



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

November 26, 2017

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS	
Tues. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am-	+Frank Halliday
Wed. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am-	+Ann Soyka
	5:30 pm-	+Al Herchuk
Thurs. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am-	+Len & +Eleanor Loster
Fri. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:30 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
	10:00 am-	<i>Holy Hour Devotion</i>
Sat. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	10:00am-	+Valeria Woloschuk

7:00 pm- Denis Dierker

Sun. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): **First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am- Lewis & Gloria Lozinski  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

•*Commencing Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Daily Mass will be at 9:30 am (the Holy Rosary Devotion will begin at 9:00 am.)*

•*The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).*

### 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

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Lord, I am grateful that you are my gentle shepherd. Show me how to care for your people with the same love and compassion you show me.

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

## 2018 Giving Program

Within the next few weeks, the 2018 collection envelopes will be available in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2017. Please use the new envelopes commencing January 1, 2018. If you do not have collection envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2018, **please complete a Parish Registration/Census form (yellow)**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance.

### Have you have considered switching from collection envelopes to “PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING”?

Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form (green) and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area and at the south entrance. **Pre-authorized giving is convenient and it's assured (even if you are away on vacation or are sick, your offering will be made ensuring the continued ministry of the church).** Thank you.

### Catechism Theme: The Last Judgment (CCC 1038-1041)

This very moment presents us with a challenge and a choice. We can hear the Lord's call in the presence of other's needs. Or, we can turn away. Our choice now will determine our choice in the future. Still there is hope in the grace God offers. Our past selfish ways can be overcome. Now is the acceptable time of repentance and conversion. Now is the time to give ourselves to God.

At the Last Judgment, all of us, good and bad alike, will hear the call of the Lord. He will raise us up in the resurrection of the dead. And we will stand before all Truth. Before the face of the risen Christ, we will know the purpose of life and the meaning of existence. We will know the full extent of God's providence and our small part in his plan. Our acceptance or rejection will be known in the smallest detail, to its fullest dimension. We will know how God overcame evil, conquered death, and triumphed with his love. Finally, we will know one thing: did we choose to accept the Truth? Or did we reject, postpone, and ignore the Truth? One road leads to eternal life. The other leads to eternal alienation.

How do we know we have accepted the Truth? The poor, the needy, the outcast stand to measure our choice. As God stated, through the pen of St. Augustine: "Would that you had know that my little ones in need when I placed them on earth and appointed them your stewards to bring your good into my treasury." (CCC 1039)

Faith demands every aspect of our lives: our minds, hearts, and daily activity. How have you exercised faith lately? How has the exercise of faith made you more empathetic and compassionate to others in need?

*God gives us clear choice. Do we hear his call, as the sheep hear the shepherd? Or, do we stand fast like the stubborn goats?*

To be sheep means to hear and respond in deed. If we truly believe, we will realize God calls us through the presence of the poor and the needy. Our positive actions will partake in that call and lead us to the Kingdom.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 27 - December 1, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Time Capsule Opening	
Tues.						
Wed.		•Gr. 7&8 attend SHHS Musical	•Gr. 7/8 attend SHHS Musical	•Gr. 5 Gideon Bible visit	•Gr. 7/8 attend SHHS Musical	
Thurs.	•Musical @ 7pm				•SCC Hot Lunch	
Fri.	•Musical @ 7pm			•SCC Perogy Hot Lunch •After School Curling Program		

**"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*

We will be having a **Parent Information Meeting** on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm** (Parish Hall) for parents of children who are in Grade 2 or older who have yet to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. This quick meeting will be to introduce the program, provide additional information, and explore your role as a faith teacher of your child/ren.

*It is essential that you attend this meeting so that you are ready to begin this journey in faith with your child/ren!*



### FIRST RECONCILIATION

The **Parent Meeting** for First Reconciliation will be held **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be outlining the program and retreat information. This program relies on your participation, so your attendance at the meeting is necessary. *Note that this meeting is for parents whose child has already received First Eucharist.*

*The 2017-2018 **Sunday Missals** are located on the tables in the Welcome Area. Please pick up a copy today while quantities last!*

*Also available are a limited supply of **Little Books Advent & Christmas Reflections** (blue).*



### SCRUBBING IS SPIRITUAL!!

Cleaning the church — 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 Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, join other ladies and gentlemen of the parish as they prepare the church for Christmas. Please bring your favourite cleaning tools!



## News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL

### “Christmas Sparkle” Tea and Bake Sale

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

2:00 – 4:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Bring a friend and enjoy tea, sandwiches and dainties, then shop for Christmas baking, Christmas pudding, potato bags, rice bags, and “holiday sparkle” with gently-used jewellery, purses and scarves!

