



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 20, 2018

Solemnity of Pentecost

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. (21 st):	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (NEW)	
	7:00 pm-	+Bill & +Helen Hunt
Tues. (22 nd):	6:30 pm-	Confirmation & First Communion Candidates
Wed. (23 rd):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		+Alex Puchala
Thurs. (24 th):	9:00 am-	MaryAnn Scherr
	2:00 pm-	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Larry Chelle
Fri. (25 th):	9:00 am-	Purnell Lukey
	7:00 pm-	<i>Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist</i>
Sat. (26 th):	9:30 am-	+Doreen Sereda
	7:00 pm-	+Christine Ooi
Sun. (27 th):	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	Special Intentions

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

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

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



CONTACT US

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

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Lord, your Spirit renews our faith, hope, and love. Empower me to be your presence of love and compassion to others.

- 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

All Parishioners are invited to attend the CTTCS Religious Education Inservice Presentation

“The Art of Getting Over Yourself”

Featuring Jon Leonetti

**Tuesday, May 22nd from 9am to 11:45am
SHHS Performing Arts Theatre**

Discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love!

All Parishioners are invite to an
Appreciation Tea at St. Mary School

Wednesday, May 23rd
1:30pm-3:00pm

The tea provides an opportunity for us to gather together to celebrate God's gift of Catholic Education in which we are blessed. We thank all of the clergy and parishioners for all their support and prayers ensuring that Catholic Education continues to be the foundation of our schools.



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
May 21 - May 25, 2018**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	NO SCHOOL					
Tues.	NO SCHOOL					
Wed.				•District Track Meet •Gr 5F Rosary-making		
Thurs.	•Band Boosters Meeting	•Districts Track & Field •SCC Family Lunch	•Districts Track & Field •Kids First Impact Fair for all pre-K aged families from Yorkton •School/Parish Tea	•District Track Meet •Band Boosters Meeting	•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •Gr. 5 Rosary-making •Band Boosters AGM	
Fri.				•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •YTC Art Market & Showcase of Local Indigenous Arts	•Missing Child Day Presentation followed by Living Rosary @ 12:30pm	
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 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

Tuesday, 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



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



All are invited to the



Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist

on Friday, May 25th @ 7:00 pm

Archbishop Donald Bolen, Celebrant

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

****Ministers of Holy Communion (Chalice) – Please sign up on the sheets in the Welcome Area as we will be celebrating Holy Communion under both species Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd.*



A Living Rosary

will be prayed on the

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, May 31st at 7pm

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

~ Organized by the St. Gerard CWL Council ~

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



Bringing Home the Word

The Breath of the Spirit

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When our children were toddlers, we played a game called Typhoon. It was simple—we looked intently into their eyes and then blew into their faces and said, "Typhoon." Whether it was the breath blowing past them or the word itself, I am not sure, but they always widened their eyes, looked startled for a minute, and then started laughing.

The memory of this game comes unbidden when I read that Jesus blew on the disciples and commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit. I can imagine that their eyes widened and they looked startled for a minute. Maybe one or two of them were tempted to laugh, but the enormity of what Jesus said next sobered them quickly. There was power in the Spirit Jesus breathed out: a power to forgive sins.

The Church uses this passage, among others, to support Christ's institution of the sacrament of reconciliation, and so it is. In our reflection, though, we shouldn't forget that we all are called to forgiveness in our relationships with one another.

While our forgiveness is not sacramental, it's a measure of our life in the Spirit that's poured out on the world at Pentecost. One of our great temptations is not to forgive but hold others bound because of our anger, fear, or plain stubbornness.

Remember, though, that forgiving others frees us as much as it frees them. In forgiving, we are no longer bound by hate, resentment, or feelings of vengeance. Rather, we show ourselves transformed in Christ by this immense gift of love.

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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

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.

Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious items including Confirmation & First Communion gifts:

Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25
Heart-shaped, "Confirmation" pewter pocket token	\$1.50
Holy spirit pocket token	\$2.50
Rosary - decade, 10x3mm white glass beads 6" w/ dove	\$4.00
Bracelet - Boxed w/ dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75
Rhodium necklace w/black rope, dove	\$10.25
Boxed pewter medal w/ dove, 24" chain	\$10.50
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00
Boxed cream bracelet silver dove charm	\$15.00
True Faith dog tag w. dove cutout	\$19.00
Pewter cross w/chalice & dove, 6"	\$20.00
Communion bookmark	\$1.00
First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.00
First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.50
Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50
First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
Boxed rosary, heart-shaped white glass beads, 17"	\$8.00
First Communion ornate cross 4"	\$9.50
Boxed rosary, 4mm, silver cross & chalice	\$10.25
Bracelet w white beads silver cross and chalice	\$15.00
Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00
Youcat	\$34.00

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (21 st):	<i>Parish Office Closed for Victoria Day</i>
Tues. (22 nd):	6:00 pm- GUC session & rehearsal
Wed. (23 rd):	7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
Thurs. (24 th):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (26 th):	10:00 am- Youth Connect 6:15 pm-Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (27 th):	6:30 pm- Baptism Preparation Session

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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 the 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 adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 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 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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