

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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (8th): 9:00 am- +Greg Jeroski
Wed. (9th): 10:00 am- ASPEN VILLA
 +Helen Nagy
 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
 5:30 pm- +Helen Haas
Thurs. (10th): 9:00 am- +Len & +Eleanor Loster
 10:30 am- LAKESIDE MANOR-SALTCOATS
 +Peter & +Rose Osika
Sat. (12th): 1:30 pm- *Prost-Litzenberger Marriage*

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +David Jakubowski

Sun. (13th): *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +John Fedirko

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (6th): 4:30 pm- Potluck Supper & Social
Mon. (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg.
Tues. (8th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
 7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting
Wed. (9th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
Thurs. (10th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg.
Fri. (11th): *Remembrance Day – Parish Office Closed*
Sat. (12th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOU ARE INVITED



To attend
St. Gerard's
Annual Potluck Supper and Social

to welcome families who are new to our parish, as well as to celebrate Baptisms and Marriages that have taken place at St. Gerard Church during the past year.

The event is scheduled for **TODAY**. Social time begins at 4:30pm, and supper will be at 5:00 pm.

Please bring your favourite dish to share with other families (we suggest servings for your family plus two extra people).

Please try to attend!!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit!

Eternal Life grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Fran Semchuk

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Christ's Resurrection and Ours

992 God revealed the resurrection of the dead to his people progressively. Hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead established itself as a consequence intrinsic to faith in God as creator of the whole man, soul and body. The creator of heaven and earth is also the one who faithfully maintains his covenant with Abraham and his posterity. It was in this double perspective that faith in the resurrection came to be expressed.

According to the Catechism, our belief in the resurrection is based upon a faith relationship with God as creator. Reflecting on the beauty and mystery of creation, we ask if there is more to life, if there is something beyond the grave. Will not God who loves us now with his good gifts care for us in the afterlife?

But there is a better reason. God intervenes in our affairs with a definite purpose. He has a plan for us that includes life after death. As a God who makes history, he marked the center point of all human affairs in the resurrection of his Son.

As Jesus pointed out in his response to the Sadducees, Yahweh is the "Living God." He desires living beings to worship him and return his love. He has shown us the door through death to a new life. As long as we worship him, we can be assured that he will not abandon us. He wants us to live, forever!

What have you been taught about the resurrection of the dead? What importance does this belief have in your life?

How do we know there is life after death? We know through Scripture and the tradition of the Church. But more important than these, through God's dynamic presence, he communicates the love and compassion of his will. We can trust God in all things, including the greatest challenge life gives us, death. If he lives, so shall we, for his love transcends all things, even death itself.

Whom would you like to see in the next life? How would you like to see raised up and share in God's love? Pray for those people this week.

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Please consider this BILLET REQUEST for members of NET (National Evangelization Team) who will be leading the Grade 8 Faith Retreat on November 8th at St. Gerard's Parish Centre. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Monday, November 7th and will require billets for that one night only.

Team members will only require breakfast the morning of November 8th as supper on the day of arrival as well as lunch the following day will be taken care of.

If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females please contact Deanna Pellatt at [306-783-3287](tel:306-783-3287) (home) or [306-621-3859](tel:306-621-3859) (cell – call or text) or email deanna.pellatt@ctcs.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 7 - November 11, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.		•Gr. 8 NET Retreat	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat •Girls Vball vs Yorkdale •Boys Vball @ Yorkdale	
Wed.		•Remembrance Day Service @ 10am	•Remembrance Day Service @ 1pm			•Remembrance Day Service @ Care Home @ 1:30pm
Thurs.	•Report cards	•Gr. 1&4 to Yorkton Library	•Girls & Boys Vball @ Dr. Brass	•Remembrance Day Celebration @ 10am	•Remembrance Day Service @ 2pm	
Fri.	Remembrance Day – No School					

"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

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. **You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449**

Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs only at the Parish

AND: In the Archdiocese of Regina, there is no charge or fee associated with receiving the sacraments. At St. Gerard Church, all required supplies are provided by the parish.



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Parent Meeting #2 – Sunday, Nov. 20th @ 7pm

The new **Liturgical Ministries Schedules** are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area (Welcomers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass). Schedules are also available online at www.stgerard.ca

Altar Servers – please pick up a copy of your schedule, available in the Sacristy (or check your email!).



Experience Christ through human beings both ordinary and extraordinary! Become acquainted with saints, mystics, artists and theologians – “Pivotal Players” who shaped the church and changed the course of civilization. Commencing November 22nd @ 7:30pm.

An Adult Faith Formation evening, organized by the St. Gerard Religious Education Committee



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Nov. 9 Mass for deceased members.
 Phone Rick: 306.783.8840
 Widows are encouraged to attend.
 Mass at 5:30pm, supper at 6:15pm
 General Meeting
- Nov. 13 Parish brunch (proceeds to Air Cadets)

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Annual Appeal

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is the source of financing for many of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Services. Through these pastoral programs of the Archdiocese, we as the Church in southern Saskatchewan, fulfill our mandate from the Lord to proclaim the good news of God's love and mercy for the time given to us in our generation. By donating to the Annual Appeal, we are taking the opportunity to be one in this mission. Kindly read the case statement provided in your mailing.

