



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 21st, 2021

Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (22 nd)	NO MASS
Tues. (23 rd)	7:00pm + Alfredo Muyargas
Wed. (24 th)	10:00am NURSING HOME NORTH Mary Ryhorski
	7:00pm + John Zatwarnitski
Thurs. (25 th)	9:00am + Tom Pasloski
	2:30pm BENTLEY SENIORS' RES + Bernard Matsalla
Fri. (26 th)	9:00am + Elizabeth Beres
Sat. (27 th)	9:00am Souls in Purgatory
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	5:00pm + Mike Diakuw
Sun. (28 th)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:00am Mass for the People
	11:00am + John Monka

WELCOME BACK!

Please note the following changes for our parish per the **Archdiocese of Regina guidelines** (effective July 11, 2021) and the **Government of Saskatchewan Interim Health Order** (effective September 17, 2021):

- **Masks must be worn at all times until further notice**
- Masks & hand sanitizer will be provided.
- **Please sit in the pews that have hymnals and maintain two metres between households**
- The choir and singing has resumed
- Holy water will not be available in the Baptismal font at this time
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue

Please come! Everyone is welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!



Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)



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Lord, I am grateful that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be faithful to the truth of the Gospel.

- 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,

There is a question that I ask myself after reading the Gospel for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: What can we learn from the dialogue between Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Palestine, and Jesus?

In this dialogue Jesus affirms that he is a king, but he also states that his kingdom does not belong to this world. It is important for him to confirm this because Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, is concerned that Jesus is trying to organize some kind of political rebellion against the Roman Empire, and, as we know, Jesus says that he is not trying to do this. He says, *"My kingdom is not from this world"*.

But if Jesus is not a political king, what kind of king is he? If his kingdom is "not of this world", what kind of kingdom is it?

Fifteen years ago, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Benedict XVI gave the answer for these questions: *"Jesus did not come to rule over peoples and territories, but to set people free from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God"*.

In his homily Pope Benedict XVI explained, *"The way to reach this goal is long and admits of no short cuts: indeed, every person must freely accept the truth of God's love. He is Love and Truth, and neither Love nor Truth are ever imposed: they come knocking at the doors of the heart and the mind and where they can enter they bring peace and joy. This is how God reigns; this is his project of salvation, a "mystery" in the biblical sense of the word: a plan that is gradually revealed in history"* (Angelus, November 26, 2006).

We all know that ever since the time of the original sin, mankind has been enslaved to selfishness and has been separated from God. Tempted by the devil, Adam and Eve believed the lie that they could achieve the fulfillment, meaning, and happiness they longed for apart from God. And, as we know, that lie led them to disobey God's commands, to act as if they themselves were gods.

That self-centered rebellion, instead of liberating the human race, poisoned it with suffering, death, and evil. By throwing off God's rule, Adam and Eve made themselves into followers of the very first rebel against God: the devil.

Courageous, humble acceptance of God's truth, of the truth that God is love, is the only way to follow our eternal King, and to experience the fulfillment that comes from being a faithful citizen of his everlasting Kingdom.

And the truth that will set us free from sin is this: GOD IS LOVE. By accepting God's love in our life, we accept God's rule and are citizens of the Kingdom of God, where Christ is the everlasting King.

Jesus came to save us by bringing the light of truth back into our darkened, confused world. He is king of sinners and he leads us to reconcile to God the Father, to the truth, as he says, *"I am the way, the truth and the life"* (Jn 14).

I very much like the words when Jesus says to Pilate, *"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice"* because with these words he teaches us the entire secret to relationship with God. If we allow ourselves to be led by what is true we will be drawn into communion with Him, and we will hear and heed God's ceaseless invitations to follow him more closely.

Let us acknowledge Jesus is our King, the eternal King of life, history, and the entire universe. Let us worship him and pray that His kingdom come - now and forever.

Have a blessed last weekend of liturgical year.

Fr. Louis Nguyen



Congratulations to the children of our Parish Family who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Saturday, November 20, 2021!



News from the CWL



Membership fees for 2022 will be collected in November. The fee is remaining the same as last year - \$30.00



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



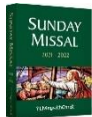
St. Gerard Parish Goal	- \$45,768
Giving to Date	- \$14,975
Percentage of Goal to Date	- 32.7%



Coming this Advent....

*The Simple Yes of Mary Then,
and Our Yes Today!*

More details to follow



The **2021-2022 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.



