
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 Body and Blood of Christ May 29, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (30th): NO MASS
Tues. (31st): 9:00 am- Special Intentions
7:00 pm- *Living Rosary*
Wed. (1st): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
5:30 pm- +Julius Sushetski
Thurs. (2nd): 9:00 am- +Ann Ostapovich
Fri. (3rd): NO MASS
Sat. (4th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Cam Hodgson

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Stan Skaluba

Sun. (5th): *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- +Alvina Frank
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (30th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (31st): 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
CANCELLED
Wed. (1st): 6:30 pm- CWL Windup
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
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

*Our celebration of Eucharist does not end
when we leave the church:
it's just beginning.*

*- Teresa Whalen Lux, Regina, SK
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COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett

Copies of **"The Word Among Us"** (June edition) are available in the Welcome Area. Limited supply. Pick up your copy today!

Living Stewardship

Stewardship Corner

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Rev 22.13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living in *Stewardship* gratefully and generously, is a lifestyle, guiding me in making all my decisions.



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

14. *(continued from last week)*. How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy! To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. To refrain from judgement and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment, our presumption to know everything about him. But this is still not sufficient to express mercy. Jesus asks us also to *forgive* and to *give*. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God. To be generous with others, knowing that God showers his goodness upon us with immense generosity.

Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the “motto” of this Holy Year. In mercy we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, “O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me” (*Ps 70:2*)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God’s mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.

Point to ponder.....

Eucharist is a challenge of faith. How can so little feed so many? How can the little I offer God do so much? Ponder that thought the next time you receive Eucharist.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



May 30 - June 3, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Gr. 5 Rosary-making	
Tues.			•Gr. 5 Rosary-making			
Wed.						
Thurs.			•Gr. 3 to the Pizza Farm			
Fri.		•Provincial Track & Field Meet			•Gr. 3 to the Pizza Farm	
Sat.		•Provincial Track & Field Meet				

Grade 7 students will attend AMPO all week.

“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

SAVE THE DATE!

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

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

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



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!

The CWL would like to thank everyone who donated for the quilt, and to everyone who helped to make this project a reality. 57 quilts were made this past fall and winter.

Spring cleaning? Items you no longer want? Think of us – the CWL Garage Sale is coming up in September, and you can get a head start by dropping off your items on **June 17 and 18 from 2pm-6pm** at the CWL Room. If you miss those dates, we'll look forward to receiving your items during the entire month of August.

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 1	Executive Meeting @ 7pm
June 3-5	State Golf at North Battleford
June 8	General Meeting with budget approval

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)

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.

Jesus, who is present in the gifts of his Body and Blood, becomes present in the body of believers that is formed by these gifts. We who receive the Body of Christ become the living Christ. – Henri J.M. Nouwen

Good News!

May 29, 2016

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C)

Gn 14:18-20 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Lk 9:11b-17

On a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Spain, my husband and I were privileged to witness a Corpus Christi procession near Barcelona that wound its way from the church through the streets and back to the church. At the head of the procession was a large ornate monstrance with a consecrated host inside held aloft on a platform carried by some of the priests assisted by others. Following behind was another priest incensing the monstrance and then the various church groups beginning with the children and including what I imagine were orders like the Knights of Columbus or the Solidarity of Mary. The mood was not solemn, but celebratory. Flowers marked the path and the participants. In a tradition dating back to the sixteenth century, an egg was dancing on the water spout in the church fountain. We were enchanted.

I do remember processions around my church—though never through the town—when I was a child, but they were solemn affairs and did not resemble the celebration we witnessed. What captured my imagination in Spain was the absolute joy on the faces of those processing. I remember the singing and the laughter and wonder, “What better response could we give to the Lord who gives himself to us in the Eucharist?”

Whether we process or not, whether we are in prayer before the tabernacle or monstrance or just going about our day, let us project the joy that comes from knowing the Lord and encountering him under the appearances of bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Christ

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PARIS CLIMATE CONFERENCE AND AFTER?

Friday, June 10, 7pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral (basement hall)

All are invited to an evening with Steve Guilbeault, co-founder and president of Equiterre, and Haley Carlson of Saskatchewan Environment Society. Canada signed the Paris agreement on climate change this April, so what does it mean for us now? Join us to hear a variety of perspectives; international, national and local.

Sponsored by: Canadian Religious Conference, Development and Peace, and Equiterre. For more information contact Marian 306.789.8276.

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 Body and Blood of Jesus"

This Week...

Meals can be special times. We celebrate with meals and we can create memories with meals. The blessing of Melchizedek is echoed in the blessing of Jesus at his last supper with his disciples. The great feeding of the crowd of five thousand is recorded in each of the four Gospels; an additional story of Jesus feeding a crowd of four thousand is told in Matthew's and Mark's Gospels. These are meals to remember!

The images that build the theme call our attention to the many ways that Jesus feeds our hungers, and the importance of sharing food with all who are hungry.

For Your Reflection

An ancient African custom teaches that if a person feeds you, teaches you, or helps you in any way, then you are to speak highly of that person. Your words of praise keep alive the spirit of that person's goodness, so that it can continue to flow.

Criticizing teachers, parents, or coaches we dislike or disagree with is an easy practice to fall into. But they are usually the ones who care the most about us and who are trying to help us become better people.

- What are some good things you can say about your parents, teachers, or coaches?
- What are some good things your parents, teachers, or coaches could say about you?
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When Jesus had his last meal with his closest friends, he asked them to remember him when sharing this special meal together.

- When you are at Eucharist, eating that special meal of Jesus' body and blood, how do you remember Jesus? What do you think about? Is your mind on Jesus, or are your thoughts usually floating somewhere else?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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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