



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 25, 2018

**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. (26 th):	9:30 am	+Amy Hoven
Tues. (27 th):	7:00 pm	+Eileen Griffith
Wed. (28 th):	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH) Special Intentions
	5:30 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Thurs. (29 th):	9:30 am	+Anne Halarewich
Fri. (30 th):	9:30 am	+Grace Walsh
Sat. (1 st):	9:30 am	+Hilda Padar

NEW!

→ **5:00 pm** +Mike Diakuw

Sun. (2 nd):	First Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 am	+Merv Todos
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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 1.306.530.0126

CONTACT US

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

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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 Message to all Adult Singers & Musicians in the St. Gerard Music Ministry

Father Louis has requested that ALL adult singers and musicians attend a very important meeting **Monday, November 26th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**

This meeting is to discuss and finalize the plans for Christmas coming (December 14th).



DO YOU ENJOY READING? Would you consider doing some spiritual reading? Would you be willing to share your insights and observations with others in an **INFORMAL** book club? We would meet occasionally to discuss what we're reading, and share recommendations about authors, book titles and resources. If this idea is of interest to you, please attend an initial meeting to plan for the formation of a book talk group.

Tuesday, December 4th @ 7:30 pm
Meeting Room B

If you are interested, but are unable to attend this first meeting, please call Maureen at 306.782.2956

Submitted by the Community Life Committee

2019 Giving Program

In the next few weeks, the 2019 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2018. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2019, **please complete a Parish Registration Form (green)**, 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 (purple)** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 26 - November 30, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	•Sports Awards Banquet					
Wed.				•SCC Hot Lunch		
Thurs.		•Student Recognition Awards				
Fri.	•Girls Bball @ Melville	•Spirit Day •Popcorn Day	•Gr 5 Gideon Bible Presentation	•Western Farmer Day •Gideon Bibles – Gr 5	•Gr 5 Bible Presentation	

At the 11am Mass Sunday, December 2nd, St. Mary & St. Alphonsus Schools will minister.

"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

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR TEENS (SPT)

Youth who are in 7th through 12th grade, and who have not previously received some or any of the Sacraments, are encouraged to register as soon as possible for SPT.

Weekly classes for teens will begin soon, with the reception of the sacraments to take place in the late spring.

A \$50.00 fee is required to partially cover materials (but no teen will be turned away for financial reasons).

*****The initial meeting will be held TONIGHT
Sunday, November 25th at 6pm*****

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

The SPT Catechist is Ophelia Adane.



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interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Classes start Friday, December 7th at 7pm.

The RCIA Catechist is Father Louis.



News from the CWL



Dec 5th CWL Christmas Social open to all CWL and spouses. The cost is \$10 per person and please bring an item for the Food Bank. You can also pay your 2019 membership that evening.

Stitches of Love: It's time to start sewing! Ladies, we are going to start with the sewing project Nov. 19 & 20 and Nov. 26 & 27. Time will be 9-4. Bring a lunch and any sewing notions you think you may need. We will start with finishing the comfort cushions. Please join us for a day of fellowship; the good work we do goes to palliative care patients and also our elderly. It's "sew" rewarding, so please join us! PS-- You do not have to know how to sew to take part!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Nov. 28 Afternoon Bingo
Dec. 2 Christmas Carolling

The Knights of Columbus will continue the tradition of caroling at the Yorkton & District Nursing Home on Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm at the Melody Manor (First South) wing. Please come out for an hour of Christmas song and cheer that will lift the spirits of the residents. Each family is asked to bring a small plate of dainties to share with the residents.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Be Joyful
in Hope

Parish Goal: \$53,209

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 until December 30th. 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.



Bringing Home the Word

Honouring Our King

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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'm 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 Deuteronomy 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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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

Tell all your friends and neighbours!!

Perogies & cabbage rolls are available for sale the **FIRST THURSDAY** (while supplies last).

**The next sale date is
Thursday, December 6th
from 3pm to 6pm.**

Have you celebrated your 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2018?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 15th will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 29th at 5pm and Sunday, December 30th at 9am and 11am).

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



The 2018 Giving Tree Campaign has kicked off! Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than 90 individuals and households received needed 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!

Let's get together and build community!

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF PARISH LIFE SINCE FATHER LOUIS' ARRIVAL IN AUGUST 2017? Please email to the Parish Office. Parish Life photos may be included in the Directory as well. Photos of the Annual Fall Supper, Baptisms, Marriages, CWL and K of C activities, etc., etc. are most welcome!

DEADLINE FOR ALL PARISH LIFE PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 30 AT 12 NOON

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (25th): 12:00 pm- Children's Liturgy Leaders Meeting
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Session
6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #5
- Mon. (26th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Music Ministry Meeting
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg.
- Tues. (27th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (28th): 6:00 pm- Parish Council Supper Mtg.
- Fri. (30th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (1st): 10:00 am- Church cleaning
4:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (5pm Mass)
- Sun. (2nd): 2:00 pm- First Reconciliation Retreat
& Celebration of the Sacrament

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."

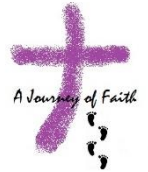
- What does it mean for the Kingdom to come to earth, the same way it exists in heaven? What would that look like?
- What would the world be like if everyone on earth did the will of God?
- What part do you play in bringing to this world the Kingdom Jesus has in mind? Are you playing your part? If so, 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?



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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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