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# 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*

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2015

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Joan Henrion  
Tues. (10<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +George Biblow  
Wed. (11<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa  
                  +Robert "Tracy" Statchuk  
                  2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
                  **5:30 pm-** +Gerard Fulawka  
Thurs. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Stokman-Van Styn Family  
                  10:30 am- Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)  
                  +Leona Siwik  
Fri. (13<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bernard Wozniak  
Sat. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
                  10:00 am- +Matilda Copan

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Douglas Parislau

Sun. (15<sup>th</sup>): *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
                  9:00 am- Mass for the People  
                  11:00 am- +Marlene Hoffman  
                  8:00 pm- *Liturgy of the Hours*

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### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar  
Hospital: Liz Vossen  
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Leona Pinno

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group  
Mon. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (10<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
                  7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting  
Wed. (11<sup>th</sup>): *Remembrance Day – Parish Office Closed*  
                  - K of C Supper (after Mass)  
                  7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Thurs. (12<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA in CWL Room (lower level)  
Fri. (13<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

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## Remembrance Day November 11



Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

- ORDO, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ottawa, Ontario

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## Catechism Theme: Love for the Poor (CCC 2443-2449)

The widow in Mark's gospel represented the truly poor, those who can neither speak for themselves nor fend for themselves. She shared what we had for the good of others and the glory of God. We are called to do as much.

The Church identifies itself with the poor. In the Beatitudes, Jesus himself proclaimed the Kingdom as the home of the poor. Throughout the centuries, many faithful have served the less fortunate. Today, we, as Christians, are called to share time, talent, and treasure with those who cannot speak for themselves. In fact, our call as Christians demands we share. Any love of wealth is inconsistent with our love for the Lord.

The corporal works of mercy (feeding the sick, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the imprisoned and the sick, burying the dead) detail the Church's love for the poor. These should be at the forefront of Christian activity, not an afterthought.

*Have you recently been involved in an activity or ministry that served the poor? Are you involved in a "corporal work of mercy?"*

A wise person once said, "We should thank the poor for the opportunity to serve." Many well-meaning people expect thanks from the less fortunate. But, we who are well off who should lower ourselves to serve the poor, so they can maintain their dignity. We should be the ones who say, "Thank you" and expect nothing in return.

The poor widow gave all she had as a gift. She also gives us a gift. The opportunity to sacrifice our convenience, our self-centeredness, our petty concerns to share what we have with others. To her and all like her, let us express our gratitude.

*How can you serve the poor and the less fortunate in gratitude this week?*

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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 8 - November 13, 2015



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Remembrance Day Service @ 10am</li> <li>•Girls Vball @ St. Michael</li> <li>•Boys Vball @ St. Alphonsus vs St. Michael</li> <li>•SCC Meeting @ 7pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Remembrance Day Service @ 1pm</li> <li>•Gr. 7&amp;8 Curling</li> <li>•Girls Vball vs MC Knoll</li> <li>•Boys Vball @ MC Knoll</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SCC Hot lunch orders due</li> </ul>	
Tues.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1pm</li> </ul>	
Wed.	~ Remembrance Day ~					
Thurs.	No School					
Fri.	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

**PARENTS** – Is your child entering Grade 2? Or has your older child received **First Communion** but has yet to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register your child/ren for the “Come Join Us at the Table” parish-based sacrament preparation program.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session #2 will be held Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm



We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community

Lauren Te  
Bo Walsh    Trey Walsh  
Tate Walsh

May these children and their families  
experience joy and new life.



## YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE

Do you know that the Youth Choir has been rehearsing twice a week and ministering for the past six months?? These 24 young people (and their parents) are dedicated to leading our parish in song, and in serving the Lord, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the 11am Mass.

How can you best-support the Youth Choir??

**SING! SING! SING!**

The primary responsibility of all parish choirs is to lead the people in song so that the people can participate fully in the Liturgy. When the congregation sings, it means that the choirs are leading well!

So don't be shy - lift up your voices to the Lord!

(And thank you for your continuing prayers and support for our Youth Choir Ministry!)



## News from the CWL



### I'd rather **BEE** quilting....

November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>,  
November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>



Bring your sewing machine (if you have one), scissors & a bag lunch - and enjoy the friendship!

“Love in the Kitchen” – the St. Gerard CWL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook - is available for sale after Mass this weekend. \$15 each or 2/\$25.

Calendars (\$5.00) also available. While supplies last!



The CWL invites



## All Ladies of the Parish

to the Annual CWL Christmas Banquet

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

Mass at 5:30 pm    Supper at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$15.00 – Advance Tickets Only

Tickets available to purchase before & after Mass TODAY!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 11 - Deceased members Mass & Supper. Mass is at 5:30 pm and supper will be served afterwards. Please call Jeff at 306-783-4255 before MONDAY at 5:00pm to confirm your attendance.

