



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 27, 2018

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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. (28 th):	9:00 am-	+Mariquita Thomas
Tues. (29 th):	7:00 pm-	+Alex Puchala
Wed. (30 th):	7:00 pm-	Charlotte Semchuk
Thurs. (31 st):	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9:00 am-	+Viola Molnar
Fri. (1 st):	9:00 am-	+Doreen Sereda
Sat. (2 nd):	9:30 am-	+Helen Rose Hryniuk
	4:00 pm-	<i>Trotz-Niezgoda Wedding</i>

7:00 pm- Special Intentions

Sun. (3rd): **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

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

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

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Lord, you command me to love all people. Remove the prejudice that keeps me from loving my brothers and sisters.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Catechism Theme: The Trinity (CCC 232, 238-245, 257-260)

The Church receives new believers "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit." The singular term "name" referred to the ancient notion that God in substance (nature or essence) is one, but three in person (or "hypostasis"). The family acts as an easily understood analogy of this mystery. There is only one family, but many members.

Why do we believe in the Trinity ("Tri" or three persons in "unity" or one God)? We believe through the words and actions of Jesus. And we believe through the work of the Spirit in the Church.

Common sense tells us God exists. But Jesus gave us a new look into nature of God. As creator, God is "Father." Jesus made that distant concept close and intimate. The Father became "Our Father" who cares for each and every one of his creatures with an intense, personal love. As he showed us God as this loving Father, Jesus revealed himself as the only Son of the Father. As the Son, he became our model and connection with the Father. Through the Son we touch the warm embrace of the Father.

The Spirit continues the mission of the Son through the Church. The Spirit moves us to intimacy with the Father. It moves us to prayer and worship, witness and evangelization, community and service. Through the Spirit, the strangers become friends, friends become believers, and believers come close to God.

Hence, we believe God is Trinity (three divine persons in one God) simply because we experience divine power in the words, deeds, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And we experience divine life in the Spirit. In both we find what we call "God." In both, we experience the Father as a personal, intensely loving, and compassionate God.

In all three, we find a single purpose and unity of action. All three created the cosmos. All three act in its salvation.

What experience of God have you had in the past month? How do the persons of Father, Son, and Spirit connect with your experience?

The risen Christ revealed more than his changed life. His presence showed his followers the power of the Father: the Spirit. When the followers saw the resurrected Lord and heard his command to evangelize the entire world, they saw for themselves the Trinity in action. When we live as followers of Christ, we invite others to join us not because they see nice people living good lives. No, they, too, see the Trinity in action. For God works through us.

Have you ever prayed to be God's instrument? To be the face of Christ to others? To have the Spirit work through you? To show others the Father's love? Take time this week to pray in this way. And focus your prayer on one or two people.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

May 28 - June 1, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •SCC Meeting	•Gr. 3/4 Bike Rodeo			
Tues.	•Gr 4 Band Parent meeting @ 7pm	•Living Rosary @ 10:45am			•K Registrations	
Wed.					•SCC Hot Lunch	
Thurs.						
Fri.		•Heritage Fair				

"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 **TONIGHT at 6:30pm**. New registrations will be taken at the session.

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community all those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Brinley Balabuk
Kathryn Walsh
Tyler Walsh

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.

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 CWL



CWL GARAGE SALE – Spring cleaning? We are now accepting donations for the fall garage sale! Yes, it's that time again! Please drop items Tuesday to Friday from 8am to noon and 1pm to 4pm. Items may be left outside the CWL Room at the base of the east stairs.

May 29 Garage Sale Planning Meeting @ 7:30pm

Please join us for the CWL June Social for all of the ladies in the parish. Wednesday, June 6th, Mass at 6:00pm, followed by supper and social. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area with more information.



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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to the Archdiocese of Regina Annual General Meeting which will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish on **Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 2:15 pm** following the joint meeting of the Council of Priests, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and CPFAR.

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 **+**

Adopted by God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was a young girl, I used to imagine I was adopted. This had nothing to do with loving my parents and family, which I did. I think it was one of the many steps in dealing with the life questions of “who am I” and “who do I belong to?”

Later in my life, I met people who were actually adopted, and one said the experience of being adopted gave him a much clearer sense of belonging than I knew. “Someone chose me,” he said. “A family wanted me to belong to them, and they wanted to belong to me.”

Whenever I read today’s section of Paul’s Letter to the Romans, I remember my friend and my own wondering. The questions of who we are and whose we are don’t go away as we get into adulthood. New schools, new jobs, and new family situations bring those questions into our minds, sometimes with a force that surprises us.

There are times we feel as if we have lost ourselves and lost our way. On other occasions, we might feel alone. When those moments come, all we can do is trust that someone does love us and calls us to be our best selves.

In his letter, Paul reminds us who we are—the adopted children of God—and in the process he also reminds us whose we are. We belong to God, and we are grounded in this reality by our baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God, in his being, is a love relationship. Is it any wonder that our belonging grounds us in the dark times and gives us joy in the others? Is there anything else we need to know?

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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.

St. Henry’s Parish Steak & Chicken BBQ

(Prepared by Brian & Helen Hicke)

Sunday, June 17, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

St. Henry’s Parish Centre
729 Main St., Melville, SK

\$25.00 per person
12yrs and under half portion \$10.00

Tickets available at St. Henry’s Parish Office. Only 250 tickets available. Deadline June 12th.

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” – Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, we should work to build up His kingdom. We should be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us. Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God.

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (27th): 6:30 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
- Mon. (28th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (29th): 7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal (9am Mass)
7:30 pm- CWL Garage Sale Planning Meeting
- Wed. (30th): 7:30 pm- **GENERAL MEETING**
- Fri. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (2nd): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Baptism"

This Week...

Great things happen on mountaintops, and all three readings revolve around the greatness of God and God's love. Moses calls the Israelites to consider the great things done by God, and Paul challenges the Romans to consider the greatness of our Christian heritage. Finally, the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel has Jesus on top of a mountain, sending forth the eleven chosen ones to do great things - to baptize and to teach, and to know that he will be with them until the end of the world.

For Your Reflection

The twelve Apostles are not great people. At the time Jesus commissions them, only eleven remain, because one has committed suicide after betraying Jesus. Peter denies Jesus, Thomas doubts that he has risen, and none of them really understand what Jesus was all about. But they became great because Jesus sent them forth to do great things. They were given a responsibility, and they lived up to it.

- When have you been given a big job to do? When did someone believe in you? When did you live up to a responsibility, even though you were not necessarily confident in your abilities?
- How is it that ordinary people can end up doing great things?

When we are baptized, it is done in the name of God as Trinity. We are baptized in the name of a God that has relationship and love as the inner core: "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

- "Father..." Think of your father, your mother, your grandparents. Think of life, think of being created. Think of the times you have been creative and you have formed something out of an idea. This is what our *Abba* is about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?
- "... Son ..." Think of yourself as a son or a daughter. Think of yourself as a brother or a sister. Think of yourself as a teacher or a student of another. Think of yourself as a friend. This is what Jesus is about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?
- "... Holy Spirit." Think of holiness. Think of power. Think of energy. Think of goodness. Think of the positive force of doing the right thing to do. Think of the joy that comes to you when you make the right decision. Think of the harmony of all people joining together to be a support to one another. Think of love. This is what the Holy Spirit is all about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?



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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