
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

The Solemnity of Christ the King - November 20, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (21st): NO MASS
Tues. (22nd): 9:00 am- +Rosanne Koski
Wed. (23rd): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
+Merylene Lorenz
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Mark Geysen
Thurs. (24th): 9:00 am- +Rosemarie Massett
Fri. (25th): 9:00 am- +Craig Pierce

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Jody Churko

Sun. (27th): *First Sunday of Advent*
9:00 am- +Frank Halliday
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock
Hospital: Jerome Niezgodna
Nursing Home: Rosella Wanner & Lorne Wanner
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Fran Semchuk

The 2016-2017 **Sunday Missals** are located on a table in the Welcome Area. Please pick up a copy today while quantities last!

Also available are **Advent Reflections** (blue).

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (20th): 7:00 pm- *First Reconciliation Parent Mtg.*
Mon. (21st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (22nd): 9:30 am- CWL Comfort Cushion Project
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
7:30 pm- *Pivotal Players*
Wed. (23rd): 9:30 am- CWL Comfort Cushion Project
Fri. (25th): 9:30 am- Church cleaning bee
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (26th): 10:00 am- *First Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration*
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass



Experience Christ through human beings both ordinary and extraordinary! Become acquainted with saints, mystics, artists and theologians – “Pivotal Players” who shaped the church and changed the course of civilization.

Tuesday, November 22nd @ 7pm, meet **Saint Francis of Assisi** who went out to preach and heal, taking nothing for his journey; who initiated the Christmas tradition of the Nativity scene and is the Patron Saint of Ecologists.

An Adult Faith Formation evening, organized by the St. Gerard Religious Education Committee

Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Particular Judgement

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul, a destiny which can be different for some than for others.

Is death an end or an opportunity? The story of the "good" thief shows us his leap of faith; it also shows us Christ's willingness to help up to the very end. Both the thief and Jesus show an openness to each other that turned death into an opportunity.

The immediate judgement of the person after death asks the same question: Are you open to God's grace and mercy? Or, have you despaired in the face of death? Is death an opportunity or an end?

Death is a time to reach out to God and others. It is THE existential step that shows us what we believe as the Communion of Saints.

Have you ever attended a joy-filled funeral? What did the tone of the service say about the character of the deceased or loved ones? Did the service inspire you? Why or why not?

Even in times of discouragement, we can reach out to the Lord and others to share grief, feelings of rejection, and despair. When we reach out, we take the first step away from that which we share. We move toward life, away from death. The Good Thief made such a step, even in the face of a doubting crowd. And the Lord responded with life.

Reflect on your inner attitudes. What causes you dark feelings? What gives you hope? How can you offer both to the Lord this week?

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In Memory of Jesus and the Saints

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. Yes, we carry them in our bodies and thus keep them alive for all with whom we live and work.

- Bread for the Journey by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 21 - November 25, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Student-led Conferences (Kennedy)		•SCC Meeting		
Tues.	•Flu vaccinations	•Student-led Conferences	•K & Gr. 1/2 to Museum			
Wed.		•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences	•School photo retakes	•Book Fair •Flu clinic •Student-led conferences
Thurs.			•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences	•SCC Hotdog Lunch •Student-led Conferences	•Book fair •Student-led conferences
Fri.		•Student Recognition Program Awards •SRC popcorn sale			•Student-led Conferences	

"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

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The **Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist Initial Parent Meeting** will be held in December. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PARISH please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449

Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs at the Parish only



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Parent Meeting #2 – **TONIGHT @ 7pm**

Retreat & Celebration
Saturday, November 26th @ 10:00am



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community**

Byron Badiola

who was baptized recently at St. Gerard.

**May this child and his family
experience joy and new life.**



SCRUBBING IS SPIRITUAL!!

Cleaning the church — scrubbing, sweeping, dusting, washing — may not seem like a likely conduit for spiritual growth, but we can use this task, like any other, to help ready our hearts for Jesus.

It is serving others. It is discipleship in action.

On **November 25th at 9:30am** join other parishioners as we prepare the church for Advent & Christmas. **Many hands make light work!!!**



News from the CWL



Ladies, mark your calendars as we will start on November 22-23 and November 29-30 with the **Comfort Cushion Project**, starting at 9:30am 'til 3:30pm each day. Please bring your sewing machine, scissors. and a bag lunch. The rest is supplied by the CWL. This is a great time of fellowship while working on a wonderful project! See you on the 22.

