
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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2016 Celebration of Confirmation & First Communion

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (3rd): 9:00 am- +Curtis Kryski
Wed. (4th): 7:00 am- *12 Hours of Prayer begins*
6:00 pm- *Benediction*
6:30 pm- +Cecile Steinmacher
Thurs. (5th): 9:00 am- +Eugene Ostapovich
10:30 am- Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)
+Mildred Jackson
Fri. (6th): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
Sat. (7th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Mary Chillog

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +John & +Margaret Mihalicz

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Sun. (8th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Joelle Lucas

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett

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

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (1st): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group
Mon. (2nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (3rd): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg.
Wed. (4th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Thurs. (5th): 7:00 pm- RCIA
Fri. (6th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (7th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass



Congratulations to our Youth
who receive the
Sacraments of
Confirmation & First Communion
at each Mass today!

*All parishioners are invited
to the reception following Mass.*



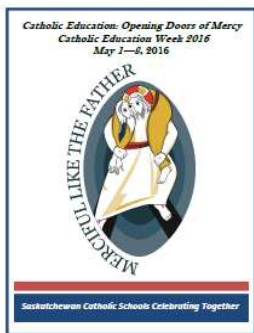
What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

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

11. Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching many by surprise. There are two passages in particular to which I would like to draw attention. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today’s cultural milieu: “The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of ‘mercy’ seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (cf. *Gen 1:28*). This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God.” (*cont’d next week.....*)



Catholic Education Week in Saskatchewan is May 1st to May 8th, 2016

Every year, forty days after Easter on Ascension Thursday, Catholics across the globe celebrate World Catholic Education Day. On that day, and throughout the week in Saskatchewan, Catholics take a moment to pause, reflect, give thanks, and pray for the gift of Catholic Education. This year’s theme, *Catholic Education: Opening Doors of Mercy*, suggests a focus on living with one another as a people of mercy. Students and staff in our Catholic schools will reflect on what it means to be merciful like our heavenly Father. On World Catholic Education Day, May 5th, there will be a special focus on growing in mercy so that as God’s people we may become more merciful like

the Father. Please pray for our Catholic schools, that they may always be places where the doors of mercy are open.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



May 2 - May 6, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Oratory •Triple P Parent Session 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jump Rope for Heart •Bball vs St. Mary 	
Tues.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Come & Go Tea @ 1pm •Oratory 	•Gr. 4 Swim		
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7/8 Band Trip (return on Friday) •Gr. 4 Swimming 	•Gr. 7/8 Band Trip (return on Friday)	•Gr. 7/8 Band Trip (return on Friday)	•Gr. 7/8 Band Trip (return on Friday)	
Thurs.		•World Catholic Education Day Gospel Assembly	•World Catholic Education Day Celebration •Living Rosary	•Gr. 4 Swim	•World Catholic Education Day Service	
Fri.		•Gr. 4 Swimming				

“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

Christ's Body, Our Body

When we gather for the Eucharist we gather in the Name of Jesus, who is calling us together to remember his death and resurrection in the breaking of the bread. There he is truly among us. "Where two or three meet in my name," he says, "I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20).

The presence of Jesus among us and in the gifts of bread and wine are the same presence. As we recognise Jesus in the breaking of the bread, we recognise him also in our brothers and sisters. As we give one another the bread, saying: "This is the Body of Christ," we give ourselves to each other saying: "We are the Body of Christ." It is one and the same giving, it is one and the same body, it is one and the same Christ.

From *Bread for the Journey*, by Henri Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco



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.



News from the CWL



12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on **May 4, 2016**. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Gerard's in prayer and solidarity on May 4th from 7:00am to 6:00pm at St. Gerard's Church. Coffee and tea, and an opportunity to give a free will offering in support of Sunrise Health Region Palliative Care facility will be available.

Adoration:	7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Benediction:	6:00 pm – 6:15 pm
Mass:	6:30 pm

Please share 15 minutes of your time in prayer.

Pope Francis reminds us, "let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer."

You are also encouraged to sign the 12 Hours of Prayer Petition (located at the back of Church) urging the government to provide accessible and available hospice palliative care for all residents of Canada.



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 4	Executive Meeting
May 5	Afternoon bingo
May 8	Mothers' Day carnations

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.

Good News!

May 1, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what Pope St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it's easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear (in fairly abbreviated form) about the Council of Jerusalem. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more. This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see 15:12, 31-32; John 14:27).

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SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 10, 7 pm at Holy Rosary, plan to attend a conference on the next steps in implementing the **Paris Climate Change Agreement**.

This conference is organized jointly by Development and Peace, the Canadian Religious Conference and the environmental organization Equiterre and is being offered in only eleven cities across Canada in the next few months.

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

In the Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant signed in 2011 between the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Archdiocese of Regina, the two dioceses commit to holding an annual joint prayer service of reconciliation with the participation of both bishops. This year, the service will take place on **Pentecost Sunday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina**. The homily will be given by the Very Reverend Lorne Crozon, Rector of Holy Rosary Cathedral and Diocesan Administrator for the Archdiocese since the death of Archbishop Daniel Bohan in January. The episcopal blessing will be given by the Most Reverend James Weisgerber, Archbishop Emeritus of Winnipeg. The service will be followed by a reception.

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

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306.783.4255

******Perogy Bee******

MON.	May 2	9:00 am	Prepping
TUES.	May 3	9:30 am	Pinching
WED.	May 4	9:00 am	Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Glory of God is Our Light, Our Lamp is the Lamb"

This Week...

Lamps have always been a symbol of learning, with the light from the lamp representing our own enlightenment. Jesus promises us that the Spirit will come to teach the Apostles. At the Council of Jerusalem, many disciples gathered to enlighten one another about how the Gentiles received the gift of the Holy Spirit without first being circumcised. And John's great vision reminds us that the only lamp we need is the Lamb of God - one of Jesus' titles.

For Your Reflection

Many colleges and universities use the symbol of the burning lamp on their seal to represent knowledge. Why do you think that is a natural symbol? What do light and knowledge have in common? How is Jesus like a lamp? What might the oil - the fuel used for light - represent?

What do you think the world needs more of - people willing to learn, or people willing to change things? Is it harder to learn, gain knowledge, and propose solutions, or is it harder to do the work, take action, and create change? Can you do one without doing the other? Why or why not? Where might you fit in?

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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