CHURCH CLEANING BEE

Saturday, December 4th @ 10am



ART & ENVIRONMENT

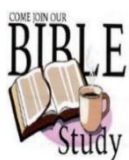
Decorating for Christmas
SUNDAY, December 12th at 1pm

WELCOMERS, LECTORS, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS)

If you were not on the most recent schedule and would like to be added to the one for January to April, please contact the Parish Office by Thursday, December 16th.

Phone 306.782.2449/email office@stgerard.ca

ALSO... the sign-up sheets for the Christmas & New Year's ministries will be in the Welcome Area the weekend of December 11th & 12th.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bible Study

begins

Monday, November 29th at 7pm
(lower level hall – please use east entrance)

Contact the Parish Office to register!
306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca

An Overview of the CCCB Truth and Reconciliation Journey in Solidarity with the Indigenous Delegation Going to Rome

From December 17th to 20th, an Indigenous delegation will be going to meet Pope Francis in Rome. Its aim is to create meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, and to prepare the Pope for his pastoral visit to Canada. As you know, in late September the Catholic Bishops of Canada offered an unequivocal apology to Indigenous Peoples, which provides a context for the forthcoming trip to Rome as a step towards reconciliation.

Like our own process of the sacrament of reconciliation, we begin by acknowledging the truths of where and how we as Catholics have been the source of deep pain and wounds; what we have done and what we have failed to do. Pope Francis will have an opportunity to hear about the effects of colonization, the signing and breaking of treaties, the legacy of residential schools, and intergenerational trauma. Many of the stories he will hear will touch these painful truths, and that is an essential step towards healing that will lead to a meaningful encounter and relationship building.

Let us be in solidarity with this Indigenous delegation and the efforts of the Canadian Church as it takes steps on this healing and reconciling journey. Truth, new beginnings and right relationships pave the way towards Reconciliation.

Let us embark on this journey following the movement of the Advent liturgical cycle, beginning with the feast of Christ the King, by entering into the five stage process of the sacrament of reconciliation: examine, confession, repentance, reparation and reconciliation.



Bringing Home the Word

Feeble, Fleeting Human Glory

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In the eighteenth century, Lorenzo Sabbatini painted an amazing ceiling mural at the Vatican of Christ the King ascended in heavenly glory. Have you heard of the artist? He and his art were sought after by the wealthiest, most powerful people of his day—so famous then, but unknown today. Thus is the feeble nature of human glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is in chains at the mercy of Pontius Pilate. The Roman procurator failed to recognize him. Thus is the feeble nature of human recognition. Pilate had before him the King of Kings, the author of all authority in heaven and on earth, his maker and judge. It appeared that Pilate was the powerful one, but Jesus knew all power really came from his Father. Thus, the feeble nature of vision without faith.

The elaborate scene painted by Sabbatini is what we should always keep in mind—Jesus taken up into the clouds as he blesses us. Cherubs dance and celebrate the return of the King, their fearless leader, who faced all the forces of hell and emerged victorious. He has taken his rightful throne and they are rejoicing at having him back. He still reigns from there today.

He has opened the gates of heaven so all his beloved can now enter and populate the mansions prepared for them from the dawn of time. We may often feel like victims of circumstances or totally limited by our failures, health, or enemies. Yet, we are more than conquerors if we allow ourselves to be set free by the truth of Christ's kingship.

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Please support the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Social Justice Committee is seeking **20 people** who can volunteer on **Thursday, December 2nd** to staff a kettle location. There are **5 locations** across the City of Yorkton where your support is needed! **(4-two-hour time slots times 5 locations = 20 people needed!)**

If you have 2 hours that you can spare from 10am to 6pm please contact Mark Bell at 306.620.6482 or leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office.

2022 Giving Program

In the next few weeks, the 2022 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2021. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2022, **please complete a Parish Registration Form**, 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** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.



Development and Peace's 2021-2022 campaign, **People and Planet First**, is calling for Canada and Canadian corporations not to be complicit in violations against the planet and its inhabitants. The easiest way to take action is to sign the petition calling on the government to implement a due diligence law that would require its companies to respect human and environmental rights in their overseas operations. <https://devp.org/en>

The 2021 Giving Tree Campaign has begun! The program supports less fortunate families, children and needy individuals in our community with personal items, clothing or small presents to be provided for the Christmas Season.