CWL Christmas Party for all Ladies of the Parish and Guests

Wednesday, December 7th

Mass: 5:30 pm

Supper: 6:30 pm

Please bring a personal care item for the Salvation Army. (e.g., shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, toothpaste)

Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available after each Mass the weekends of November 26/27 and December 3/4.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 25
Nov. 26

Articles for *The Word* due
Put up *Keep Christ in Christmas* signs
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).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Annual Appeal

There are many ways Christ Our Lord and King manifest himself to us! But only those whose heart is openly searching for God would recognize him in our midst like the good thief hanging with Jesus on the cross as the gospel of Luke tells us today.

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal campaign has officially ended. To all of you who donated thank you so very much. Your donation will help the archdiocesan pastoral programs: the youth and lay ministries, diaconate and seminarians formation for the Archdiocese, to continue despite the scarce resources. God will multiply beyond our expectations whatever we give to Him from the heart. And those whose heart and hands are open in sharing their gifts will be blessed equally as well by the Lord whose ways are far beyond our human ways!

Good News!

November 20, 2016 (C)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

The readings for the solemnity of Christ the king in each of the three Sunday cycles help us to see how different Jesus' kingship is from that of earthly rulers. The reign of Jesus is not tied to judgment or authority, for he subjects himself to the judgment and authority of others. His reign is not tied to an ability to make and defend laws, for he submits to the existing law which condemns him to death on a cross. His reign is not tied to the power to conquer nations or to lead great armies against oppressors. Christ the king comes to save, to conquer "death and the devil" (Catechism 636, 1019).

Rather, the kingdom of God is about comfort, peace, redemption, truth, real justice, and mercy. Even from the cross, Jesus forgave his enemies and held on to no anger or hate. He welcomed repentant sinners into the kingdom. He resisted the temptation to impress others with the power that came from who he was and who he knew. In the great contradiction of our faith, the power of Christ the King is manifest in his willingness to become powerless for love of us.

What does that mean for us, his disciples? We, too, must let go of power, reject destruction, and turn toward God. As we make our way, we are called to practice forgiveness, hospitality, and humility in loving all of God's children. As we close this Year of Mercy and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our King.

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Development and Peace Fall Campaign

Sign the Development and Peace Action Card TODAY!!!! Ask the Prime Minister to take into account the vital role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet and to ensure that their voices are heard.



Please support the
Salvation Army
Kettle Campaign

St. Gerard Parishioners will be helping with the Salvation Army Kettles at four different locations from 10am until 6pm on Friday, November 25th.

Watch for the
GIVING TREE
in the Welcome Area
next weekend!



1. Pick a gift tag from the tree
2. Purchase that gift
3. Place the **NEW, UNWRAPPED** gift under the tree with the gift tag attached (gift bags are okay).

Gifts are to be under the tree **by December 11th**, so that they can be sorted and delivered to the Safe Haven, Salvation Army, Shelwin House and White Spruce Provincial Training Center.

2017 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2017 collection envelopes will be available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2016. Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2017.

If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2017, **please complete a Parish Registration Form, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.**

**Now is the time to switch
from collection envelopes
to "Pre-Authorized Giving"**

- Pre-authorized Giving is **convenient**.
- Pre-authorized Giving is **assured**.
- Pre-authorized Giving results in **lower administrative costs**.

Please complete the **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) 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.

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306-783-4255 - PEROGY HOTLINE - 306-783-4255

****Perogy Bee****

Tues.	Nov. 22	9:00 am -Preparing: potatoes, dough, onions, cheese
Wed.	Nov. 23	9:00 am - Pinching
Thurs.	Nov. 24	9:00 am - Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"King of the Jews"

This Week...

Jesus is descended from David, the king of Israel, yet he is a king of another kind, ruling over life and death, freeing us from sin and darkness. Working for the kingdom of Jesus is working for understanding and forgiveness in this world, and paradise in the next.

For Your Reflection

What do you know about kings? Kings have power and authority. They live in palaces, with good food, entertainment, and servants.

- How is this image similar to your idea of who Jesus is? How is this image different?
- Do you think Jesus made a big deal about being a "king" when he was hanging out with the Apostles? How do you think he treated them?

Lots of people wonder what "INRI" stands for. Think of each "I" as a "J" and it's easier to see. Jesus of Nazareth, King ("Rex" in Latin) of the Jews. Jesus wasn't in the habit of calling himself King of the Jews.

- How do you think he got that title? Who would have most likely seen him as a real king and leader? Why? Who might have used that title only in a mocking way? Why?
- If Jesus came today instead of two thousand years ago, do you think modern Americans would see him as a king? Why or why not?
- Do you see Jesus as a king? If not, why not? If so, a king of what? or a king of whom?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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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