
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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Wed. (16th): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
+Agnes Stokman
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Bienvenido Bacalso, Jr.

Thurs. (17th): 9:00 am- +George Biblow

Fri. (18th): 9:00 am- +Ivy Mayer

Sat. (19th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Shelley Kaspick
3:00 pm- *50th Wedding Anniversary Mass*
Harvey & Irene Fleury

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Tyler Dobko

Sun. (20th): *Solemnity of Christ the King*
9:00 am- +Adolph Sliwa
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Fran Semchuk

Welcome to Father Basil Chomos
who is celebrating Mass with us
this weekend.

Non-liturgical Schedule

Tues. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting

Wed. (16th): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting

Thurs. (17th): 7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Meeting

Fri. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

Sat. (19th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Sun. (20th): 7:00 pm- First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

At the end of the day let the work of our hands
speak clearly of You.

Whether we work, eat, play, talk
or take time with each other,
let it whisper of life's fullness
and of Your goodness.

When we love one another let the world know
You are here in our midst loving us first.

When our days are finished, let our
whole life, all that has been,
be witness to Your name,

Jesus, Lord of all.

2017 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2017 collection envelopes will be available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2016. Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2017.

****If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2017, please complete a Parish Registration Form, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.****

Now is the time to switch from collection envelopes to

“Pre-Authorized Giving”

- Pre-authorized Giving is convenient.
- Pre-authorized Giving is assured.
- Pre-authorized Giving results in lower administrative costs.

Please complete the **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) form** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.

ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PPC	Chairperson - Trent Senger Secretary - Rita Rodney Religious Education- Lori Zuzak Community Life - Rose Marchinko Family & Social - VACANT Ecumenical - Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward CWL Rep. - Donna Olshewski	Vice-chairperson- VACANT Liturgy - Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon Social Justice - Jeannette Tremblay/Kathy Fedorchuk Public Relations - VACANT Youth - VACANT Stewardship - Christine Shuya K of C Rep. - Ted Osicki
PFC	Finance - Brian Kruger Properties - Matt Bernat Hall - Don Reed	Member at Large-Conrad Rodney Member at Large-Richard Dubois



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 14 - November 18, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	No School					
Tues.		•YESSA Vball Tournament •SCC Meeting			•No Kindergarten classes	
Wed.	•Student-led Conferences	•YESSA Vball Tournament	•Yearend Vball Tournament		•City-wide Vball Tournament	
Thurs.	•Student-led Conferences	•Kindergarten Progress Reports •YESSA Vball Tournament	•Yearend Vball Tournament	•Inter-city Vball Tournament	•City-wide Vball Tournament	
Fri.		•Student Progress Reports	•Gr. 5 Class participate in the Nation Child Day Celebration at SIGN •Student Progress Reports	•Gr. 5 to SIGN – National Child Day •Progress reports distributed	•National Child Day •Progress reports	•Student progress reports

“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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The **Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist Initial Parent Meeting** will be held in December.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PARISH please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449

Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs at the Parish only



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Parent Meeting #2 – Sunday, Nov. 20th @ 7pm



**Experience Christ
through human
beings both ordinary
and extraordinary!**

Become acquainted with saints, mystics, artists and theologians – “Pivotal Players” who shaped the church and changed the course of civilization.
Commencing November 22nd @ 7:30pm.

An Adult Faith Formation evening, organized by the St. Gerard Religious Education Committee



Congratulations to

Sebastian Prost & Sarah Litzengerger

who were married at St. Gerard on November 12th.

***May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.***



News from the CWL



Ladies, mark your calendars as we will start on November 22-23 and November 29-30 with the **Comfort Cushion Project**, starting at 9:30am 'til 3:30pm each day. Please bring your sewing machine, scissors. and a bag lunch. The rest is supplied by the CWL. This is a great time of fellowship while working on a wonderful project! See you on the 22.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 13 Parish brunch (proceeds to Air Cadets)
Nov. 25 Articles for *The Word* due
Nov. 26 Put up *Keep Christ in Christmas* signs
Afternoon 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).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Annual Appeal

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal campaign is drawing to a close. On behalf of Archbishop Don, we thank all those who have made a donation this year to our appeal. If you who have not done so, there is still time. Any amount you give to the appeal keeps the Archdiocese going in furthering the mission of the church in spreading God's love and mercy to all.

November is the month when we take time to remember loved ones who have gone before us. For some, it is a time when grief hits us anew. At the Archdiocesan Resource Centre, we have many DVDs and books dealing with the process of grief at all ages and stages, available to borrow **free of charge** to everyone in the diocese.

Some of our newest titles include: Finding Your Way After Your Spouse Dies; Every Tear Will Be Wiped Away; Prayers for Comfort; and Now that You've Gone Home: Courage and Comfort for Times of Grief.

For more information or to book an item, please call Sr. Rufina Dubao, SIHM at 306.352.1651 ext. 238 OR feel free to come and browse through our library of resources at 445 Broad St. North (Regina) OR book on-line at www.archregina.sk.ca

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission invites you to attend their first ever **Advent Conference** from **November 25-27th** with keynote speakers from the **Sisters of Life**, Sr. John Mary and Sr. Maria Kateri. This conference is a perfect opportunity to prepare your heart for the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, and to encounter god's love for you. See poster for more information, or visit www.St-T.ca/Adventz

Good News!

