr. Jessica or Debra Kirkpatrick 306-545-0509. Martha House 1855 2nd Ave. N. Regina, SK S4R 0Y1. *Martha House is a Registered Charitable Institution.*

CHRISM MASS

Holy Rosary Cathedral
3125 13th Avenue, Regina
Tuesday, March 15th @ 7 pm

Bishop Albert Thévenot (Prince Albert), Presider

Anointing with oil is an important part of the sacramental life of the Church. The consecration of Sacred Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens at the Chrism Mass is a powerful symbol of our oneness as a diocesan family through the ministry of our chief shepherd. *All faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to attend. Reception to follow.*

Good News!

March 6, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10–12 / 2 Cor 5:17–21 / Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

One of the deep meanings of this Gospel reading is signalled 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 favour 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 now.

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Special Collection Dates

Mar. 13	Development & Peace
Mar. 24	The Pope's Pastoral Works
Mar. 25	Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
Apr. 17	Education of Seminarians
May 15	Catholic Missions in Canada
Sept. 25	Needs of the Church in Canada
Oct. 23	Propagation of the Faith

If you are part of the Pre-Authorized Giving Program and would like to contribute to the special collections, please place your donation in an envelope, indicating the name of the collection as well as your name and address. Thank you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE SOLIDARITY DESSERT EVENING WITH OUR INDONESIAN BROTHERS & SISTERS



Monday, March 7, 2016

St. Gerard's Parish

125 - 3 rd Ave. North, Yorkton



7:00 PM



**Yuli Kusworo, Development & Peace
Representative from Indonesia
will be our guest speaker.**

Dessert & Beverages to follow

**This event is hosted by
St. Gerard's Social Justice Committee.**

**CREATE A CLIMATE
OF CHANGE**



The Sacred Heart High School Drama Club presents an evening of

Dessert Theatre

Featuring Three One-Act Plays:

New Canadian Kid
a drama by Dennis Foon

Directed by M.L.E. Foon
Produced by arrangement with Education Library Entertainment



Too Many Doctors
a comedy by Farriet Dexter

Directed by M.L.E. Foon
Produced by arrangement with Education Library Entertainment

**Parents Just Don't
Understand**
a comedy by Eryan Starchman

Directed by M.L.E. Foon and M.L.E. Foon
Produced by arrangement with Education Library Entertainment



Tuesday, March 15, 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

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

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. 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