



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

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. (20 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (21 st):	7:00 pm	+Eileen Griffith
Wed. (22 nd):		NO MASS
Thurs. (23 rd):	9:00 am	+Merv Todos
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE RESIDENCE
		+Vicky Chipeur
Fri. (24 th):	9:00 am	+Sharon Patenaude
Sat. (25 th):	9:00 am	+Raymond Neumeier

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (26th): **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Special Intentions
11:00 am Mass for the People

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 306.621.8068



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

CONTACT US

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

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Risen Jesus, you conquered hatred with love, by embracing suffering even to death and beyond to Resurrection. While all kinds of evil tempt us to give up on love, your Resurrection proclaims that love always wins. Help us to choose love with reckless abandon, a sign and a proclamation of our faith in you. Amen. Alleluia!

Catechism Theme: General Ministry of the Church (934-943)

There are two types of ministry in the Church: a general ministry all Christians are called to and a specific ministry individual members within the Church are called to. The general ministry is to serve the world. The specific ministry is to serve the members of the Church in the name and person of Jesus. These specific or "sacred" ministers who serve the Church (bishops, priests, and deacons) are called "clerics." All other Church members are called "laity." (934, 935)

The three aspects of general ministry are the roles of priest, prophet, and king. As priests, all Christians are called to pray. As prophets, all Christians are called to witness for Jesus through their words and actions. As kings, all Christians are called to lead others as Jesus did, through loving service. (941, 942, 943)

All Christians are called to witness by example. The example of prayer, word and deed, and loving service.

How has the love of Christians help you through times of testing? How did these Christians express their love?

Jesus gave an example of God's presence in the world. We are to continue that example. The love Jesus gives us is the same love we share with others. That love defines us and motivates us. It is the love that grows beyond words.

Reflect on ways you can show God's love to others. Plan two or three ways to share his love this week.

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"Listening to the Gospel as a Family" – In our information age much of the news we hear is often negative. Now we have to contend with not only bad news but fake news. What we really need is good news. Our loving encounter with Jesus, the God-Man is truly good news that sets us free and brings us joy. Pope Francis tells us that "the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" and when "we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" (Evangelii Gaudium, 1 & 8). Let us experience God's love for us by taking time to listen to the gospel as a family so that we may share with others the joy of the gospel. Please visit: www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-andworld/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/5041-2019-national-week-for-lifeand-the-family



Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious articles including Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion gifts.



ARRIVING MID-WEEK – GRADUATION GIFTS AND BAPTISM BIBLES!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

May 20 - May 25, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Victoria Day – No School					
Tues.	Inservice Day – No School					
Wed.		•Gr. 7/8 Social Media Presentation	•Gr. 4 Swimming	•Holodomor Bus Tour		
Thurs.		•Band Parent Meeting Gr. 5-12 @ SHHS		•Band Booster Parent Mtg @ SHHS		
Fri.			•Living Rosary with Bishop Bryan Bayda	•Gr. 7/8E Field Trip to RAM Industries		
Sat.	•Graduation					

"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 Session is
Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please 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



News from the CWL



The CWL theme for 2019 - 2020 is **Care for our Common Home** which comes from the Holy Father's 2015 Encyclical **Laudato Si'**. We care for our Common Home by being faithful stewards of creation. It is called Climate Action in modern day terminology. This April, Canadian faith leaders posted an 8-minute video echoing this same call. Watch 'For the Love of Creation' on YouTube.

At his homily at the CWL Diocesan Convention, Archbishop Bolen told us he had just attended a meeting to plan for a month long Synod on Climate Action to be held in October in Rome. Our promise is to keep you informed. We prayerfully ask Our Lady of Good Counsel to give us wisdom in our endeavours.



All are invited to the



Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist

on Friday, May 31st @ 7:00 pm

Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber,
Celebrant



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 24

Evening Bingo

May 25

Articles for "The Word" due

*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

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA



RELIC VENERATION

Saturday, June 1

Holy Rosary Cathedral

11am – 9pm

2104 Garnet Street, Regina

Sunday, June 2

Miller High School

7:45am – 11:45am

1027 College Avenue, Regina

A Mass in honour of Saint Pio will be celebrated at
10am on Saturday, June 1st (Holy Rosary
Cathedral).