- 1 Take an ornament off the Giving Tree.
- 2 Acquire the item(s) and place in an **OPEN** Christmas gift bag. Please do not wrap the items. **Securely attach the ornament to the gift bag.**
- 3 All items are to be returned to the base of the Giving Tree **by Sunday, December 19th**.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues. (23rd): 7:30pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (24th): 7:30pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Thurs. (25th): 7:00pm- Archdiocesan Presentation
"The Legacy of Clergy Sexual Abuse"
 If you have any questions or wish to register, please email:
victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com

Indigenous Peoples and the Church:

Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021. Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. Likewise, it is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada.

The video link for this week is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reh7d51YsVc>

The text of this video follows on the next few pages.



HOMILY OF THE MOST REV. DONALD BOLEN, ARCHBISHOP OF REGINA

Solemnity of Christ the King
Sunday, 21 November 2021

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14;

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8;

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

Warm greetings in the Lord Jesus.

Over the next five weeks, I have been asked to share a few homiletic reflections to help prepare the Church in Canada to accompany in solidarity and prayer the delegation of Indigenous Peoples to Rome to meet with Pope Francis 4 weeks from now. In each reflection, as we move towards the birth of the Christ child, we will ponder what is being asked of us in seeking a new way to walk in solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

Today is the feast of Christ the King. At the heart of this feast is a paradox about power and the exercise of power, and we hear it coming through in today's Gospel. Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?", and Jesus, in so many words, says not the kind of king you are thinking of - "My kingdom does not belong to this world.... I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Many of Jesus' disciples and hearers wanted him to come with political power, to overthrow the Romans, to exert authority over all who were oppressing the people.

But his way was not about 'power over'; it was about self-giving suffering love, a love willing to humbly serve, to wash the feet of others, to listen to and heal the wounds of the suffering. The paradox of today's feast is brought home when we think of Jesus on the cross with a sign posted above him, King of the Jews. Today's feast turns us towards Jesus' understanding of power, and that is an important entry point as we ponder the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church, historically and today.

There are limits to which it is appropriate to judge people of the past by our understanding today, but we need to acknowledge that it was deeply problematic that Christianity came to this land accompanying European powers with a particular view of this land and the Peoples who had lived here for tens of thousands of years. When rivaling Europeans came to what they termed the 'new world' and saw all this land, they erected crosses to stake and claim it for their respective monarchs. They came with assumptions of the superiority of their cultures.

While there could have been a rich encounter between cultures, languages, spiritualities and ways of living on the land, what largely resulted instead was domination of Indigenous Peoples. When we look today at ways in which the church gave moral authority to the colonizing enterprise, including power over Indigenous Peoples here and in other parts of the world, we are confronted with the reality that church leaders of that time allowed themselves to stand in solidarity with the dominating powers instead of with Indigenous Peoples.

Accompanying colonizing nations, often with the notion of conquering the world for Christ, seems to stand in sharp tension with Jesus's words in today's Gospel: my kingdom is not of this world. We heard just a few Sundays ago in Mark's Gospel Jesus reminding his disciples that while in the world those with power lord it over others, it was not to be so among his disciples. He reminds them that God's way is the way of a love that gives of itself, and that he came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for us.

Good and healthy evangelization is not colonization. Rather, it comes with the humility of the God who comes to dwell among us, to pour himself out for us. It comes with a word to proclaim, with a healing and redeeming presence at the service of humanity, and with a desire to enter into dialogue with cultures. When Saint Pope John Paul visited this land in 1984, at the Martyrs' Shrine in Ontario, he stated,

"Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indian... Through his Gospel Christ confirms the native peoples in their belief in God, their awareness of his presence, their ability to discover him in creation, their dependence on him, their desire to worship him, their sense of gratitude for the land, their responsible stewardship of the earth, their reverence for all his great works, their respect for their elders. The world needs these values and so many more that they possess."

That martyrs' shrine is a place where we are reminded of a missionary effort that was much closer to Jesus's way of exercising power. St. Jean de Brébeuf and companions sought to enculturate themselves fully with the Huron-Wendat people they came to serve, living with the people, learning their language and way of living on the land, helping with tasks as needed. He came to admire them, recognizing them as intelligent, welcoming, good businessmen, who had a profound sense of the spiritual. It was obvious to him that the Spirit of God was very active in their culture. At first, he viewed some of their spiritual and cultural practices negatively, but his views shifted as his respect for the people grew. God loved Brébeuf's Indigenous friends and God was with them whether they were baptized or not.

Now is the time for us to commit ourselves to walking with Indigenous Peoples with the same commitment as St Jean de Brébeuf, seeking ways to hear their voices speaking their truths. As we celebrate this feast of Christ the King, let us remember that Christ's kingdom is one of deep listening and humble service. He said "I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice," and suggested that we would hear his voice calling to us in the voice of every person in need (Mt. 25:31-46).

