



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 13, 2018

Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord

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. (14 th):	9:00 am-	Donna Prout
Tues. (15 th):	9:00 am-	+Alex Puchala
	7:00 am-	<i>Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Abuse</i>
Wed. (16 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		Anne Kormos
	7:00 pm-	<i>Prayer Vigil–Mary Borys</i>
Thurs. (17 th):	10:00 am-	<i>Funeral Mass–Mary Borys</i>
	2:30 pm-	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Sheila Desroches
Fri. (18 th):	9:00 am-	+Mary Balint
Sat. (19 th):	9:30 am-	NO MASS
	7:00 pm-	Vigil of Pentecost
		+Ruth Molnar
Sun. (20 th):		Pentecost Sunday
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	Special Intentions

*The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm.
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.*

****PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MORNINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.****

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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Risen Lord, your death, resurrection, and ascension are good news for us. Help me to share this message of hope with all people.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

~ ST. GERARD PARISH - GENERAL MEETING ~

Wednesday, May 30th
7:30 pm

*This meeting is open to all parishioners - especially our many volunteers. We have been evaluating many of our procedures. There will be restructuring changes that will affect our St. Gerard's staff and some of our volunteers. **If you have any questions, please plan to attend this May 30th meeting.***

St. Gerard Parish Personnel Committee

Catechism Themes: Christ already reigns through his Church . . . (CCC 668-670) & Until all things are subject to him. (CCC 671-672)

Christ's Ascension into heaven symbolized his Lordship. He now revealed his participation in the Father's power and authority. What the Son possessed by his divinity nature, he made manifest in the economy of salvation.

While Christ now reigns with his Father, he still dwells in his Body, the Church. Through the Church, Christ acts in the world. Through the Church he announces the immanence of God's Kingdom. The Church, imperfect as an assembly of sinners, still dares to declare the Kingdom. For the Church is made whole through the work of Christ's Spirit.

So, we await the coming of our Savior in these "end times." At Christ's second coming, all that God promised will happen. We will live forever in justice, love, and peace.

What notions do you have about the end of the world? How does this gospel differ from your expectations for the end?

What will the end be like? Will it come in a fiery battle between good and evil (Hollywood's preferred ending)? Or will it come in the blink of an eye, where everything is changed? We don't know how it will happen, but we do know who will be present at the end. Christ will return to raise up the faithful and send away the evil. Then there will be eternal peace with the Lord in charge. Do we really need to know anything else about the end?

Slowly pray the Our Father. Reflect on its meaning, not as a prayer for present need, but as a prayer for the coming of the last day. How does your recitation change your outlook on the prayer?

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
May 14 - May 18, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•CTTCS Division Track & Field	•Division Track Meet		•CTTCS Gr. 4-8 Track Meet	
Tues.					•Track Alternate Day	
Wed.					•Gr. 6 Band Trip	
Thurs.			•Friends Day (am)		•Gr. 6 Band Trip	
Fri.			•MADD Presentation			

"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

The next Baptism Preparation class will be Sunday, May 27th at 6:30pm. Please phone the Parish Office this week to register!

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Final Session & Rehearsal
May 22 @ 6:00 pm



News from the CWL



2018 Membership Reminder

If you haven't renewed your 2018 membership, it's not too late. You can put your cheque or cash in an envelope marked "CWL Membership" and put it in the Sunday collection, leave it at the Parish Office, or call Paulette 306.782.7923. Membership fee is \$25.00



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 16 Special Needs Lunch

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary Prayer each Monday at 6:00 pm during the month of May.

Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy.

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

Archdiocese of Regina Online Art Auction

A wonderful way to help contribute to the educational costs of our seminarians and purchase that perfect wedding, graduation, anniversary, or to get a new art piece for your collection. You can view the art at www.archregina.sk.ca/auction Bidding will begin on May 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2018.

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

For the first time in the history of the Archdiocese, **THIRTEEN** men will be ordained as Deacons!

On **June 15th, 2018**, nine men will be ordained as Permanent Deacons:

Arron Polk	Harper Boucher	David Hagel
Eric Gurash	Lamont Dyck	Kevin Harty
Norbert Gaudet	Dennis Ziegler	David Hudy

On **June 29th, 2018**, four Seminarians will be ordained as Transitional Deacons:

Parker Love	Ricardo Escalante
Vu Van Chinh	Buu Phun Tran

The Ordinations will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 7:00 pm



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community
all those who were baptized
recently at St. Gerard:**

Charley Neibrandt
Timothy Petralba
Armand Scheller
Quinn Studer

**May these children and their families
experience joy and new life.**



"All Choirs Rehearsal"

Thursday, May 17th
7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Tuesday, May 15th at 7pm

Please attend a Stations of the Cross prayer service for those who are victims of clergy sexual abuse.

"The Way of the Cross through the Voice of Victims" will encourage us to find the courage to listen deeply and compassionately to those who were wounded where they should have found love.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Living a New Reality

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. With great care, we select readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better. They get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him.

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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

REFUGEE FAMILY FUNDRAISER

STEAK NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thursday, May 24th at 5:30pm
146 Broadway Street East

Tickets available after Mass.
Thanks for your support!

~ Organized by the Social Justice Committee ~



Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love—the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (14th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (15th): 7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
- Thurs. (17th): 7:00 pm- "All Choirs" rehearsal
- Fri. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (19th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The God of Every Nation"

This Week...

In every nation, the people who love are doing the work of God. No one country is better than another. We are called to love each other regardless of which nation we call home.

For Your Reflection

Gang-related violence is becoming a concern all over. In Jesus' and Peter's world, the two big "gangs" were the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus started building bridges between the two groups, and Peter and the other disciples continue the work. At first, it was difficult for most Jews who grew up thinking themselves superior to Gentiles to live with them as equals and as friends.

- Is there a group of people you feel superior to? a group you feel inferior to? How many friends do you have who are Native [Canadian]? African [Canadian]? Hispanic [Canadian]? Asian [Canadian]? European [Canadian]?
- Is there racial tension where you live and attend school? In [Canada], everyone is supposed to be treated equally. Do you believe this is what happens? Why or why not?
- Gangs are not formed only along racial lines. Gangs or cliques can form in any community. Sometimes athletes associate only with other athletes; sometimes actors and musicians hang out together; sometimes people with high incomes socialize only with people in the same income bracket. Are there cliques in your school? Are some groups seen as superior to others? What is the social structure? Why do you think it exists? What can be done about it?

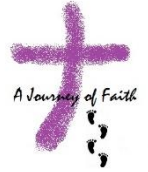
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2012



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

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