
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 15, 2015

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (16th): 9:00 am- +Janet Gress
Tues. (17th): 9:00 am- +Lorne Mysko
Wed. (18th): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)
 +Hector Nelson
 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
 7:00 pm- +Barbara Elliot
Thurs. (19th): 9:00 am- +Beatrice Puchala
Fri. (20th): 9:00 am- +Walter McLashen
Sat. (21st): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- +Donnie Ostafie

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Bruce Wonchulanko

Sun. (22nd): *The Solemnity of Christ the King*

9:00 am- +Doreen Mireau
11:00 am- Mass for the People
8:00 pm- *Liturgy of the Hours*

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky
Nursing Home: Lorne Wanner & Rosella Wanner
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

Coming soon for Advent!

Father Robert Barron's

C O N V E R S I O N

Following the Call of Christ

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (16th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tues. (17th): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee
 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
 7:00 pm- Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed. (18th): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting
 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Thurs. (19th): 7:00 pm- RCIA in CWL Room (lower level)
Fri. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sun. (22nd): 7:00 pm- First Reconciliation
 Parent & Child Session #2

In Memory of Jesus and the Saints

– from Henri Nouwen's [Bread for the Journey](#)
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Belonging to the communion of saints means being connected with all people transformed by the Spirit of Jesus. This connection is deep and intimate. Those who have lived as brothers and sisters of Jesus continue to live within us, even though they have died, just as Jesus continues to live within us, even though *he* has died.

We live our lives in memory of Jesus and the saints, and this memory is a real presence. Jesus and his saints are part of our most intimate and spiritual knowledge of God. They inspire us, guide us, encourage us, and give us hope. They are the source of our constant transformation.

2016 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2016 collection envelopes will be available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2015. Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2016.

If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2016, **please complete a Parish Registration/Census form (beige)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.

Have you have considered switching from collection envelopes to “Pre-Authorized Giving”?

Now is the time!!

- Pre-authorized Giving is convenient.** (no need for envelopes)
- Pre-authorized Giving is assured.** (even if you are away on vacation or are sick, your offering will be made, ensuring the continued ministry of the church)
- Pre-authorized Giving results in lower administrative costs.**

Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving 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.

Re: Pre-authorized Giving & “special collections” – PA Givers may place special collection donations in an envelope with the name of the collection, and name, address & phone number.

Why do we give?

We give because we are grateful stewards of God’s countless blessings!

Stewardship is not about giving to needs, it is about needing to give. When we generously return a portion of our God-given gift of time, talent, and treasure, we respond to our baptismal promise and therefore, grow in our spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 16 - November 20, 2015



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			~Anti-bullying Week~ •Gr. 7/8 Curling			
Tues.	•Student Led Conferences	•City Elementary Schools Volleyball Tournament	•City Elementary Schools Volleyball Tournament		•Rafiki Chain Assembly •City-wide Volleyball Tournament	
Wed.	•Student Led Conferences	•City Elementary Schools Volleyball Tournament	•City Elementary Schools Volleyball Tournament		•City-wide Volleyball Tournament	
Thurs.			•Special breakfast for students			
Fri.	•Sr Boys Vball Tournament weekend	•Student Progress Reports	•Gr. 7/8 Curling •Student Progress Reports		•First Term 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

PARENTS – Is your child entering Grade 2? Or has your older child received **First Communion** but has yet to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation?** Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register your child/ren for the “Come Join Us at the Table” parish-based sacrament preparation program.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session #2 will be held Sunday, Nov. 22nd @ 7:00pm



YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE

Do you know that the Youth Choir has been rehearsing twice a week and ministering for the past six months?? These 24 young people (and their parents) are dedicated to leading our parish in song, and in serving the Lord, on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 11am Mass.

How can you best-support the Youth Choir??

SING! SING! SING!

The primary responsibility of all parish choirs is to lead the people in song so that the people can participate fully in the Liturgy. When the congregation sings, it means that the choirs are leading well!

So don't be shy - lift up your voices to the Lord!

(And thank you for your continuing prayers and support for our Youth Choir Ministry!)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The new Welcomer, Lector, and Minister of Holy Communion (at Mass) schedules are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area.

Please pick up your copy today!



News from the CWL



I'd rather BEE quilting....