Today he invites us as his disciples to face the past honestly, to acknowledge our failings, and to learn a new and non-colonial way of walking in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Our walking together in right relationship will find its way through encounters and experiences of deep listening, followed by concrete acts of justice that pave the way towards reconciliation.

The delegation to Rome is preparing the way for this kind of experience, as delegates will be sharing their truth and encountering Pope Francis in preparation for an historic pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. Let us accompany the delegation with our prayers and our commitment to be a part of that walking together.

2021 GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN

Submitted by the Social Justice Committee

It is with great enthusiasm that we wish to announce that the St. Gerard's Giving Tree Campaign will begin Saturday, November 13th and will run until Sunday, December 19th.

This will be the sixth year that the Giving Tree Campaign will make the Christmas season a little brighter for needy persons and families in Yorkton and the surrounding area.

Over the years this program has grown significantly. In 2020 we filled the needs of 80 households amounting to over 150 persons and 180 gift items.

The Giving Tree, with parishioner support, helps to make someone's Christmas a little brighter as we provide them with much-needed items. The items range from clothing for members of the household (mitts, scarves, jackets, ski pants for children) to small Christmas toys for children who would not necessarily have these on Christmas morning. Personal toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) for individuals assist those who may not have the financial capacity to purchase these items after purchasing food for their family. Pre-paid phone cards are a gift that helps someone to call family and loved ones to wish them well in the Christmas season.

All of the items that are identified in our Giving Tree Campaign go to needy individuals and households who are supported by one of the following agencies:

SIGN Provides leadership, programs and services that assist, support and empower children, adults and families to achieve lifelong success, leading to strong and caring citizens and communities.

Salvation Army Provides social service programs including hunger relief for individuals and families through food banks and feeding programs, Christmas assistance such as food hampers and toys, and many other programs.

Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth Provides youth in Yorkton with opportunities for safe, affordable living arrangements, supporting their path to independence.

Shelwin House shelters women and children fleeing abusive relationships and provides them with much-needed support in their time of crisis.

Yorkton & District Nursing Home residents who are without family support greatly appreciate being remembered at Christmastime.

Whitespruce Provincial Training Centre is a reduced custody facility near Orcadia designed to facilitate offender labour market attachment. Offenders are offered higher level vocational skills training to assist them in becoming more employable.

Each of the decorations on the Giving Tree is targeted to the needs of a particular individual. If you are able to acquire all of the items on the decoration (2-3 items), either by yourself or in conjunction with a friend or another family, that's GREAT!

All items are to be returned in an **open** Christmas gift bag **with the tree decoration attached to the bag no later than Sunday, December 19th**. The tree decoration is our tracing mechanism and will assist our committee to make certain that the right gifts get to the right persons.

Thank you for your continued support while making someone's Christmas much brighter!

YOUTH REFLECTION

"A Kingdom Not of this World"

This Week...

Jesus says that his kingdom is not of this world. He further says that he came into the world to testify to the truth, and that those committed to the truth will hear his voice. The apocalyptic readings from Revelation and Daniel certainly describe a king who is not limited to this world. But our main task as followers of Jesus and disciples of his way is clear: we are to work in order to bring the kingdom of God into this world. It will not be the kind of kingdom we often think of, with a dominating, oppressive ruler and cowering subjects. It will be a Reign of peace and love, forgiveness and nonviolence.

For Your Reflection

Jesus tells his closet friends that he is the Messiah, the One chosen to come and lead Israel into a new way of life. Only, their idea of a messiah king is different. They are waiting for a Jewish political leader who will take over the nation and destroy their enemies, then persecute them the way the Jews have been persecuted by the political powers of their time. The ways of Jesus are different. He is a "king" of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love, and service.

- How would this difference in the expectations of a messiah king affect the perceptions of Jesus' followers?
- How might it lead to them doubting that he is truly the Messiah?
- How might it explain their cowardice at the time of Jesus' arrest and trial?

The Lord's Prayer we pray at Mass every Sunday includes this line: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

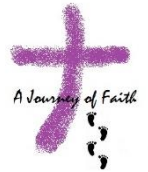
- What does it mean for the Kingdom to come to earth, the same way it exists in heaven? What would that look like?
- What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God?
- What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, how? If not, why not?
- It takes courage to play your part. When have you done something courageous for the Kingdom of Jesus? What happened? When have you had the chance, but not the courage you needed? What happened?



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 Regina 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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca