



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 19, 2017

Thirty-third
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (20th): 12:00 pm- +Valeria Woloschuk
 Tues. (21st): 12:00 pm-
 Wed. (22nd): 10:30 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
 +Adolph Sliwa
 12:00 pm-
 Thurs. (23rd): 9:00 am- +Rita Myrowsky
 Fri. (24th): 9:00 am- +Zefack Family

7:00 pm- +Mike Diakuw

Sun. (26th): **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

9:00 am- +Boszik Family
11:00 am- Mass for the People

•The Holy Rosary Devotion begins 20 minutes prior to the scheduled daily Mass.

•Commencing Monday, November 27th, Daily Mass will be at **9:30 am** (the Holy Rosary Devotion will begin at 9:00 am.)

•The **Divine Mercy Devotion** is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

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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Lord, I am grateful for all your blessings. Help me to use your gifts of love and compassion to rebuild people's lives.

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

St. Gerard Parish Mission
BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY
 November 18 to November 22 inclusive
 Facilitated by Father Robbie McDougall

THEME: Building Parish Community through Eucharist, Prayer, Reconciliation, and the Gifts found in each member of the Parish.

DATES AND FORMAT: Preaching at November 18 and 19 Lord’s Day Mass; Daily Mass at noon (November 20, 21 and 22) followed by mini-conference sessions; evening conference sessions at 7pm (November 19, 20, 21 & 22); and refreshments following evening session.

Prayer for our Parish Mission

O Jesus, Savior of the World, we your people thank you for the grace of our parish mission. Open our hearts to your Holy Word and to the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Lord, help us to keep our eyes fixed on the promises of eternal life, and to be open to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Only you can save us. Teach us the path that leads to You, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Bless the Missionary who will come among us. Grant our facilitator, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Into your hands, O blessed Mary, we entrust this Mission. Amen. Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

**Are you using offertory envelopes?
 Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)?**

Now is a great time to sign up for PAG – a convenient way to contribute to our parish – no envelopes, no worry about having cash, no cost to writing a cheque!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as the 2018 collection envelopes will be available in the next few weeks!



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
 November 20 - November 24, 2017**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						•Student Led Conferences •Book Fair
Tues.	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences				•Student Led Conferences •Book Fair
Wed.	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences •Book Fair begins	•Student Led Conferences	
=Thurs			•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	
Fri.		•Student Recognition Program Awards		•French Jr. Concert @ 9:30am		

“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

We will be having a **Parent Information Meeting** on Sunday, December 3rd at **7:00 pm** (Parish Hall) for parents of children who are in Grade 2 or older who have yet to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. This quick meeting will be to introduce the program, provide additional information, and explore your role as a faith teacher of your child/ren.

It is essential that you attend this meeting so that you are ready to begin this journey in faith with your child/ren!



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Izabella Roebuck

May this child and her family experience joy and new life.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

The **Parent Meeting** for First Reconciliation will be held December 3rd at **6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be outlining the program and retreat information. This program relies on your participation, so your attendance at the meeting is necessary. *Note that this meeting is for parents whose child has already received First Eucharist.*

Hey Altar Servers!



We will be having a Pizza Party on Friday, November 24th at 5:30pm, followed by a workshop.

ALL SERVERS are expected to attend.

The 2017-2018 Sunday Missals are located on the tables in the Welcome Area. Please pick up a copy today while quantities last! Also available are a limited supply of Little Books Advent & Christmas Reflections (blue).



News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL

"Christmas Sparkle" Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 2nd

2:00 – 4:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Bring a friend and enjoy tea, sandwiches and dainties, then shop for Christmas baking, Christmas pudding, potato bags, rice bags, and "holiday sparkle" with gently-used jewellery, purses and scarves!

Admission is \$5.00. Everyone is welcome!

Proceeds to Palliative Care



News from the Knights of Columbus



November 25 Articles for The Word due

Put up Keep Christ in Christmas signs

November 30 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). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Parish Goal: \$53,164

Received at November 6 - \$22,065 (42% of goal)

On behalf of Archbishop Donald Bolen, the Archdiocese of Regina and all of the ministries and organizations we fund and support, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and for their help in the various ministries of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your financial support to this year's Archbishop's Appeal.

If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution, as **donations will be accepted at the Parish Office until noon December 27th**. Your contributions, regardless of size, will ensure that the mission of Christ will continue and that the Church of Christ will grow to touch the lives of others, making the peace and grace of Christ known throughout the Archdiocese of Regina.