*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina
will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the
Ordination of*

**DEACON PARKER LOVE
DEACON ANTHONY TRAN PHUNG
DEACON VAN CHINH VU**

To the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

Friday, June 14, 2019

7:00 pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral

A reception will follow



The Knights of Columbus

Council No. 2031

will lead the

Rosary Prayer

each Monday at 5:30 pm

during the month of May.

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JUDAS
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GLORIFIED
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JESUS
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Bringing Home the Word

Sharing God's Word Everywhere

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I was fortunate to do my hospital chaplaincy rotation with a young seminarian who was ordained about three years after our summer experience. Tom and I became good friends. He came to my wedding and I went to his ordination. My children forever referred to him as Young Fr. Tom. He has been a blessing to me and my family.

When he was ordained, I tried my hand at writing a song as a gift for him. He was so eager and willing to preach the Gospel wherever he was sent that I wanted to mark that in some way. One lyric I wrote went like this: "Finding our homes where we can share your word, only to leave again when it's been heard...to be your people." Fr. Tom serves in Africa now, training other seminarians, and I often think of him and of that song because I have come to realize that we're all called to share God's word whether we're in a comfortable place or a strange one. Perhaps part of our challenge is to leave the areas where we're comfortable and welcomed for those where the path is rougher and less clear, but the need for the good news is all the greater.

Today our models are Paul and his companions, who travel from place to place to preach the gospel and move on when they have done what they can. They follow Jesus' command to love and find the glory of the Lord in that work and in whom they serve. If we are to be God's people, we also must spread the hope of God's love to all we meet, even if we have to travel far to do so.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, June 6th
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

Let's get together and Build Community!

The St. Gerard Parish Pictorial Directory has arrived!

Photo directories are available for sale at the Parish Office during regular office hours (while supplies last). Cost: \$15.00 (cash or cheque payable to "St. Gerard Church"). Limited supply.



Living Rosary, Moleben & Strawberry Social



Sunday, May 26th

St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (Yorkton)

Living Rosary & Moleben (church) @ 6:30 pm

Social to follow (hall) - \$3.00 per person

In Christ, there is both East and West Covenant Vespers - May 26 at 3pm

Come! Join in the celebration as we mark an important stage on the way towards a renewed Covenant. Building upon the 2011 Covenant between Anglicans and Roman Catholics in southern Saskatchewan, we are working towards an expanded covenant with Lutherans (ELCIC) and Ukrainian Catholics in 2020. This year, on May 26, come and celebrate the work of the original Covenant partners over the past 8 years and pray for a renewed life together in Christ. Learn about the practical commitments our four churches are making towards living together as the church of Christ.

The annual Covenant prayer service will be an Eastern Catholic Vespers, celebrated on **Sunday, May 26th at 3pm at St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Parish** (55 McMurchy Ave., Regina). There will be a time of fellowship after the service.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (20th): *Victoria Day – Parish Office Closed until 1:00pm Tuesday*
- Tues. (21st): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Fri. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA
(Meeting Room B)
- Sat. (25th): 10:00 am- Deanery Meeting
(Lower Level)
6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (26th): 12:15 pm– Sacrament Rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"A New Heaven and a New Earth"

This Week...

It is fascinating to think about how big the world is, and yet how small the earth is. In Paul's day, travel was a lot more difficult, and still he and others managed to journey across all of the known earth, preaching to the *Gentiles*. John has a vision of a new heaven and a new earth - a peaceful place with no pain and no problems, not even death. Jesus tells us what brings heaven to earth: love, the global universal value.

For Your Reflection

What is really good about our world? What is not so good? If you could help create the "new heaven and the new earth," what would you want the design to include?

Why do you think so many schools require students to learn a foreign language? Why do you think countries have exchange student programs? How can we learn from visiting one another's countries, and from having citizens from other countries visit ours? What can different languages and cultures teach us?

Love seems to be a universal value in all cultures. All cultures celebrate marriage, children, family life, and friendship based on love and caring. If this is true, why is there so much friction between peoples of different countries and different races?

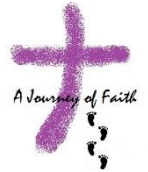
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004



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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