
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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – May 22, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (23rd): 9:00 am- +Stan Skaluba
Tues. (24th): NO MASS
Wed. (25th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)
+Ed Steinmacher
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Mary Chillog
Thurs. (26th): 7:00 pm- +Carol Boychuk
Fri. (27th): 9:00 am- Julie Palmer-Redl
Sat. (28th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Mildred Jackson

7:00 pm- +Janet Gress

Sun. (29th): *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Emil Polegi
5:00 pm- *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Miles Shuya
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Leona Pinno

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



**Coffee after each Mass
THIS WEEKEND!**



Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (23rd): *Victoria Day – Parish Office Closed*
Tues. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Wed. (25th): 7:30 pm- Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Fri. (27th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sat. (28th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Glory be to the Father,

*Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.*

Glory be to the Son,

*Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,

*Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.*

Glory be to the Three adorable

*Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.*

Amen.



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

13. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord’s words: *Merciful like the Father*. The Evangelist reminds us of the teaching of Jesus who says, “Be merciful just as your Father is merciful” (*Lk* 6:36). It is a programme of life as demanding as it is rich with joy and peace. Jesus’ command is directed to anyone willing to listen to his voice (cf. *Lk* 6:27). In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God’s mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

14. The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This is a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.

The Lord Jesus shows us the steps of the pilgrimage to attain our goal: “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (*Lk* 6:37-38). The Lord asks us above all *not to judge* and *not to condemn*. If anyone wishes to avoid God’s judgement, he should not make himself the judge of his brother or sister. Human beings, whenever they judge, look no farther than the surface, whereas the Father looks into the very depths of the soul. (*to be continued next week.....*).



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



May 23 - May 27, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Tues.	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Wed.	•District Track & Field	•District Track & Field Meet	•Gr. 4-8 at District Track and Field Meet	•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •Gr. 4 Band Parent Meeting	•District Track Meet •Gr. 4 Band Parent Meeting @ SHHS	
Thurs.	•District Track & Field	•District Track & Field Meet	•Gr. 4-8 at District Track and Field Meet	•Gr. 5F Making Rosaries	•District Track Meet	
Fri.				•Mercy Gospel Assembly		
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

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



News from the CWL



CWL Wind-up BBQ

Wednesday, June 1st

Mass @ 5:30 pm – BBQ @ 6:30pm

There is no charge, but please bring a non-perishable food item for the food hamper. Hope you can be there!

St. Gerard's CWL invites everyone to pray the Rosary - Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. Socializing and refreshments to follow.



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).

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

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)

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.

"FREEDOM HAD A PRICE"

You are invited to a Prayer Service and viewing of this film at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church on **Wednesday, May 25**. This film is about Canada's first internment operation from 1914-1920 when 80,000 Ukrainian immigrants were forced to register as enemy aliens, and over 5000 were imprisoned in camps. This award-winning film is based on archival footage, vintage photographs and the compelling testimony of survivors.

6:30 pm

Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church

7:15 pm

Blessing and mounting of memorial plaque

8:00 pm

Film screening at St. Mary's Cultural Centre

Living Rosary, Moleben & Strawberry Social

Sunday, May 29th

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

6:30 pm - Living Rosary & Moleben (church)
Social to follow (hall)
\$3.00 per person

Good News!

May 22, 2016

TRINITY SUNDAY (C)

Prv 8:22-31 / Rom 5:1-5 / Jn 16:12-15

There was a period in my life when I thought I knew everything and that my way was the only way to go. The opinions of my parents and friends were politely (and sometimes not so politely) set aside. I blithely followed my own advice and did my own thing until time, maturity, and a few uncomfortable situations helped me to acquire a little humility. Even now, to be completely honest, I must admit to suffering a relapse from time to time. Is there anyone who hasn't occasionally thought, "Be reasonable: do it my way?"

We tend to think we know what's best for us and for others. We rely on our experience and intelligence. Sometimes we're right; often we are wrong. When our self-confidence and power become more important than the truth and common good, we easily verge into arrogance and stubbornness. Jesus reminds us that the Holy Spirit, whom he calls the Spirit of Truth, is the ultimate guide. In choosing to follow the Spirit and accepting Christ's authority, we admit that we do not know it all and that we are not the greatest.

Our Creed is built on this acceptance. From our first profession of faith, we stand in humble awareness that God alone knows it all and desires what is best for us and the whole world. This "best" includes a God who is an everlasting relationship-in-being: Three Persons who were at the beginning, are now, and ever shall be. Our celebration of the Trinity should include giving thanks for the wisdom that comes from union with God and his Church.

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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

All young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to a fun-filled day to celebrate **World Youth Day** with activities and prayer.

Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7th Avenue East, Regina

See poster on the bulletin board! Registration forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.

FacetoFace Ministries Catholic Summer Camp: Ignite 2016 August 7-12, in Bruno, SK

FacetoFace Ignite Camp is for youth going into Gr. 9 to graduating Gr. 12 desiring to grow in their faith. Ignite can literally change your life! Come for an amazing week filled with new friends, tons of fun, the Sacraments, dynamic talks, music, and more! Check out the poster on the bulletin board, or visit www.f2f.ca/ignite

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

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Trinity"

This Week...

There is a special relationship between God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and their Holy and Divine Spirit. One of the greatest mysteries of our faith is the Trinity - the one God that is, at the same time, three distinct persons - all affecting our life, and all entities with whom we can relate.

We are part of and share in the delight of God the Creator's creation and the grace that Jesus won for us. We can also share in the truth that the Spirit brings to us.

For Your Reflection

Saint Patrick is famous for making the shamrock a handy tool to illustrate the Blessed Trinity: one plant, three leaves that are all connected and united - symbolizing the one God, three persons that are all connected and united.

- Sometimes close relationships are also compared to the Trinity: the person you love, the person who loves you, and God. If God is a part of your relationship, it's hard to think of the two of you without the power, joy, and courage that God brings. Do you have any relationships like that? What are they like?

- A family, a team, or a close group of friends can also form a community of love that is similar to the Trinity - several persons that are connected and united in a very special way. Do you belong to any such group? If so, what makes it special?

- The Holy Spirit brings the truth of God. Sometimes in our life we are running away from a truth, or trying to ignore or avoid it. What basic truth in your life do you think God wants you to be more aware of?

- Sometimes in our life, when we have done something wrong or when we are about to do something wrong, the Spirit of God speaks to us through our conscience. Have you ever thought about doing something, until that voice inside you called you to do something else? What happened?

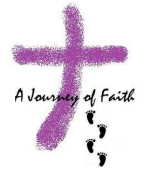
- The main message of every Gospel is to know the way of the Spirit and to follow the way of the Spirit. How easy is it to live your life that way? How is living your life that way similar to preaching the Gospel?



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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