Admission is \$5.00. Everyone is welcome!

*Proceeds to Palliative Care*

*Many elves are needed for this holiday project: preparing sandwiches, servers, setting up, and baking and bake tables! Your help would be very much appreciated! Sign up Sheets are available at the back of the church. Thank you.*



## News from the Knights of Columbus



November 30 Afternoon bingo  
December 3 Carolling at YDNH @ 2pm. Please bring a small plate of dainties  
December 6 General Meeting

*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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### A Special Invitation to all Parishioners

On **Monday, November 27, 2017**

during a Mass at

Holy Rosary Cathedral

3125 – 13th Ave., Regina.

**His Excellency**

**the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi,**

**Apostolic Nuncio to Canada,**

**will present**

**Archbishop Donald Bolen with the  
Pallium for the Archdiocese of Regina.**

Mass will be at 4:00 p.m.

followed by a reception in Holy Rosary School Gym

To assist with planning, please RSVP to Melissa Gurash @ [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca) or call 306.352.1651 ext. 237

Can't attend? Check it out live at:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/content/livestream>



# Bringing Home the Word

**Honouring Our King**  
By Mary Katharine Deeley

In 2013, many people were eager to hear about the birth of the newest heir to the British throne, Prince George.

What makes people so interested? Does the whole idea of royalty capture our imagination and give us a fairy tale moment—a chance to live in a simpler time (at least to our childhood selves)?

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This story is emphatically not a fairy tale, and not like any king we've experienced or read about here on earth.

This King comes as one who was obedient to his Father, even to death on a cross. This King comes, raised from the dead, to destroy death and put all things under his reign.

This King also comes as a shepherd to gather his scattered sheep, bind their wounds, and give them pasture.

And this King gathers the nations before him to judge not by how powerful they were, but how they cared for the least among them.

On the last Sunday of the Church year, before we turn our faces again toward Incarnation and birth, we remind ourselves that we are still on a journey with the King of Kings and that he will come again. It's part of the eucharistic prayer in the Acclamation of Faith at every liturgy: "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection *until you come again*" (emphasis added).

Let us strive to be even more eager, more joyful, and more prepared for this King to come than we were for Prince George.

Let us begin now to live into the new life he has given us.

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*Do you know that the food items that are placed in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area are delivered regularly to the Salvation Army?*

**There is a great need in our local community!** Please give generously!!

## 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 2017?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am and 11am).

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

The **GIVING TREE** is up and ready for you to pick a gift tag, purchase the gift, and place it under the tree **UNWRAPPED** with the gift tag attached (gift bags are okay). **The deadline for the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** so that the gifts can be



sorted and delivered to Safe Haven, Salvation Army, Shelwin House, Yorkton Transitional Homes, White Spruce Provincial Training Center, Independent Living, and Geriatric Resource and Intervention.

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

<b>Tues. Nov. 28</b>	9:30 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions, cheese
<b>Wed. Nov. 29</b>	9:00 am - Pinching
<b>Thurs. Nov. 30</b>	9:00 am - Bagging

### PEROGY HOTLINE – 306.783.4255

Cabbage rolls (rice & dill)	- \$25 (5 doz. bag)
Perogies (potato & onion)	- \$30 (10 doz. bag)
Perogies (potato & cheddar)	- \$35 (10 doz. bag)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal –9am Mass 7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
Wed. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):	6:00 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm- Religious Ed. Committee Mtg 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -11am Mass
Fri. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	2:00 pm- CWL Tea 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass
Sun. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):	6:30 pm- First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7:00 pm- Confirmation & First Communion Parent Meeting

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"The Judgement"**

#### **This Week...**

The feast of Christ the king is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Next Sunday begins Advent, and we begin the new year of the B cycle of readings. So on this last Sunday, we focus on last things - on the end of the world, on the Last Judgment, and on Jesus, who will see the division of the sheep and the goats. Ezekiel and Paul both warn us about it and Jesus' warning is similar. The time will come when each of us must be held accountable for what we have and have not done.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus never really declared himself to be king of anything on earth. But we declare him to be our king.

- How is Jesus like an earthly king?
- How is he different from an earthly king?

Every so often you read in the paper or see on television that some famous person or religious group is predicting the end of the world.

- How do you feel when you hear such predictions? Are you concerned? Are you fascinated? Are you troubled? How so?
- What would you be more afraid of - the sudden end of the world or your sudden death? How do both of these events affect you when you consider their actual possibility?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004

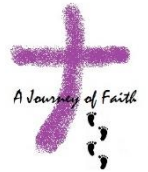




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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 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. 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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