



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. (6 th):	7:30 pm-	<i>Prayer Vigil – Mary Balint</i>
Mon. (7 th):	2:00 pm-	<i>Funeral Mass – Mary Balint</i>
Tues. (8 th):	7:00 pm-	+Doreen Sereda
Wed. (9 th):	7:30 am-	<i>12 Hour Prayer for Palliative Care</i>
	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		+Murray Whitmore
	7:00 pm-	+Viola Molnar
Thurs. (10 th):	9:00 am-	+Madeleine Colbow
Fri. (11 th):	9:00 am-	+Ed Fissell
Sat. (12 th):	9:30 am-	+Bill & +Helen Hunt
	7:00 pm-	+Mary Diakuw

Sun. (13 th):	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	
	9:00 am-	Special Intentions
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm.
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

****PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MORNINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.****

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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Risen Lord, you command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

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

~ ST. GERARD PARISH - GENERAL MEETING ~

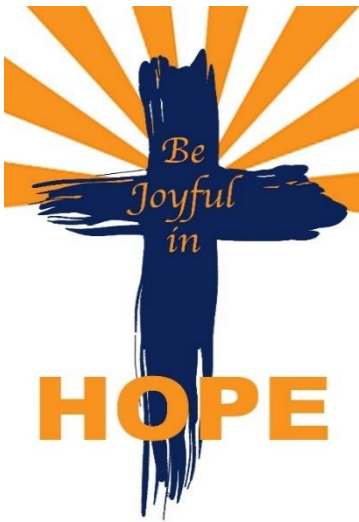
Wednesday, May 30th
7:30 pm

*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

NOTE: Mass will not be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday, May 19th. See you at 9/11am on Sunday!

**Catholic Education Week in Saskatchewan
is May 6th to May 13th, 2018**



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, "Be Joyful in Hope," calls us to think of hope as an action rather than a feeling. It is through hope that we are able to express the love in which we are created. Students and staff in our Catholic schools will reflect on what hope is and on how to be joyful in hope in ourselves, our families, our schools, and in all of creation. On World Catholic Education Day, May 10, there will be a special focus on being joyful in hope in our school communities, which is especially fitting during these challenging times for Catholic Education. Please pray for our Catholic schools, that they may always be places where all who enter can truly experience joy and hope.



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
May 7 - May 11, 2018**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•SRC Elections			•Music Monday •SCC Mtg @ 6pm	•50 th Anniversary Liturgy & Celebration @ 9am	
Tues.			•Gr 4/5 Rosary-making	•Track Meet @ Century Field (am)		
Wed.			•Gr 4 Swimming	•Gr 7/8 Band Trip to Winnipeg	•Gr 7/8 Band Trip to Winnipeg	
Thurs.	•Grade 12 Retreat		•Living Rosary @ 10:45am •SCC/School Board Supper	•Assembly @ 12:30pm	•World Catholic Education Day Service @ 9am	
Fri.						

Tuesday, May 8th - AMPO Parent Meeting (St. Michael School) @ 7pm

"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 Session #10 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm

“Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”

*A Holy Land Tour
through the experiences of Alfred Labas*

Come and hear Alfred Labas recall his Holy Land tour visiting sites which are referred to in Holy Scripture.

Sunday, May 6th @ 7:30 pm

St. Gerard Parish
Meeting Rooms A and B

Refreshments and snacks will be served.

~ Organized by the Stewardship Committee ~

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

March for Life

Monday May 7: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass dedicated to the Unborn at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Donald Bolen. Social to follow.

Tuesday May 8: 12:00 p.m. Registration and gathering at Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street. The March to the Legislative Building begins at 1:30 p.m.

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



News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL would like to send a bouquet of thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the Diocesan convention such a success!

Thank you to the committee, all the volunteers, Fr. Louis, and everyone who attended. It was a time of prayer, inspiration, and wonderful fellowship! Thank you everyone.

