



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

November 18, 2018

Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (19 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Tues. (20 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Wed. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):	NO MASS
Thurs. (22 <sup>nd</sup> ):	NO MASS
Fri. (23 <sup>rd</sup> ):	NO MASS
Sat. (24 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am John Zatwarniski

**NEW!** → 5:00 pm +Adolph Sliwa

Sun. (25 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
	9:00 am Mass for the People
	11:00 am +John Kolodziejski

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

God of the beginning and the end, meet us here at the end of this liturgical year. In the things unraveling, help us to trust in you. Where life offers difficulty, teach us to take refuge in you. When new beginnings come, help us let go of what has been, so we have space for you to reveal what can be. Amen.

### 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

### CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I am grateful you keep me safe in your love.  
You are my hope. Help me to trust you.

- From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*,  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS



*This weekend is the kick-off to the 2018 Giving Tree Campaign. Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than 90 individuals and households received needed items.*

*We see the needs of those less fortunate in our city growing, and during the season of giving we ask for your continued support and compassion.*

*The Giving Tree will go up on Sunday, November 18. The needs of families and individuals will be printed on each tree ornament. If you can commit, please take an ornament and provide an item for someone in need.*



*As we begin to plan for Christmas, please remember that those who are less fortunate struggle with basic food needs at this time of year. Please place food donations in the chest in the Welcome Area.*



*The Salvation Army Kettle Program is seeking volunteers to assist with collections at strategic locations throughout Yorkton. If you can spare a few hours to assist in this worthwhile cause, please sign the volunteer registry in the Welcome Area.*

## 2019 Giving Program

In the next few weeks, the 2019 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2018. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2019, **please complete a Parish Registration Form (green)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

**Have you considered switching from collection envelopes to Pre-Authorized Giving?  
NOW IS THE TIME!!**

Pre-authorized Giving is convenient, assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form (purple)** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 19 - November 23, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences				•Student-led Conferences
Wed.	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences		•Student-led Conferences	
Thurs.			•Student-led Conferences		•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences
Fri.	•Sr Boys Vball Provincials @ Melville	•SCC Family Lunch				

**"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*

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR TEENS (SPT)

Youth who are in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and who have not previously received some or any of the Sacraments, are encouraged to register as soon as possible for SPT.

Weekly classes for teens will begin soon, with the reception of the sacraments to take place in the late spring.

A \$50.00 fee is required to partially cover materials (but no teen will be turned away for financial reasons).

\*\*\*The initial meeting will be held Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm\*\*\*

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

The SPT Catechist is Ophelia Adane.



## 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. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Classes start Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

The RCIA Catechist is Father Louis.



## News from the CWL



**2019 CWL Membership Drive** is now on. Please stop by the table after masses on Nov 17 & 18 and Nov 24 & 25. The membership fee is \$30 and includes the League Magazine. Please make cheque payable to St. Gerard CWL.

**Dec 5th CWL Christmas Social** open to all CWL and spouses. The cost is \$10 per person and please bring an item for the Food Bank. You can also pay your 2019 membership that evening.

**Stitches of Love: It's time to start sewing!** Ladies, we are going to start with the sewing project Nov. 19 & 20 and Nov. 26 & 27. Time will be 9-4. Bring a lunch and any sewing notions you think you may need. We will start with finishing the comfort cushions. Please join us for a day of fellowship; the good work we do goes to palliative care patients and also our elderly. It's "sew" rewarding, so please join us! PS-- You do not have to know how to sew to take part!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



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| Nov. 18    | Sunday Brunch                                   |
| Nov. 19-23 | Church Kneeler Replacement Project (see page 4) |
| Nov. 24    | Put up "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs @ 9am   |
| Nov. 25    | Articles for "The Word" due                     |
| Nov. 28    | Afternoon Bingo                                 |
| Dec. 2     | Christmas Carolling                             |

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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Be Joyful  
in Hope

Parish Goal: \$53,209

As our Archbishop's Appeal draws to a close, we would like to take this time to thank all those who have contributed to the ongoing mission of the church in the Archdiocese of Regina. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution, as donations will be accepted until December 30<sup>th</sup>. Any donation, large or small, will assist our Archdiocese in continuing Christ's mission of imbuing hope to everyone born out of God's Mercy through the sharing of God's Word.



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Looking for God's Signs

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 hid 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 encourages readers to remain faithful in what seems 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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### Have you celebrated your 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2018?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 11am).

Phone 306.782.2449 or stop by the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday, 8am-noon and 1pm-4pm.

## An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm

History presented by Ernie Bobowski

Video by Father Thomas Keating

Video by Cynthia Bourgeault

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHURCH KNEELER PROJECT

The Knights of Columbus will be replacing the kneelers in the church November 19-23. All parishioners who wish to assist are welcome. Tasks include the cutting of materials, the assembly of the kneeler pads, and the removal and installation of the kneelers. The project begins November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am.

### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

Tell all your friends and neighbours!!

Perogies & cabbage rolls are available for sale the **FIRST THURSDAY** (while supplies last).

**The next sale date is Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm.**

### Let's get together and build community!

### DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF PARISH LIFE SINCE FATHER LOUIS' ARRIVAL IN AUGUST 2017?

Please email to the Parish Office. Parish Life photos may be included in the Directory as well.

### DEADLINE FOR ALL PARISH LIFE PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 30 AT 12 NOON

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Preparation
- Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 pm- Buddies Musicians Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.
- Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
- Thurs. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 5:30 pm- Buddies Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Youth Connect  
4:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (5pm Mass)
- Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 12:00 pm- Children's Liturgy Leaders Meeting  
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Session  
6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #5

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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, starts, and the like? How so?

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



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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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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**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 Regina on a daily basis.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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