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# 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*

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## Solemnity of Christ the King – November 22, 2015

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bernice Saretsky  
**5:00 pm- Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite**

Tues. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Melissa Hill

Wed. (25<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)  
+Leon Levasseur  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
**5:30 pm- +Nell Hanewich**

Thurs. (26<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Herb Desroches

Fri. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Rev. Ken Greer

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Margaret Fleming

Sun. (29<sup>th</sup>): *First Sunday of Advent*  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Treeske Holtkamp  
8:00 pm- *Liturgy of the Hours*

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 7:00 pm- First Reconciliation  
Parent & Child Session #2  
7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group

Tues. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
**4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal**  
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass

Wed. (25<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
6:00 pm- Parish Pastoral Council &  
Parish Finance Council  
Joint Supper Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass

Thurs. (26<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA in CWL Room (lower level)  
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee  
Meeting

Fri. (27<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

Sat. (28<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- First Reconciliation Retreat  
and Celebration

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### COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich  
Hospital: Jerome Niezgodna  
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell  
Triplex: Rose Anweiler

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

*The 2015-2016 (Cycle C) Sunday Missals are located on the tables in the Welcome Area. Please pick up a copy today while quantities last!*

*Also available are Advent Reflections.*

*Everyone is invited to a celebration of the*

### **Divine Liturgy in the Syro-Malabar Rite**

on Monday, November 23 @ 5:00 pm

Principal celebrant will be Rev. Jose Kalluvellil,  
Exarchate of the Syro-Malabar Catholics in  
Canada

Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited to a  
meal in St. Gerard Hall.



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

If you are in Grades 7 - 12 and are interested in joining a group of enthusiastic youth who want to make a change in our world, come join us. Newcomers are always welcome!

Next session: Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm



**Sacred Heart High School**

**SHOWTIMES:**  
**DECEMBER 2015**  
**FRI 4 - 7PM**  
**SAT 5 - 7PM**  
**SUN 6 - 2PM**

SACRED HEART PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**

TICKETS ARE \$15 EACH AND ARE AVAILABLE AT:  
 SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL  
 LOUCKS' PHARMACY & M&M MEAT SHOP

BASED ON SHOLEM ALEICHEM STORIES  
 BY SPECIAL PERMISSION OF ARNOLD PERL  
 BOOK BY JOSEPH STEIN MUSIC BY JERRY BOCK  
 LYRICS BY SHELDON HARNICK

PRESENTED WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH RING THEATRE INTERNATIONAL LTD  
 ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY RTI

Check out the bulletin in colour at the **new** St. Gerard Church website: [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) where you will find the weekly bulletin (and more) with just one click!!



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 23 - November 27, 2015



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Scholastic Book Fair		
Tues.		•Gr. 5 Gideon Bibles •Student Led Conferences	•Gideon Bibles presented to Gr. 5	•Gr. 5 Gideon Visit •Scholastic Book Fair		
Wed.		•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences	•SCC Hot Lunch •Student Led Conferences •Scholastic Book Fair	•SCC Taco Lunch •Student Led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences
Thurs.		•Gr. K/1 to WDM	•Student Led Conferences	•Student Led Conferences •Scholastic Book Fair	•Student Led Conferences	•Bibles presented to Gr. 4/5 •Student-led Conferences
Fri.			•Gr. 5 visit Nursing Home			

**Sacred Heart's Drama Club** is performing the musical **Fiddler on the Roof** on Dec. 4 & 5 at 7pm and Dec. 6 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at SHHS office.

**"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 PREPARATION

**Sun. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Sat. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Session #2 @ 7pm  
First Reconciliation Retreat  
and Celebration @ 10:00 am



## MINISTRY SCHEDULES



The new Welcomer, Lector, and Minister of Holy Communion (at Mass), and Hospitality Minister schedules are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area.

Please pick up your copy today!



## St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



The Christmas Liturgy Sign Up sheets are available on the table in the Choir Room.