Please remember that on Wednesday, May 9, St. Gerard's CWL and St. Mary's UCWL will be co-hosting “**12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care**” at St. Gerard's from 7:30 am until 7:30 pm.

Please be part of this special time of prayer for patients, care-givers, and medical staff who compassionately care for those in palliative care. Stop in any time throughout the day, stay as long as you are able, and join in the power of prayer for palliative care.

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



May 9	General Meeting
May 10	Afternoon bingo
May 16	Special Needs Lunch

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



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Overcoming Our Prejudices

By Mary Katharine Deeley

It's not often we're caught in our prejudices. My moment of reckoning came with the birth of my second daughter. My hospital roommate was a teenager giving birth to her third child. My husband and I were having trouble making ends meet, and even with insurance we'd still have hospital bills to pay.

I resented the free care my roommate was receiving. *Why can't you be more responsible?* I thought. *Because of people like you, my hospital bills are higher.*

Reflecting back, I'm ashamed of my attitude. I held the assumption that I had a "right" to this fine hospital because I was working, could pay bills, and had insurance. Would I deny my roommate's child the level of care I wanted for my own?

The early Church wrestled with that type of question. Should Gentiles be admitted to the Christian community? They were considered unclean, and any Jew who touched them or ate with them would be made unclean.

In the encounter with Cornelius, Peter comes to realize that there is no clean or unclean when it comes to people. God shows no partiality. The Holy Spirit makes a convincing argument to the believers by falling on the Gentiles even before they're baptized.

We often decide, out loud or in our thoughts, who is worthy of our care or God's. But Jesus commanded us to love one another and to dwell in love, because God is love.

It's our prejudice that gets in the way.

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A Word from Pope Francis

Therefore, this Word of God calls us to love one another, even if we do not always understand each other, and do not always get along... It is then that Christian love is seen. A love which manifests even if there are differences of opinion or character. Love is greater than these differences!

—Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015

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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

The spirituality of a person includes all realms – personal, individual, emotional. Our spiritual expression is both individual and communal. It is not only 'God and me', but is able to embrace the communal. Our spiritual expression can be expressed in worship. We have the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Worshipping God is a response, not a duty. It is a gift from God. We come to the Eucharist in grateful response to God. We also are able to request help with the challenges of life. We are spiritual beings on a journey in this earthly life. When we come to a public place (church), we all worship Jesus as a group. We believe and trust that we can work together and get along to make our parish a wonderful place to be.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

REFUGEE FAMILY FUNDRAISER

STEAK NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Thursday, May 24th at 5:30pm
146 Broadway Street East

Tickets available after Mass.
Thanks for your support!

~ Organized by the Social Justice Committee ~

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (6th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
7:30 pm- "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" Presentation
- Mon. (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Wed. (9th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Fri. (11th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (12th): 10:00 pm- Deanery Meeting
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The God of Every Nation"

This Week...

In every nation, the people who love are doing the work of God. No one country is better than another. We are called to love each other regardless of which nation we call home.

For Your Reflection

Gang-related violence is becoming a concern all over. In Jesus' and Peter's world, the two big "gangs" were the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus started building bridges between the two groups, and Peter and the other disciples continue the work. At first, it was difficult for most Jews who grew up thinking themselves superior to Gentiles to live with them as equals and as friends.

- Is there a group of people you feel superior to? a group you feel inferior to? How many friends do you have who are Native [Canadian]? African [Canadian]? Hispanic [Canadian]? Asian [Canadian]? European [Canadian]?
- Is there racial tension where you live and attend school? In [Canada], everyone is supposed to be treated equally. Do you believe this is what happens? Why or why not?
- Gangs are not formed only along racial lines. Gangs or cliques can form in any community. Sometimes athletes associate only with other athletes; sometimes actors and musicians hang out together; sometimes people with high incomes socialize only with people in the same income bracket. Are there cliques in your school? Are some groups seen as superior to others? What is the social structure? Why do you think it exists? What can be done about it?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2012



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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