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# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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Caretaker: Mario Guerra

Parish Office Administrator: Sandra Archer  
Office Clerk (casual): Mary Bybliw

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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*

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## Solemnity of All Saints – November 1, 2015

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): *The Commemoration of  
all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*  
9:00 am- +Alice Chomos

Tues. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Florence Archer

Wed. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 2:00 pm- *Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament*  
6:30 pm- +Helen Flavel

Thurs. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Rose Gillis

Fri. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Craig Pierce  
9:30 am- *Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament*  
10:30 am- *Benediction*

Sat. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Matilda Copan

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Anton Diduck

Sun. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Joelle Lucas  
8:00 pm- *Liturgy of the Hours*

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 4:30 pm- Newcomers Social

Mon. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm- New Altar Servers Workshop  
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting

Tues. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wed. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting  
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass

Thurs. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA in CWL Room (lower level)

Fri. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sun. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

### **St. Gerard Parish Welcomes ALL NEWCOMERS**

You are invited to attend St. Gerard's Annual Potluck Dinner and Social.

This event is planned so that new families have an opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of the parish.

The event is scheduled for **TODAY**, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Social time begins at 4:30, and supper will be at 5:00. Please bring your favourite dish to share with other families (we suggest servings for your family plus two extra people). Please try to attend!!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit!

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### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich  
Hospital: Miles Shuya  
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos  
Triplex: Alfred Labas

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Rose Gress, Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

## ST. GERARD PARISH 2015-2016 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

<b>PAC</b>	Chairperson	-	Richard Dubois	Vice-chairperson-	<b>VACANT</b>
	Secretary	-	Rita Rodney	Liturgy	- Frances Mroczko
	Religious Education-		Lori Zuzak	Social Justice	- Jeannette Tremblay/Kathy Fedorchuk
	Community Life	-	Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	- <b>VACANT</b>
	Family & Social	-	<b>VACANT</b>	Youth	- <b>VACANT</b>
	Ecumenical	-	Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship	- Christine Shuya/Willie Yacishyn
	CWL Rep.	-	Carol Deters	K of C Rep.	- Ted Osicki
<b>FFC</b>	Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Hall	- Don Reed
	Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large	- Conrad Rodney

***“Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.”***

Among the marvels of our modern and very rapid communication technology, one of the most outstanding is the ever-increasing ability to not simply speak with someone, but to actually see the person we’re speaking with. The advent of “Skype” and other similar technology has transformed our communication possibilities. Grateful as we are to be able to speak with someone, we are all the more grateful to see the face of the person on the other end.

On this Solemnity of All Saints, the Church calls us to open our eyes, to see with the imagination of our faith the “great multitude,” the saints who already stand in the presence of God, who behold him face to face, who “see him as he is.” The deepest longing, the deepest desire of their hearts has already been fulfilled.

As we look into our own hearts, as we look at the world around us, we must acknowledge that the desire to see God “face to face,” waxes and wanes. As we come and go in the midst of daily life, we can all too easily lose even our awareness of the place of God in our lives, much less experience an intense desire to behold him as he is. Perhaps we are aware of individuals who, for whatever reason, seem to have no such desire at all. How can this desire be more kindled in our hearts? How might we help awaken it in those for whom it remains nearly extinguished?

To answer those questions, we might turn to the saints. How is that those we call “saints” have lived and died with this great longing, this great desire? One answer to that question may be found in the Beatitudes. Those who have discovered the blessedness of being poor in spirit, of hungering and thirsting for righteousness, of showing mercy and even of experiencing persecution because of the name of Jesus—they are the ones whose desire for God has also grown.

As we look to the saints today, we ask ourselves: are we among the people that longs to see the face of God? Has our desire for this grown, or has it grown cold? On this blessed day, the “great multitude” who stand before the face of God, stand ready to help us by their prayers. May we sense their overflowing desire that we, too, one day might be where they are. May we entrust ourselves to their loving intercession today and ask for the grace of desire, of longing, to see the face of God. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/110115.html>



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 2 - November 6, 2015



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•All Saints Day Celebration	•All Saints & All Souls Days Gospel Assembly	
Tues.		•Picture retakes •Girls' Vball vs Yorkdale •Boys' Vball @ Yorkdale	•Gr. 7&8 Curling Instruction/Practice		•SCC Meeting	
Wed.		•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4 & 7)	•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4 & 7)		•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown	
Thurs.			•Girls Vball vs St. Michael •Boys Vball @ St. Michael	•Volleyball vs St. Mary's		
Fri.				•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown		

***“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. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm

### ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP

ALL NEW Altar Servers are required to attend a workshop on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm until approximately 7:30pm in the church. For more information please contact Rick Dubois, Altar Server Coordinator, at 306-783-8840.



## Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group



Are you interested in learning more about global issues that create injustice for different groups of people?

Would you like to get involved in activities to make a change in our world?



Are you in Grades 7 - 12?