All widows of our deceased members are invited to attend. General meeting will follow supper.

**\*\*Reminder: Remembrance Day City Service will be at the Gallagher Centre at 11:00 am\*\***

Nov. 15 - Parish brunch  
First degree @ 1:00pm

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306-728-2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

We are now in the 6<sup>th</sup> Week of our campaign for the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**. The Annual Appeal helps finance the different ministries of the Church in carrying out her mission of spreading the good news of God's love in the Archdiocese of Regina. In giving to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, we give back to God a portion of what He has given us in abundance, knowing that all that we have and all that we are – are God's gifts. Numbers don't matter, a grateful heart does.

# Good News!

November 8, 2015

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

When my husband and I were first married, we did not have much money. I took the bus to work, and he ate peanut butter and honey sandwiches nearly every day. Chunky soup with rice was frequently on our dinner menu. Like many young couples, we struggled to make ends meet. One result of that experience was that we became very careful about how we spent money. Could we afford lunch at a restaurant once a month? How would we save for the future or budget for a growing family?

Also of concern was the amount we would donate to our Church. Clearly, large contributions were out of the question, but because income and expenses often varied, we even avoided pledging a set amount per week. Instead, we agreed to give something every week—as much as we thought we could afford. Some weeks it was a dollar; in weeks of plenty or good fortune, we gave a little more. Our children took great pride in putting whatever amount we had in the basket each Sunday.

Our finances are much less stressful these days. Our careers and income have been blessed, and we still support our Church, serve the poor, pay our ministers a living wage, and strive to make our parish a welcoming place for all. But whenever I read this Gospel passage I wonder, "Are we simply giving out of our surplus, or are we pushing ourselves to let go of some of our desires and dreams to help others in our midst?" We all should ask ourselves this question weekly, as my family did years ago.

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk



St. Andrew's United Church  
29 Smith Street East



**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Starting at 12:30 pm

Price: \$6.50 /lb

Everyone Welcome!



## Social Justice Youth at St. Gerard's Parish Group



Are you interested in learning more about global issues that create injustice for different groups of people?

Would you like to get involved in activities to make a change in our world?



Are you in Grades 7 - 12?

When: **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

From 7:00 – 8:30 pm



Contact Dana Miller-Kitch for more information: 306-320-2367 (cell) or dmillerkitch@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Parish (Sturgis)

## Fall Supper

**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sturgis Community Hall

Starts at 5:00 pm

Menu:

Turkey, meatballs, cabbage rolls, perogies, salads, desserts and more!

12 and over \$13.00

11 and under \$6.00

Preschool Free

Everyone welcome!



**PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS**

**306-783-4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306-783-4255**

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Generosity"

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

Two widows are the heroes of today's readings. It is a widow whom Elijah befriends and blesses with abundance. She didn't have any extra oil or flour, but she gave all she had to Elijah because she had faith in his words. It is a widow who gives all the money she has that shames the contributions of the richest ones. She gives because she has faith. In contrast, Jesus criticizes the hypocritical ones who claim to be holy, yet who act in the most unholy ways. Jesus knows how they will fare at the Second Coming.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Centuries ago a widow was a very helpless person. In those days men controlled the family wealth and property, and women received any status they had from the men who were their husbands. Bad luck was a sign of sinfulness, so when a woman was widowed, she had no one to take care of her, and society looked down on her. Yet in both the first reading and the Gospel, we are asked to imitate the faithful actions of a widow.

- Jesus often asks us to look at the outcasts of society in order to imitate their ways. What are some characteristics of today's social outcasts that we need to imitate? How would imitating them make the world a better place?
- Jesus often asks us to see through the hypocrisy of the wealthy. They act proud and important, but many of their personal habits are not what we want to imitate. What are some characteristics of today's rich and famous that we wouldn't want to imitate? What kind of lifestyles do some well-known athletes, rock stars, and actors lead? What would Jesus say about these people?
- On most teenagers' bedroom walls and locker doors, you will find posters of whom? What characteristics of these people are admired by teenagers? Why? What would Jesus say about the choices made by most teenagers? What do you say about them? How are you prepared to respond to this situation?
- Do you ever contribute money or time to a cause you believe in? If not, why not? If so, what do you do? How has it affected your life? How has it made the world a better place for anyone?
- Some people think "I'm only one person so I can't really help." What response could you give to that excuse? What would Jesus say about that?



**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](mailto: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.*



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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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net), or call 1-306-480-8911.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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