\*\*\*Please pick up a rehearsal schedule\*\*\*

Rehearsals for Christmas commence Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

All are welcome to sing at the Christmas Masses, however attendance at the rehearsals is expected in order for the choir to minister well as we lead the people in song.

## St. Gerard Parish Family Christmas Social

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Check the bulletin next week for more details!

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council # 2031



## News from the CWL



### I'd rather BEE quilting....

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!

“Love in the Kitchen” – the St. Gerard CWL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook - is available for sale after Mass this weekend. \$15 each or 2/\$25.

Calendars (\$5.00) also available. While supplies last!



The CWL invites



## All Ladies of the Parish

to the Annual CWL Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass at 5:30 pm      Supper at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 – Advance Tickets Only

Tickets available to purchase before & after Mass TODAY!

\*\*Each lady is asked to bring a personal item to donate to the Salvation Army (e.g., socks, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)\*\* For more info. contact: Rosella Wanner 306.782.7042



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 22 - Parish Brunch  
Nov. 25 - Articles for *The Word* due  
Dec. 2 - Executive & General Meeting  
\*\*Note change\*\*

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.728.2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).

## Coming in Advent!

Father Robert Barron's

# CONVERSION

Following the Call of Christ

Conversion is a life-long process of turning our attention toward Christ and His call to change.

Take time (Monday evenings during Advent) to explore biblical stories of ordinary people who did.

# Good News!

November 22, 2015

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

Dn 7:13–14 / Rv 1:5–8 / Jn 18:33b–37

Like many people, when I hear the words “king” and “queen,” I have an image formed by fairy tales and historical novels. The rulers of countries live in castles. They wear crowns and long capes and sit on thrones while their loyal subjects pay them homage. While I am aware that modern kings and queens wear “regular” clothes unless tradition dictates otherwise and that castles have become more contemporary, I still watch royal weddings for a glimpse of the pageantry that fed my childhood fantasies.

Pilate had an idea of what kings were like, too. In the first century, kings made laws and led people into battle. They had great armies and were a danger to another country's way of life. The Jews kept talking about a Messiah who would become king and destroy Israel's enemies. Pilate wasn't taking any chances. For Rome's sake, he would get rid of anyone who seemed a threat.

What Pilate failed to realize was that Israel's king had a very specific function, and it was not to make laws or lead armies. Instead, the king was to study and obey the Law of God and become himself the example of obedience (see Dt 17:18–20). When Pilate called Jesus “the King of the Jews,” his words were truer than he knew, for Jesus was obedient to his Father, even unto accepting death for our sake. But Pilate had no idea why he was right because he was thinking in human terms.

Today we honour Christ, the king of the Jews, of all of us, and of the whole universe. Let us see him as he is and do as he does.

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The Salvation Army  
Needs Our Help!

Volunteers are needed to tend the Salvation Army Kettles until December 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts.

If you are able to assist with their ministry, please contact 306.783.4650.

## 2016 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2016 collection envelopes will be available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2015. Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2016.

If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2016, **please complete a Parish Registration Form (beige)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.

**Have you considered switching from collection envelopes to**

**“Pre-Authorized Giving”?**

***Now is the time!!***

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

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 and at the south entrance.

Re: Pre-authorized Giving & “special collections” – PA Givers may place special collection donations in an envelope with the name of the collection, and name, address & phone number.

Pope Francis has announced an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy** that will be celebrated from December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, through to November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

To mark the beginning of this special year in the Yorkton/Melville Deanery, there will be a celebration of the **Eucharist at St. Henry Parish in Melville at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8.**

Following the mass, there will be a time for gathering and fellowship in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Let us make this a real Deanery celebration that will set the tone for other celebrations to follow in the parishes of this deanery.  
– *Father Hengen*

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

**306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255**

**\*\*\*\*Perogy Bee\*\*\*\***

MON.	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 am - Peeling potatoes, dough-making, & cheese-shredding
TUES.	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am – Pinching
WED.	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am – Bagging

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "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. 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.*



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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 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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