



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of  
All Saints

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:  
Saturday: 5pm; Sunday: 9am & 11am

## CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.  
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.  
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (2<sup>nd</sup>) **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**  
7pm Special Intentions

Tues. (3<sup>rd</sup>) 7pm Mass of Thanksgiving

Wed. (4<sup>th</sup>) **9:30am** +Mervin & +Helen Krasowski

Thurs. (5<sup>th</sup>) **9:30am** +Janet Gress

Fri. (6<sup>th</sup>) **9:30am** Jody Chupa  
7pm ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Sat. (7<sup>th</sup>) **9:30am** Anita Young

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5pm +Mike & +Mary Diakuw

Sun. (8<sup>th</sup>) **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9am +Bernard Matsalla  
11am Mass for the People

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **Pre-registration** is not required at this time.
- **Please wear a mask** from the time that you leave your vehicle, and from the time you leave the church until you arrive at your vehicle. Thank you.
- **Members of the same household** may sit together at the marked seating.
- **At least two-metres separation** is required between households.
- **Please arrive early** so that you can provide your name and telephone number for contact-tracing purposes.
- **The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:**
  - ❖ People with COVID-19 symptoms, who live with someone with COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
  - ❖ The sick, including those with a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath
  - ❖ Those who have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
- Remember, there is still a risk for anyone who attends Mass, even with best health practices, strict personal distancing, & improved cleaning

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to weekday Mass,  
Saturdays at 8:30 am and 4:30 pm,  
or by appointment. Phone: 306.782.2449



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Lord, I am grateful for your life of humble service. Give me a humble, willing heart to serve the needs of your people.

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

## A Note from Your Pastor.....

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Saturday, October 31, 2020, is a historic day for the Knights of Columbus because Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, a world-wide organization with two million members and 15,000 councils, will be beatified. After this, the next step is sainthood.

Also in the middle of this month, on Oct. 10, Carlo Acutis, a young Italian computer whiz who died of leukemia at 15 years old while offering his suffering for the Pope and the Church, was beatified. With the beatification of this young man, the Catholic Church now has its first “Blessed” who loved Super Mario and Pokémon, but not as much as he loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we honour all the Saints, but especially the unknown and unrecognized saints. And when we honour all the Saints, we hear the beatitudes, the most beautiful teaching of Jesus, the qualities that Jesus wants to see in us, as his followers, the qualities that are exemplified.

Saints are like windows as through them the light of God’s wisdom streams into the world, banishing the darkness and brightening the road for uncertain travellers. Through them the warmth of God’s love radiates throughout the world, banishing the coldness. Saints lived their lives according to what Jesus taught in the beatitudes, and for that they were truly blessed. *“Rejoice and be glad, for their reward is great in heaven”* (Mt 5.12).

Saints are those who always searched for God’s will, worked and exercised it. They allowed God’s work through them and were strengthened by God’s graces. They came closer to Jesus in The Eucharist in order to receive strength from this sacrament and to be messengers for God’s love and mercy wherever they lived.

In his homily for the beatification of Carlo Acutis, Cardinal Agostino Vallini said, “Blessed Carlo Acutis’ example shows us that true happiness is found in putting God first, and serving Him in our brothers and sisters. Since he was a child ... he had his gaze turned to Jesus. Love for the Eucharist was the foundation that kept alive his relationship with God. As he wrote at the age of seven, ‘to be always united with Jesus, this is my life program’”.

Carlo often said “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven”. For him, Jesus was “the strength of his life and the purpose of everything he did”. Then Cardinal Vallini continued *“He was convinced that to love people and do them good you need to draw energy from the Lord. In this spirit he was very devoted to Our Lady”*.

The saints are examples of determination, dedication and sacrifice. They have shown us that ordinary human beings, like us, can achieve great things when we avail to the grace of God.

Therefore, when we honour them, we are reminded of the call to be saints. We are invited to have a strong connection to Jesus so that we will do the will of God in all things, to work and serve for the glory of God and service of our neighbour. We are also invited to search and answer God’s call in ordinary ways. We are called to give examples of faith, hope and love, justice, courage, and humility to others.

In my message for this weekend, I encourage and invite you to think about the invitation of Jesus, *“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect”* (Mt 5.48). Be saints in your daily life, in small things, in love, in hope and in joy. We are invited to come closer to Jesus, to his presence in the Eucharist, to be with Him and have Him in our lives.

When we face the sun, we get a tan from the sun’s rays and heat. The sun may make us feel healthier, stronger. It is the same in our spiritual journey when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, to be with Him. We will have more love and strength to be witnesses for Him, in service to others.

During this pandemic time, the Church rejoices, because in these very young Blesseds, Carlo Acutis and Fr. Michael McGivney, the Lord's words are fulfilled: *"I have chosen you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit"*. They "went" and "brought" the fruit of holiness, showing that it as a goal reachable by all and not something abstract and reserved for a few.

Yes, indeed they went and brought the fruit of holiness. How about us?

Have a wonderful and blessed weekend my sisters and Brothers.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Louis Nguyen



### News from the CWL



**Memberships for 2021** It's that time of year to be thinking about renewing our 2021 CWL Membership. Membership fees are still \$30.00 and can be paid by cash or cheque and put in the collection basket, or mailed to St. Gerard's C.W.L., 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N., Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4. If you feel comfortable paying by e-transfer, contact Paulette Cooper 306-782-7923. If you have any questions or concerns regarding memberships, contact Paulette. Even though our Council has not been active due to COVID, we are required to collect and submit membership fees to the National CWL Office. Any member can access the National website ([www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)) at anytime to learn more about the CWL of Canada. If you are not a member and would like to join our League, contact Paulette or any member of St. Gerard's Catholic Women's League.

