



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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. (6 th):	9:00 am-	+Janet Gress
Tues. (7 th):	9:00 am-	+Sheila Desroches
	5:30 pm-	+Stan & +Grace Skaluba
Wed. (8 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		+Agnès Molnar
Thurs. (9 th):	9:00 am-	+Adella Nayko
	2:30 pm-	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Valeria Woloschuk
Fri. (10 th):	9:00 am-	+Ann Bisschop
Sat. (11 th):	10:45 am-	<i>Remembrance Day Service</i> <i>(Gallagher Centre)</i>

7:00 pm- +Mike & +Mary Diakuw

Sun. (12th): **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- +Jules & +Marie Tessier
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Please note that Father Louis is unavailable for Reconciliation prior to Mass on Saturday, November 11th.

*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 for your life of humble service. Give me a humble, willing heart to serve the needs of your people.

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

St. Gerard Parish Mission
BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY
 November 18 to November 22 inclusive
 Facilitated by
 Father Robbie McDougall

THEME: Building Parish Community through Eucharist, Prayer, Reconciliation, and the Gifts found in each member of the Parish.

DATES AND FORMAT: Preaching at November 18 and 19 Lord's Day Mass; Daily Mass at noon (November 20, 21 and 22) followed by mini-conference sessions; evening conference sessions at 7pm (November 19, 20, 21 & 22); and refreshments following evening session.

Prayer for our Parish Mission

O Jesus, Savior of the World, we your people thank you for the grace of our parish mission.

Open our hearts to your Holy Word and to the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Lord, help us to keep our eyes fixed on the promises of eternal life, and to be open to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Only you can save us. Teach us the path that leads to You, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Bless the Missionary who will come among us. Grant our facilitator, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O blessed Mary, we entrust this Mission. Amen.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

The parish bulletin is available **AFTER** Mass. It is also available online at www.stgerard.ca

Please note that the **deadline for bulletin submissions** this week is **TUESDAY** at 12 NOON. Thank you.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
 November 6 - November 10, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•SCC Mtg @ 6:30pm		•Media Literacy Week •SCC Meeting @ 6pm	•Writing Assembly •Curling	
Tues.		•Remembrance Day Service @ 11am	•Remembrance Day Service @ 10am	•Remembrance Day Service @ 10am	•Girls Vball vs MC Knoll •Boys Vball @ MC Knoll •SCC Mtg 2 ypm	
Wed.	•Remembrance Day Service @ 9am	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat @ St. Gerard •Vball @ St. Michael	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat @ St. Gerard •Girls Vball vs St. Mary •Boys Vball @ St. Mary	•Gr. 8 Net Retreat •Curling •Gr. 6&6 Ottawa Trip Info. Mtg. @ 7pm	
Thurs.	•Sr. Boys Conference Playoffs (Wadena)				•Remembrance Day Service @ 10:45am	
Fri.	No School – Inservice Day					

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~



Bringing Home the Word

A Humble Challenge

By Janel Esker

It takes a lot to shock us these days. Long gone are the television shows with married couples in twin beds. It's hard to find a non-G-rated movie without profanity. Halloween costumes are skimpier and more grotesque every year. What used to startle us is now commonplace.

The same, unfortunately, can often be said about Jesus' words in the Gospels. How many times have we heard him say, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted?" These words, in their first-century Mediterranean context, were incredibly shocking. Jesus' contemporaries believed that prosperity and honor were signs of God's favor. To hear that God actually wanted us to humble ourselves upended all they believed. No wonder Jesus ended up in trouble with those in power.

But are Jesus' words simply the "same ole, same ole" for us? When was the last time we were startled by Jesus' challenge to humble ourselves? No, we don't have phylacteries to widen or tassels to lengthen. Yet certainly we've sought unnecessary recognition when we felt we weren't being credited for our work. We've cut off others in traffic or pushed our way to the front of a line because we felt our time was more important than everyone else's. Instead of deeply listening to a friend, we've drawn the conversation back to our accomplishments and needs.

Perhaps it's time to let Jesus' words sink in more deeply—to let them shock us. Saint Paul reminds us today, "You received not a human word but...the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe." Let's invite Jesus to shake us up and allow his word to work in our hearts.

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PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

****Perogy Bee****

Mon.	Nov. 6	9:00 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions
Tues.	Nov. 7	9:30 am - Pinching
Wed.	Nov. 8	9:00 am - Bagging



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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	(5 th):	5:30 pm- Buddies Rehearsal
Mon.	(6 th):	9:00 am- CWL Quilting
		4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
		7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg
Tues.	(7 th):	9:00 am- CWL Quilting
		6:00 pm- K of C Deceased Members Supper
		7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass
Wed.	(8 th):	5:30 pm- Buddies Rehearsal
Thurs.	(9 th):	7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg
Fri.	(10 th):	Parish Office Closed
Sat.	(11 th):	6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Avoiding Hypocrisy"

This Week...

God has high standards for the leaders of the faith. Malachi speaks of God's anger when the scribes and the Pharisees do not give a good example for the people to follow. And Jesus criticizes the huge tassels, the places of honour at banquets, and the special titles of those trying to exalt themselves. They talk the talk, but they don't walk the walk. Paul compares doing God's work to the gentle care a mother gives her babies when fondling them and nursing them. The only great ones are the ones who serve others. The only ones who will be exalted are those who humble themselves.

For Your Reflection

Jesus hates hypocrisy. It's the one sin he really nails us on. Pretending to be a saint while doing sinful deeds is what he hates the most.

- When do you pretend to be righteous and good with your words, while your actions show you to be less than that? What area can you work on?
- What does humility have to do with saintliness or sinfulness?

Jesus criticizes some religious leaders for preaching the word of God but not living it. He goes so far as to tell us to do what they say, but not to do what they do. But not all religious leaders are bad. Some of them are humble people trying to do the work that Jesus taught us to do.

- Who are the religious leaders you respect because of not only what they say but what they do?
- Who are the teachers, coaches, employers, or community leaders you know whom you respect because of what they do as well as because of what they say?



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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.

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 our city 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

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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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