November 17th & 18th,
November 24th & 25th



Bring your sewing machine (if you have one), scissors & a bag lunch - and enjoy the friendship!

“Love in the Kitchen” – the St. Gerard CWL 50th Anniversary Cookbook - is available for sale after Mass this weekend. \$15 each or 2/\$25.

Calendars (\$5.00) also available. While supplies last!



The CWL invites



All Ladies of the Parish

to the Annual CWL Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 2nd

Mass at 5:30 pm Supper at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 – Advance Tickets Only

Tickets available to purchase before & after Mass TODAY!

***Each lady is asked to bring a personal item to donate to the Salvation Army (e.g., socks, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)** For more info. contact: Rosella Wanner 306.782.7042*



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 15 - First degree @ 1:00pm
Nov. 22 - Parish Brunch

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.728.2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign** is drawing to a close. Thank you very much to all of you who have donated already for this year. For those of you who have not done so, there is still time. Your donation of any amount will help push forward the mission of the Archdiocese in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in this part of Saskatchewan.

Media Missionary Meeting - EWTN representative Sarah Du Broy will be speaking at Holy Cross Church (Regina) Thursday, November 19th @ 9am. Learn about the program that EWTN produces and distributes around the world. Coffee and muffins will be served. Everyone welcome - open to all.

Good News!

November 15, 2015

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32

I used to work with someone who was very patient with those he met and rarely expressed anger in public. But as I got to know him better, I began to recognize the small signs he gave off when he was irritated. His lips tightened. He would start drumming his fingers or moving his foot when seated. When that happened, we all knew to leave him alone as he worked out what he wanted to do. We also could act as sounding boards, helping him see different ways of looking at things. I thought this "sign-seeing" only went one way until one day he so accurately described what I do when I start feeling stressed out that it made me laugh. I thought I hidden my stress very well, and I probably did to those who didn't work with me every day.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus talks about the signs that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. He quotes the prophet Daniel, and the signs are disturbing: the sun will darken and the stars will fall. Such apocalyptic images (referring to the end times) are often found in times of persecution. This passage was written close to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans and attempts to encourage the reader to remain faithful in what seem like end times because Christ will come again.

Of course, not everyone has faith or finds hope in what they see. The question posed to us—to all—is this: "Have we been with Christ long enough to know and see the signs that he will come again, or do we need to pay closer attention to him?"

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The Social Justice Committee
needs your help!

On Friday, November 27 volunteers are needed to man the Salvation Army Kettles from 10am until 6pm. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts.

If you are able to join the Committee in this very worthwhile project, please contact Rejean at 306.783.6767

Becoming a saint

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, a person's life should serve as a model for others and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often by a close successor along with local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well (peacemaking) or one that challenges you (purity of heart). Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven.

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St. Patrick's Parish (Sturgis)

Fall Supper

TODAY - Sunday, November 15th

Sturgis Community Hall

Starts at 5:00 pm

Menu: Turkey, meatballs, perogies, cabbage rolls, salads, desserts and more!

12 and over \$13.00

11 and under \$6.00

Preschool Free

Everyone welcome!

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306.783.4255

Perogies for sale Wednesday & Thursday
1pm to 5pm
(or by appointment)

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Ending Times"

This Week...

Apocalyptic literature is a symbolic, powerful style that is meant to bring hope to the oppressed and to warn those who oppress. Its purpose is not so much to give specific predictions but to describe the future in terms that are familiar to people, terms that often describe glorious events of the past. Both Daniel and Mark use this style of literature in today's readings. Because the end of the liturgical year is upon us (a new year starts with the first Sunday of Advent; next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the year), we are hearing about the end times. In Hebrews Jesus is also described in heaven as if waiting for the end.

For Your Reflection

There is often a lot of talk and frenzy about the end of the world coming. It especially happens with certain natural phenomenon such as comets, eclipses and meteor showers. It's important to understand that Jesus insisted we cannot know the day or the hour that we cannot predict when this will happen. Sometimes unusual events in the heavens are just natural phenomenon for us to enjoy, not to worry about.

- Do you worry about the end of the world? If so, why? If not, why not?
- When you hear talk about predictions of the end of time, how do you feel? What do you say? What do you think about?
- Do you ever worry about dying? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Are you interested in cosmic happenings - planet alignments, comets, stars, and the like? How so?

Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

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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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