**Raffle Tickets** Thank you to everyone who has picked up a book of tickets (or more) to sell or buy. There are more ticket books available in the church welcome area. Sign the sheet that's provided with the number of the ticket book and your name and sell, sell, sell!!! Proceeds to Palliative Care. We ask that you return all ticket books, sold or unsold, by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The draw will be made on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Prize winners will be notified and a list of winners will be placed in the church bulletin.

**Years of Service Pins** Our Council will not be presenting members with pins for years of service in 2020 due to gathering restrictions with COVID. We pray we can have a social gathering in 2021 at which time the following members will receive their pins:

Mary Ann Scherr	–	50 yrs
Rita Rodney	–	45 yrs
Olga Duff	–	40 yrs
Margie Slugoski	–	40 yrs
Jeannette Tremblay	–	25 yrs
Chris Dubois	–	20 yrs
Carrie Jendrasheske	–	20 yrs
Donna Lazurko	–	10 yrs
Connie Watling	–	10 yrs
Lorraine Zazula	–	10 yrs



### News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 4 Executive & General Meeting **CANCELLED**  
 Nov. 11 Mass for Deceased Members at 6pm

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

### News from the Archdiocese of Regina



The Archdiocese of Regina invites all of us to follow Christ's lead in giving to the Archbishop's Appeal. Our donations assist our Archdiocese in bringing the Good News of God's mercy and provident love that imbues hope to others through the support of educational endeavours, ministries, and hospital chaplaincy.

**St. Gerard Parish Goal: \$43,905.83**

### The Diocese Tonight Episode 3 Everyday Saints

airs Sunday November 1 at 7:00 p.m.

[www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina](http://www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina)

The Diocese Tonight is a "virtual family gathering" that celebrates the diversity of people that make up our diocesan faith family. Join us to laugh, learn, pray, sing and celebrate.

**Jubilee for the Earth Year, Care for Creation news:** On Sept 30, 2020 the Vatican issued a new encyclical called **Journeying Towards Care for Our Common Home: Five Years after Laudato Si'**.

The new encyclical builds on and cultivates the themes of Laudato Si'. We are encouraged to integrate the message of journeying towards care for our common home into our every day life. The full 'Journeying' encyclical may be downloaded at <https://www.devop.org/en/laudatosi>

Submitted by the Stewardship Committee



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## We are All Called to Sainthood

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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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The Social Justice Committee of St. Gerard's Parish is seeking 3-4 volunteers who can spare personal time to meet our committee goals over the course of the Parish's annual year.

Our focus has been to build community between St. Gerard's Parish and political, economic and social realities of our day. Our plans are not massive but they achieve great things. Our yearly activities have ranged between coordinating and supporting the Giving Tree campaign, Soup Haven barbecue, coordinate food hamper donations, Salvation Army Kettle campaign and our annual Lenten project.



If you can spare a few hours a month or would like to volunteer for specific projects, we would dearly like to hear from you. Please contact Mark Bell, Social Justice Committee Chairperson at (306) 782-3589.



### Please support needy families and households in our community!

Non-perishable items may be placed in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area. All food items will be delivered to the Yorkton Food Bank at the Salvation Army. Thank you!

- Submitted by the Social Justice Committee

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### PARISH FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

3pm – 6pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies	\$35 (10 dozen)	Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40 (10 dozen)
Cabbage rolls	\$25 ( 5 dozen)		

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, perogies and cabbage rolls will be available drive-through only (no walk-ups). Enter at parking lot & into driveway in front of church. Please remain in your vehicle and someone will take your order.**

## Your St. Gerard Parish COVID-19 Questions Answered

***On March 18, 2020, Archbishop Donald Bolen, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, granted to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation. This is still in effect.***

**What does this mean?** As Roman Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Until further notice, Archbishop Don has granted an exemption from this obligation. For those who are unable or choose not to attend Sunday Mass at this time, you do not have to. Other ways to participate in Sunday Mass is to watch it on television or watch the YouTube Mass online, courtesy of Resurrection Parish & Christ the King Parish (Regina) and the Archdiocese of Regina.

**Why do I need to wear a mask?** All those who attend both daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses are asked to wear a mask. The parish has a small supply of masks for those who do not have one. Please remember to put your mask on before exiting your vehicle prior to entering the church. A mask protects you and others!

**Why do I need to register each time that I arrive to attend Mass?** In the event that someone who has attend Mass develops COVID-19, it is necessary for the parish to have the names and phone numbers of all in attendance for contact-tracing purposes.

Have questions? Please email the Parish Office: [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

## QUOTABLE SAINTS

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

--St. Augustine

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.

--Saint Francis Xavier

"Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand."

--Saint Thomas Aquinas

"I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind."

--St. Bernard

I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church.

--St. Thomas Aquinas

When I steeped myself in prayer, I was transported in spirit to the Chapel, where I saw the Lord Jesus, exposed in the Monstrance. In place of the Monstrance I saw the glorious face of the Lord, and He said to me, "What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon the soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith! (1420)

--St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in my Soul

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

--St. Thomas Aquinas

"One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying."

-St. Joan of Arc

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

--Saint Francis Assisi

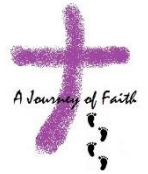




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience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

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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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