When: **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
From 7:00 – 8:30 pm



Contact Dana Miller-Kitch for more information: 306-320-2367 (cell) or dmillerkitch@yahoo.com



## News from the CWL



CWL Members – with the passing of our dear CWL Sister & President, Helen Flavel, we announce that Rosella Wanner has kindly stepped forward as President for the remainder of the term. Please keep Rosella in your prayers as she assumes these new duties, and please remember Helen in your prayers as well. Thank you.

Nov. 2 - Executive meeting @ 7pm  
Nov. 4 - General meeting @ 7pm

**I'd rather BEE quilting...** The CWL will start quilting again! You don't even need to know how to sew! Lots of help is needed with this wonderful project. Everyone is welcome.

November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

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



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 1 - Membership blitz (rescheduled)  
Nov. 4 - Executive meeting  
Nov. 11 - Deceased members Mass & supper

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

On this 5<sup>th</sup> Week of our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign**, we celebrate All Saints Day. We remember the un-declared saints we know very well whose examples of faith and dedication to other's welfare were an inspiration for us. By our support to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, the various pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese will be able to continue fulfilling their mission mandate. Additionally, we join the ranks of the Saints in a way, and invite others to join in through the various activities of these ministries.

**Getting married?** Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship?

### "A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime"

Catholic Engaged Encounter uses a tried and true method of marriage preparation that has been successful for over 30 years and gained approval from the Vatican and hundreds of dioceses throughout the world. CEE has openings in the following upcoming weekends:

**Regina location:** November 13-15, 2015, January 22-24, 2016, March 18-20, 2016, May 13-15, 2016 and June 3-5, 2016. **Muenster location:** April 1-3, 2016.

For more information please call Kim and Vance Weber at [306-698-2466](tel:306-698-2466), or go to [www.ceewest.com](http://www.ceewest.com)

# Good News!

November 1, 2015

## ALL SAINTS (B)

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

I didn't have a calendar for a long time and prided myself on keeping my schedule and my children's schedule in my head. Then came the week I missed three appointments and realized I could no longer rely on my memory. Now I live by my calendar. Appointments, meetings, and to-do lists are neatly in their appropriate slots, and the calendar is the first thing I look at in the morning and the last thing I see before I leave the office. There isn't a lot of time for anything else. This begs the question: When does being a saint get space in my day?

Saints are so transparent to God that God's grace simply flows through them. And we are all called to sainthood, to holiness, regardless of what we do or who we are in the world. We have the mistaken notion that the saints spent all their time doing religious or spiritual things and that if their schedules were like ours, there would be fewer of them. We couldn't be further from the truth. Saint Paul - when he wasn't planting churches, writing letters, or preaching the Good News - was spending more than a little time in prison. I don't think sainthood was really on his to-do list. Nor did he schedule being holy in between travels. His sainthood came from hearing the voice of God, obeying it, and incorporating it into whatever he was doing.

Shoehorning prayer and study into our schedules may be just what we need, and we must allow God to help us find and become the saint in the midst of each of our lives.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YORKTON FAITH BUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

The building has begun and volunteers are needed at the build site in whatever capacity suits you best. Perhaps you would like to serve coffee, or prepare and deliver meals. Or maybe you are handy with a hammer and have some time to spare. Any contribution is helpful. **Volunteer applications are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.** Completed application forms may be returned to the Parish Office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Once the H4H Yorkton Faith Build Volunteer Co-ordinator receives your application form, you will be contacted.

## Job Description for a Saint

*What qualities make a person a "saint?"*

Have you ever met someone you considered a "saint?" There are many people who strive to live ethical lives, and many Christians who are active in their church communities. Far from perfection, these people are broken to a certain extent. Those who puff up their reputations as good or holy people usually have something to hide. Those who try and allow their frailty to be shown are the real saints.

Jesus sat with his followers and defined the "saint." He implied the "saint" was the person who was happy despite the conditions of the world. The saint was happy, even blessed, because he or she could see the Kingdom would soon arrive.

*Do you know a Christian that is truly happy? Why is he or she happy?*

Saints are those who live out the Beatitudes. They are happy when living the Christian lifestyle is not convenient. Saints are ordinary people who do extraordinary things even in the face of criticism and persecution. They belong to Christ. The power of the Spirit flows through them, even in subtle ways. They are the poor in spirit, the peacemaker, the pure in heart, the ones who thirst for the right way to God. They are the faithful.

Have I painted too ambitious a picture? Let me describe the term "saint" in another way. A local San Diego priest passed away a few years ago. He was universally held up as a paragon of virtue and holiness. When he was diagnosed with cancer, he reflected on his upcoming death. He had only one request. On his tombstone, he wanted the following epitaph: At Least I Tried.

When we try, when we strive to live out the Beatitudes, we are saints. Sainthood is a life-long process, not some sort of vague reward in heaven. It is a life of accepting God's gifts and acting on them, even in imperfect ways. Sainthood is trying to live out the Beatitudes, not a question of succeeding.

*What can you do today to live out the Beatitudes this day?*

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## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

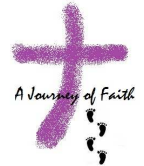
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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join 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](mailto: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.

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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 our city 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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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