Bringing Home the Word

Be Alert and Awake

By Mary Katharine Deeley

"Stay awake." My siblings and I used to huddle in our rooms on Christmas night, determined to stay up for Christmas dawn. We'd inevitably fall asleep, awakening around dawn to find the presents already around the tree and Jesus in the manger.

"Stay awake," we would say again on New Year's Eve. This got a little easier as we got older and beat on pots and pans to celebrate the New Year.

Special occasions call for special wakefulness. We anticipate, we watch, we try to glimpse the first signs of the holiday, birthday, or first day of vacation. These are important to us, and we don't want to miss them.

Saint Paul tells us to stay alert and prepare for the return of the Master, for "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night." At the end of the Church year, everything is about watchfulness. We reflect on the end times, when Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead and draw all creation to himself.

What happens in the end? We show God what we've done with his many gifts. We behave as children of light and refuse to fall asleep (a metaphor for turning away from God) so we'll be found waiting when Christ comes again. We keep the faith, knowing our hope is in the Lord.

When we were children, the temptation to fall asleep was great; we didn't always make it to the first minutes of celebration. As adults in faith, the stakes are much higher. If we fall asleep here, we may miss the party altogether.

Let's encourage one another while we still have time.

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You are kindly reminded to **silence your mobile devices** upon entering the church building,

and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Liturgical Committee

Have you celebrated your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2017?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 15th will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 30th at 7pm and Sunday, December 31st at 9am and 11am).

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

The **GIVING TREE** is up and ready for you to pick a gift tag, purchase the gift, and place it under the tree **UNWRAPPED** with the gift tag attached (gift bags are okay). **The deadline for the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 10th** so that the gifts can be sorted and delivered to Safe Haven, Salvation Army, Shelwin House, Yorkton Transitional Homes, White Spruce Provincial Training Center, Independent Living, and Geriatric Resource and Intervention.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Do you know that we collect food on a continual basis? The food that is placed in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area is delivered regularly to the Salvation Army. **There is a great need in our local community!** Some suggestions for items to donate include: pasta & pasta sauces; canned meats & fish; canned beans, soups & stews; canned vegetables & fruit; hot & cold cereal; infant foods & baby formula.

****Perogy Bee****

Mon.	Nov. 20	9:00 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions
Tues.	Nov. 21	9:00 am - Pinching
Wed.	Nov. 22	9:00 am - Bagging

PEROGY HOTLINE – 306.783.4255

Cabbage rolls - \$25 (5 doz. bag)
Perogies (potato & cheddar) - \$35 (10 doz. bag)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	(19 th):	7:00 pm- <i>Parish Mission</i>
Mon.	(20 th):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm- <i>Parish Mission</i>
Tues.	(21 st):	7:00 pm- <i>Parish Mission</i>
Wed.	(22 nd):	7:00 pm- <i>Parish Mission</i>
Thurs.	(23 rd):	7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
Fri.	(24 th):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat.	(25 th):	6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Using Our Talents"

This Week...

Although the Book of Proverbs was written in a patriarchal society that viewed a wife as a possession, the first reading for today still praises skill and labour above charm and beauty. This praise was countercultural at the time. In the second reading, the author warns the people not to be lazy, but to be alert and ready for the "day of the Lord" (end of the world), for they were certain that Jesus was returning to earth in their own lifetime. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the servants who take risks and work hard, not the servant who buries what he is given out of fear.

For Your Reflection

In the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the master praises the efforts of the first two servants, who used the talents they were given and improved upon them. The master criticizes the action of the third servant, who hid the talent, did nothing, and was paralyzed with fear.

- When have you been like the first and second servants, using your talents in a way that benefits yourself and others?

The last few lines of this Gospel passage might seem to contradict Jesus' usual message about the last being first. This passage appears to be saying that the first will be even further ahead, and the last will be left behind.

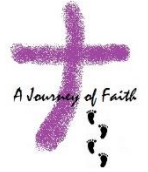
- Is this contradiction troubling to you? Why or why not? How do you see it?
- When Jesus speaks of the first becoming last and the last becoming first, he is usually speaking of humility and boastfulness. Those who pump themselves up are usually just full of hot air. Why would Jesus say that the humble ones are really the great ones?
- When Jesus speaks of the rich ones getting more, and the poor ones losing what they have, he is speaking in terms of laziness and activity. Those who act lazy usually become lazier, and they lose any initiative they once had. What kind of activity is Jesus encouraging us to do?



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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