As Catholics, we look to the saints to give us an example of what it means to live out our Christian faith. At the **Archdiocesan Resource Centre**, we have a great selection of DVDs and books for both adults and children about many different saints such as Bernadette Soubirous, Joan of Arc, Patrick, Francis and Clare, Don Bosco, Mother Teresa, John XXIII and many, many more. These resources are available to borrow **free of charge** for everyone in the diocese. For more information or to book an item, please call Sr. Rufina Dubao, sihm at 306.352.1651 ext. 238 **or** feel free to come in and browse through our library of resources at 445 Broad St. North **or** book on-line at www.archregina.sk.ca

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission invites you to attend their first ever **Advent Conference** from **November 25-27th** with keynote speakers from the **Sisters of Life**, Sr. John Mary and Sr. Maria Kateri. This conference is a perfect opportunity to prepare your heart for the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, and to encounter god's love for you. Conference fee is \$65 for the weekend, or \$170 for the full package including meals and accommodations. See poster for more information, or visit www.St-T.ca/Adventz

Reminder – Deadline for bulletin submissions is Wednesday at noon unless otherwise noted.

Thank you.

Good News!

November 6, 2016

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14, 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about life after death with the simple phrase, "we shall be changed" (15:51-52). In the Nicene Creed, we "look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This is the hope of our faith: Even in death, our communion with God cannot be severed. But what will life after death be like? That's the question that the Sadducees had trouble answering. It's important to know that the concept of resurrection was a fairly recent development in Jesus' time. The idea was disputed. The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection; the Pharisees did. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up with their question about multiple marriages. They clung to the notion that life after death would be exactly like life on earth. Thus, the practical issues would present insurmountable problems. Jesus was not fooled; he tells them that when God raises us up, we will come fully into our identities as children of God.

God has revealed much about life after death since then. We know we will stand before God when we die and face his judgment and mercy. We know we will be able to turn our backs on God (hell) or turn toward him (heaven). We know that for many, purification (purgatory) will be part of that process. Afterward, our loving union with God will remain eternally. Perhaps that truth will inspire greater faith, hope, and witness here and now.

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Development and Peace has launched an emergency campaign for Haiti

For more information please visit:

www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07

Please consider sharing and supporting the emergency campaign for Haiti.

Canadians can contribute to Development and Peace's relief efforts for Haiti by calling 1 888 234-8533, making an online donation at www.devp.org or sending a cheque made out to:

Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7. **Please indicate on your cheque "Emergency - Haiti".**

Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious articles

Open Monday- Friday (8-noon/1-4)

Saints Medals (starting @ \$1.75):

St. Christopher & St. Raphael

Miraculous medal

St. Gerard & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Joseph & the Holy Family

St. Jude & St. Raphael

Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette

St. Gerard & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Anthony & St. Francis

St. Brother Andre & St. Joseph Oratory

Sacred Heart of the Child Jesus & Guardian Angel

Children's books (starting @ \$2.00):

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

A is for Altar, B is for Bible

Bartimaeus

Blessings & Prayers

My First Little Books

The Creation Story

The Good Samaritan

The Life of Jesus

The Paralysed Man

The Three Great Catholic Prayers

Zacchaeus

Rosaries (starting @ \$2.00)

Statues (starting @ \$8.00)

Adult prayer books (starting @ \$5.00)

Extreme Faith Youth Bible	\$14.00
NRSV (softcover)	\$14.00
NRSV (hardcover)	\$15.00
Good News Bible (softcover)	\$15.00
Catholic Women's Devotional Bible	\$25.00
Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.

As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection.

Amen.



YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Make Progress, Speed On, and Triumph"

This Week...

We are called to pray and work so that the word of Jesus makes progress. Our strength and courage for proclaiming the word comes from our belief in the Resurrection, and in our reward for every good work and good word. On this earth the seven murdered brothers and their mother looked foolish, but they believed God would surely restore them to life. They believed that God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

For Your Reflection

We are urged to pray that the message of Jesus *makes progress*. This phrase, "makes progress," is translated many different ways in different Bibles. The New Jerusalem Bible says "spread quickly." The Good News Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say "spread rapidly." The Carmelite translation says "speed on and triumph." It is urgent that we race on and get this message of Jesus out to everyone.

We are being told, "Hurry up! Get going! Get the message of Jesus out there! Get everyone talking about Jesus! Don't waste any more time! This is important stuff! High priority!"

- What is the message of Jesus? How would you explain it to someone?
- Do you live your life with this urgency to get out the message of Jesus? Why or why not?
- What is the most pressing matter in your life right now? What is your most urgent need or issue? Where does the message of Jesus fit in with all this?

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. 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

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 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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html