

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

Pentecost Sunday – May 15, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (16th): NO MASS
Tues. (17th): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
Wed. (18th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
Irene Cherneski
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Horace Jackson
Thurs. (19th): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
Fri. (20th): 9:00 am- +Bill & +Helen Hunt
Sat. (21st): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Mary Ostafie

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Marion Novakowski

Sun. (22nd): *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Hadrian Patrick Rondilla

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Jerome Niezgoda
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett



Coffee after each Mass
NEXT WEEKEND!



Non-liturgical Schedule

Tues. (17th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed. (18th): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Thurs. (19th): 7:00 pm- RCIA
Sat. (21st): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

SAVE THE DATE!

Wine and Cheese Social
Refugee Sponsorship Information Night

*Learn more about St. Gerard's plans
to sponsor a refugee family from Eritrea.*



Thursday, June 16th

7:00 to 9:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Raffles and Door Prizes
Wine and Cheese – Cash Bar

Tickets are \$10.00

Available from Committee Members:

Rosella 306.782.7042
Murray 306.782.2956
Rejean 306.783.6767

or contact Father Francis at the Parish Office

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

12. The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

The Church’s first truth is the love of Christ. The church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy.

ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

P P C C	Chairperson	- Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson-	VACANT
	Secretary	- Rita Rodney	Liturgy	- Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
	Religious Education-	Lori Zuzak	Social Justice	- Jeannette Tremblay/Kathy Fedorchuk
	Community Life	- Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	- VACANT
	Family & Social	- VACANT	Youth	- VACANT
P F C C	Ecumenical	- Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship	- Christine Shuya
	CWL Rep.	- Rosella Wanner	K of C Rep.	- Ted Osicki
	Finance	- Brian Kruger	Member at Large-Conrad Rodney	
	Properties	- Matt Bernat	Member at Large-Richard Dubois	
	Hall	- Don Reed		



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

May 16 - May 20, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Board Retreat	•Triple P Parenting		•Gr. 6 Canoeing Instruction	•Living Rosary	
Tues.	•Gr. 12 Retreat	•Living Rosary	•Gr. 6 Band Festival in Moose Jaw	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•Gr. 6 Band Trip	
Wed.			•Gr. 6 Band Festival in Moose Jaw	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw •SCC Hot Lunch •SCC Organizational Meeting	•Gr. 6 Band Trip •Kindergarten registration •Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo	
Thurs.		•CTCS Division Track & Field Meet	•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •CTCS Track & Field Meet	•CTCS Division Track Meet	•CTCS Track Meet	
Fri.		•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo		•Kindergarten Ministry Site Workshop	•Gr. 6 Canoe Instruction	

“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 as soon as possible to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449.

The next session will be held
July 5th, 6th & 7th @ 7pm

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD
AT SUNDAY MASS?

Please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306-621-0093 for information about registering your child/youth for the St. Gerard Youth Choir!



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!! You are invited to drop in to the Tuesday (7pm), Wednesday (7:30 pm), or Saturday (6:15pm) rehearsals!

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.

During the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed following the 9:00 am Daily Mass.

Retrouvaille helps hurting marriages!

When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. Retrouvaille cares about your marriage.

Please consider registering for the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) program before you consider divorce.

For confidential information about or to register for the September 16-18, 2016 weekend in Saskatoon, call (306) 652-7155 or email: retrouvaille@sasktel.net



News from the CWL



Wed. June 1 CWL Windup BBQ



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 25 Articles for "The Word" due
May 26 Evening 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).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

It's Time to Talk...

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Monday, June 20, 2016 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Parliament Community Church,
4011 Pasqua Street, Regina

Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)

(Mary is a member of the Diocese of Saskatoon's Justice and Peace Commission and a Board Member for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan.)

The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion.

May is 'Leave a Legacy' Month! Know the joy of helping others find life in Christ! Please make a gift to your Catholic Church in your will. ***Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow!***

Ephesians 3:20 Call or email us for your free Catholic Estate Organizer: Joan at 306-352-1651 or jfellingner@archregina.sk.ca



YEAR OF MERCY PRESENTATION

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00–9:00 pm
Resurrection Parish
3155 Windsor Park Road, Regina

The Very Reverend James Owolagba, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Regina and Judicial Vicar of the Marriage Tribunal, will speak on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and Divine Mercy. Shirley Oleskiw, the Director of the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy, will talk about St. Faustina and Jesus' mission for her, the EADM Chapel and the Shrine for St. Faustina here in Regina, as well as the Chapel of Divine Mercy and its many graces. Beverages and dainties will be served, free will offering.

Good News!

May 15, 2016

PENTECOST (C)

Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 /
Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

Our daughter married into a large Italian family whose get-togethers include dozens of people. (More than fifty were there for Christmas dinner, and not everyone could make it.) Ours is a small and often-quiet family, so Katy had to get used to more noise and activity than she had growing up. It was like learning a new language. It's often that way when couples wed. Over time, we come to know the inside jokes, the way the in-laws mark occasions, who we can joke with and who prefers a more serious interaction. Just as with growing up in our own families, we become a part of them, and they become a part of us.

When the Holy Spirit descended on those gathered in the upper room, it was like a wedding. They had to learn the language of God's family—one that included proclamation, sharing, repentance, and mercy. They had to learn what it meant to be part of one body, using their unique gifts to build on what Christ had already started. With the Holy Spirit as inspiration and source of grace, the disciples and apostles were sent to testify and invite the world to the eternal life that Christ offers.

In any relationship it takes time to get to know the other. God has the advantage in his relationship with us—he already knows us fully and intimately. In getting to know him and learning his language, we may feel awkward or out-of-place. But he constantly welcomes and invites us to be a part of his life and Church, knowing we might eventually come to live with him forever.

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OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sign out a baby bottle and fill it with donations to help support those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!

Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SASKATCHEWAN



For all Youth in the Archdiocese of Regina Sunday, July 31st

For Grades 7 to 12 - From 9 to 4:30 p.m.

Holy Child Parish, 2636 – 7th Ave East, Regina - \$25/person, \$50/family



Activities Include:

- Island Survival - Church Trivia - Cracker Jacks
- No Pain, No Gain: Experience the Pascal Mystery -
- Closing Mass -
- Refreshment Breaks and Lunch

To Register Email:

Leona Burkhart: L.Burkhart@archregina.sk.ca
or Sharon Bender: SBender@archregina.sk.ca
(306)352-1651 ext 239

Just a reminder that Early Bird registration deadline for the Camp O'Neill Youth Camp is May 31st. After May 31st prices go up!

Youth and Teen Camp (age 8 - 15) is July 10 - 15
Kidz Camp (age 6 & 7) is July 14 - 15

Please visit our website for the registration forms and much more! www.camponeill.ca

Family Fun Day! June 18, 2016 at Camp O'Neill!

Starts at 1:00 pm!

A day filled with fun, family activities, Jackie Guy music and good food! Please come out and enjoy your day!

Kerr's Bouncers Inflatables will be set up!

Silent auction

Family games

Mass @ 4pm (supper to follow)

Tickets: Adults \$15; 12 & Under \$10; Preschool Free

For tickets please call:

Mike or Janice at 306-793-3010; Arnold or Joan at 306-745-6210; Gerd or Verna at 306-896-2904

Deadline for Tickets: June 10, 2016

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Winds of the Spirit"

This Week...

Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the church. This day celebrates the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus in a rush of wind and tongues of fire. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be church. These gifts vary - they are as different as we are. But we are all needed, and we are all members of one united body.

For Your Reflection

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit - the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction, or commitment? What else might you need?

In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost?

When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit?

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:

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