November 13, 2016

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mal 3:19–20a; 2 Thes 3:7–12; Lk 21:5–19

As we come to the close of the Church year, our readings turn more and more to the "end times." These words are not easy to hear. Certainly, when we think about the persecution of Christians, the civil wars that seem far too frequent, and the number of people, nations, and even religious groups who claim to have the sole answer to everyone's problems, we can find a striking resemblance to Jesus' description of the coming days.

What our world is undergoing is not new. In every age people have been persecuted, wars have been fought, natural disasters have occurred, and many have claimed to be saviors. Jesus admits this openly and still tells us not to despair. He promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble. It's tempting to follow the charismatic speakers and powerful leaders who claim to have the truth or single solution to our human limitations and vulnerabilities. Jesus urges us not to do that, but to look to him alone for what we need.

Our imperfect and passing world will always have places and times of great suffering and strife. Jesus doesn't promise to take it all away; he promises to lead us through it. God will never abandon us and will provide more than a temporary fix. If we doubt that, we have only to look to Jesus' death and resurrection to see that he was willing to take the worst the world had to offer in order to offer us the very best.

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Development and Peace's Fall Campaign

At the COP21, Canada committed to investing \$2.65 billion by 2020 to support countries of the Global South that are severely affected by climate change. While there are many ways to respond to climate change, we believe that agriculture must be at the heart of proposed solutions. Let's support an agricultural model that enables these stewards of the earth to live in dignity and feed their communities in a way that respects our common home, the Earth. There are three videos that Development and Peace has prepared with our partners around the world that highlight the importance of small family farms

https://www.devp.org/en/education/fall2016/materials?field_material_type_public_value=videos

Sign the Development and Peace Action Card next weekend! Ask the Prime Minister to take into account the vital role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet and to ensure that their voices are heard.

Family Prayer Box

In Luke's gospel, Jesus warned his followers against overreacting. Faced with fears, rumors, and external pressures, followers might be tempted to act rashly. Instead, Jesus insists his followers should trust his Spirit to guide them.

One way to address family fears and place them before the Lord can be found in a "Family Prayer Box." Have family members write down fears and anxieties on sheets of paper and place them in the prayer box. Offer the box and its contents to God each night this week. Open the box at the end of the week and discuss how God answered the prayers.

Catechism Theme: The Second Coming

675 Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.

The second trial before the end of time is like the sin of Adam. People try to play God; they put their trust in others rather than their creator. As the Church teaches, we should beware of the easy solution, the charismatic leader who has the answers, or the means to manipulate that we cannot control. There are no short cuts to salvation. Our opposition to the easy way, our witness to the power of God, will lead to persecution. But our trust in God will engender faith in others.

Have you ever been impressed by the unwavering Christian witness in another? Who was it? Why were you impressed? Did he or she face hardship? How did they endure the hardship?

How impressed are we with appearances? After all, media, Hollywood, and much of computer software are built on appearance. Sometimes, we [Canadians] are swayed and even hood-winked by appearances. There was calm before the storm. Then, there was a panic with a world that failed us. Are we lulled by calm? Are we surprised by panic?

The challenge Jesus put before us is clear vision. Can we see beyond the crises of life and nation? Can our faith help us to withstand the challenges of these uncertain times? With God's help, we can.

Pray this week for the strength to see clearly. Look at the world at large, or at your world. Try to see beyond the troubles and look for God's will. Trust your prayer will be answered.

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Day Will Come"

This Week...

The end of the world is a popular thing to discuss - in our day (especially as we come to the end of a millennium), in the time of the Christian Testament, and in the time of the Hebrew Scriptures. Lo, the day is coming when justice will be done, when one stone will not be left upon another. But it probably won't be tomorrow, so let's not quit our jobs to stay home and wait it out. And when it does come, although it will be filled with catastrophe, ultimately we will all be saved.

For Your Reflection

Every so often, some famous person or group comes along to predict the exact day of the end of the world. Everyone gets excited, lots of news coverage is aired, and a lot of conversation is stirred up. Why not? It's an exciting possibility. People like talking about it: What might it be like? How will we know if it's coming? Is it possible to read the signs? While it happens while we are still alive?

- Do such questions and conversations bore you or interest you? Do they cause you any concern? How so?
- Have you heard any specific predictions lately about the end of the world? Do you put much stock in such predictions? Why or why not?

Very often, when people get nervous about "the end of the world," it's because there is a lot of fear of death and final judgment. But actually, the odds are not very high that tomorrow will be the last day of the world. The odds, however, are very high that tomorrow will be the last day of *someone's* life.

That's because many people die every day. We never know when it will be our turn. When it happens to someone we love, it is tragic, and often sudden and shocking even though we know that, sooner or later, it happens to us all.

Instead of worrying about living the last day of the world, why not begin to appreciate life and those we love as if every day could be our last? (or their last?)

- How is your life different when you try to do that? How would your life be different if everyone tried to do that?



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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