



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

November 24, 2019

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (25 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (26 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Wed. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH) Jeanne Champigny
Thurs. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am 2:30 pm	+Ernie Turta BENTLEY RETIREMENT RES +Jesse Etayo
Fri. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Frank Halliday
Sat. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Claude Slogocki
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	5:00 pm	+Mike Diakuw
Sun. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Half-hour before Saturday morning and Saturday evening Mass, or anytime by appointment.

**Infant Baptism:** Please contact Fr. Louis at least one month prior to Baptism.

**RCIA:** Adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church should contact Fr. Louis.

**Matrimony:** Please contact Fr. Louis at least 6 months prior to the time you would like to be married.

**Anointing:** Please contact Fr. Louis at any time.

For Anointing of the Sick and other emergencies, you may contact Fr. Louis at 306.621.8068



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

Jesus our Lord and King, thank you for being so merciful. Help us follow your example of service and humility, so that we may share your Kingdom with you for all eternity. Amen.

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, I am grateful for your gentle presence. Remember me even when I forget you.

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

Sacred Heart High School  
through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

Presents  
LIONEL BART'S

# Oliver!

November 28th  
29th  
30th  
Showtimes 7:00 pm

December 1st  
Showtime 2:00 pm

Tickets :  
\$10 in advance  
\$15 at the door

Tickets can be purchased at :

Welcome Home Crafts      Sacred Heart High School Office      IG Wealth Management

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
www.MTIshows.com

*Enter into Joy:*  
*Our Parish Family's Advent Journey*

*An Advent Mini-retreat*

*Saturday, December 14, 2019*  
*at 7:00 pm*  
*St. Gerard Church*

Mark your calendars! Don't miss this evening of scripture, story-telling, and music!

The Advent Mini-retreat will feature the following choirs from St. Gerard's: Youth Choir, YA/T Choir, Adult Choir and musicians, Buddies Choir, Men's Choir, and East Indian Group, as well as choirs from St. Michael and St. Paul Schools and the Vietnamese Choir from Regina. Also participating are Youth Connect and St. Gerard Church personalities!



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 25 - December 1, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.			•Gr. 6-8 visit SHHS to attend their musical Oliver	•Gr. 5 Gideon bible presentations •Gr. 6-8 to the musical Oliver	•Gr.6-8 to SHHS for Oliver Musical	•Gr. 3-8 attend "Oliver" performance @ SHHS •Student-led Conferences
Wed.			•Student-led conferences	•SCC Hot Lunch •Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences	•Student-led Conferences
Thurs.	•Musical Oliver Performance @ 7pm		•Student-led conferences	•Gr.3/4 Anti-bullying Presentation •Student-led Conferences •Book Fair	•Taco Lunch •Student-led Conferences	
Fri.-Sat.	•Musical Oliver Performance @ 7pm					
Sun.	•Musical Oliver Performance @ 2pm					

**"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*



## News from the CWL



Mark Your Calendar!! It's that time again!! For what you ask?? It's time to renew your 2020 C.W.L. Memberships. Membership fees are still \$30.00. You can renew them before or after Mass on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and also before and after both Masses on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. They will also be available at the Christmas Social on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.



*Annual  
CWL Christmas Banquet  
Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*



*Mass at 5:00 pm    Supper to follow*

*Cost: \$10.00 per person*

*CWL members and guest may purchase tickets  
by calling Linda 306.783.3924 or Paulette 306.782.7923  
before Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.*

## ST. GERARD PARISH

Celebrating 115 Years of Faith  
1904 – 2019

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Holy Hour at 6:00 pm,  
followed by Mass of Thanksgiving

Refreshments & fellowship  
to follow.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 25        Articles for "The Word" due  
Nov. 29        Afternoon Bingo  
Dec. 1         Parish Brunch  
Dec. 4         Executive & General Meeting  
Dec. 5         Afternoon Bingo  
Dec. 11        Christmas Family Social

**Mental Health calendars** are now available. Cost: \$40  
Phone/text Wayne at 306.783.7380 or email  
[wex13@sasktel.net](mailto:wex13@sasktel.net) to purchase.

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call  
Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr)  
More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



On behalf of Archbishop Donald Bolen, the Archdiocese of Regina and all of the ministries and organizations we fund and support, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and for their help in the various ministries of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your financial support to this year's Archbishop's Appeal. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution, as donations will be accepted at the Parish Office until 4pm Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions, regardless of size, will ensure that the mission of Christ will continue and that the Church of Christ will grow to touch the lives of others, making the peace and grace of Christ known throughout the Archdiocese of Regina.

St. Gerard Parish Goal:                \$54,998  
Donations to date:                        \$28,055  
Percentage of goal to date:            **51%**

If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, there are forms available in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.

## "115 Years of Faith" Stories

Do you have a favourite St. Gerard Parish story to tell? Can you recount a favourite story of your grandparents, great-grandparents, grandchildren? Have there been special moments at St. Gerard's that have made a positive impact on your faith life or the faith life of your family? Do you have special memories of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Weddings, Funerals? Has there been a priest who has left a lasting impression?

"I remember when....." stories may be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off or email to [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca) You may choose to remain anonymous, or provide a nickname if you like! Goal: 30 to 40 unique stories!

Stories will be compiled into a booklet that will be available to parishioners in December.



# Bringing Home the Word

## A Different King of King

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 of the Catholic Church*, 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 and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our King.

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### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

## PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

Cabbage rolls	\$25 ( 5 dozen)
Buckwheat cabbage rolls	\$20 (2 1/2 dozen)
Potato & onion perogies	\$35 ( 10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40 ( 10 dozen)

## St. Gerard's Giving Tree Campaign

Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than 90 individuals and households received need items. The needs of families and individuals will be printed on each tree ornament. If you can commit, please take an ornament and provide an item for someone in need. Thank you!

## Have you celebrated your 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2019?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 13<sup>th</sup> will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 11am).

Phone 306.782.2449 or stop by the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday, 8am-noon and 1pm-4pm.

## 2020 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2020 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2019. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2020, **please complete a Parish Registration Form (beige)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (24<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation  
(Main Hall)
- Mon. (25<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (26<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (27<sup>th</sup>): 6:00 pm- Parish Council Meeting  
(Meeting Rooms A & B)
- Thurs. (28<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer  
(Meeting Room A)
- Fri. (29<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA Group 1  
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
- Sat. (30<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass  
6:00 pm- CWL Christmas Banquet  
(Main Hall)
- Sun. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2  
(CWL Room – Lower Level)  
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation  
(Main Hall)

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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. 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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