



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 13, 2019
Twenty-eighth
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. (14 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (15 th):	7:00 pm	+Grace Walsh
Wed. (16 th):	9:00 am	+Irene Cherneski
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		Special Intentions
Thurs. (17 th):	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		Special Intentions
Fri. (18 th):	9:00 am	+Vincent Chillog
	10:00 am	<i>Funeral-Violet Peepeetch</i>
Sat. (19 th):	9:00 am	+Beth Werner
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	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sun. (20 th):	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary Prayer every Thursday in October at 5:30pm. All welcome!

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 306.621.8068

CONTACT US

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Lord, I am grateful for your healing presence. Help me recognize your presence in my life with praise and gratitude.

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

A Note from Your Pastor.....

I would like to thank all those who were involved in the Fall Supper: the organizers, the cooks, the table and chair setup and take down volunteers, the table setters and clearers, the dishwashers, the servers, the ticket sellers, the counters; those who prepared and cooked the Filipino and many other dishes; those who brought salads and desserts; those who assisted with clean-up, and anyone else who helped out. A special thank you to the youth who were awesome!

It was great to meet people from the parish and the community. I, myself, see this as a great sign of unity, love, and family. We truly had a successful Fall Supper!

Thanks again, and may God bless you all!

Rev. Louis Nguyen

October is the Extraordinary Missionary Month



"We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world." – *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

To assist you in prayer for the missions in Africa, the Islands of the Pacific, Europe, the Americas, and Asia, the Parish Office has **World Mission Rosaries**, which have coloured beads representing each continent, as well as *How to Pray the Mission Rosary* pamphlets which include intentions for each of the poor mission territories. Stop by the office this week! Limited quantities available.



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and some of our Canadian dioceses.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Commencing November 1st, 2019 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at **5:00 pm**.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News October 14 - October 18, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	No School					
Tues.	No School					
Wed.	•Thanksgiving Mass					
Thurs.				•Girls Vball @ St. Paul •Rosary	•Gr. 4-8 Federal Election Student Vote	
Fri.	•Boys & Girls Soccer Regionals •Gr. 10 Girls Vball @ home •Sr. Boys Vball @ Regina		•Gospel Assembly •Living Rosary			

"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

The next Sacrament Preparation Session is
Sunday, October 20th @ 6:30pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Oct. 16 Special Needs Lunch (10am start)
 Oct. 19 Annual Yard Leaf Rake
*Parishioners requiring assistance may
 contact Joe @ 306.783.7938*
- Oct. 19-20 Membership Drive
 Oct. 20 Sunday Brunch
 Evening Bingo
- Oct. 25 Articles for "The Word" due

Mental Health calendars are now available. Cost: \$40
 Phone/text Wayne at 306.783.7380 or email
wex13@sasktel.net to purchase.

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call
 Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr .
 More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca*



**We welcome into our
 Catholic Christian Community
 those who were baptized
 recently at St. Gerard:**

Tommy Neibrandt

**May this child and his family
 experience joy and new life.**

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



Our financial goal for our
 Archbishop's appeal is \$1.6
 Million. This amount will help
 the Archdiocese finance the
 different pastoral programs and invest in the
 future of the church through endeavors such as
 the youth program and the education of clergy
 and seminarians, deacons and lay apostles.
 Please prayerfully consider supporting the
 Archbishop's Appeal this year.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 pm

The annual Memorial Mass is a special
 remembrance of those whose funerals were
 celebrated at St. Gerard during the past year, as
 well as for other deceased loved ones of our St.
 Gerard's Family who passed away in the last
 twelve months.

If your loved one's funeral was not celebrated at
 St. Gerard this year, and you would like them to be
 included in the Annual Memorial Mass, please
 speak with Father Louis after Mass before the end
 of October. Or, stop into the Parish Office with a
 copy of your loved one's funeral service bulletin.

The Mass will include a reading of the names of all
 those we are remembering. Family of the deceased
 will be invited to light a candle in memory of their
 loved one. Coffee and fellowship to follow.

October 16 is the Feast Day of St. Gerard (Sanctus Gerardo Maiella CSsR)

Born: 23 April 1725, Muro, Italy
 Died: 1755 of tuberculosis
 Canonized: 11 December 1904 by Pope Saint
 Pius X

St. Gerard was known for his missionary zeal, ability
 to preach, and advocate of confession. He is also
 known as the patron saint of mothers and was said to
 have helped mothers in need during his life and many
 have requested his intercession for help in obtaining
 the blessings of motherhood and in the difficulties
 attendant on motherhood.

Thus his patronage includes: childbirth, children,
 expectant mothers, falsely accused people, good
 confessions, lay brothers, motherhood, mothers,
 pregnant women, pro-life movement, unborn
 children.

St. Gerard, pray for us!



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Healed by Jesus

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When my daughter was seven, she cut her thumb badly while trying to make a fruit salad. When she cried out for me, I quickly dressed her younger sister and we went to the hospital for stitches. She was in pain and crying when the doctor injected the anesthetic into the hand to numb the pain. With a firm, but quiet voice he looked at her and said, "Katy, does it still hurt?" She stopped all at once and said with a voice of wonder, "No." He proceeded to stitch up the thumb and congratulated her on being brave. She thanked him and then talked about him for the rest of the day. I still remember the surprised look when she finally realized her thumb no longer hurt. She didn't know that the anesthetic had taken effect because she expected to still be in pain.

The ten lepers who met Jesus knew they couldn't approach anyone and they had undoubtedly called out to others to help them. When Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests, they went their way not expecting to be cured and still deep in their isolation. Some inner voice made one leper suddenly aware that he had been made clean. He stopped, full of wonder. The priest would still have to inspect him before he could return to his community, but his desire to look at Jesus one more time and give thanks for his mercy had to come first. We don't know what made him so mindful of his healing, but his response inspires us. How has Jesus touched and healed you? How will you thank him, and who will you tell?

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, November 7th
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)




AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP will be given at Meeting Room A (Main Level) on **Saturday, October 19th**, by Reverend Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland, 9:30am to 2:15pm with Mass at 9:00 am for those wishing to attend. Lunch is provided.

CENTERING PRAYER is a Christian form of meditation. It is simply "resting in the presence of God." A movement from the mind to the heart, letting go of all our thoughts, feelings, images, emotions and bodily sensations, and opening to the Presence and Action of the Divine within. Listening to what God is saying to us.

THE INTRODUCTION will be followed by six Continuing Sessions over the next six monthly **LAST** Thursdays at 7:00 pm with twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a half hour video by Fr. Thomas Keating and a short discussion.

COST for the Introduction and the Continuing Sessions; \$30.00

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (14th): **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tues. (15th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Fri. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA Group 1
(Meeting Room B)
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (19th): 9:30 am- Centering Prayer Workshop
(Meeting Room A)
6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (20th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
6:30 pm- Sacrament Preparation
Session (Main Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The One Who Said 'Thank-You'"

This Week...

Believing in Jesus is believing in life after death, and in joy after sorrow. Naaman did not really think he would be cured by going into the Jordan River; in fact, he almost did not even try. But once he did, his conversion was so great that he wanted to bring back some of the sacred earth from the holy place of the one true God. He was thankful. On the other hand, most of the lepers in this Gospel were less thankful, even though they seemed to have no doubts that they could be cured.

For Your Reflection

Ten lepers are cured of a disgusting and horrible disease, yet only one returns to say thank-you to Jesus. If they were asked, it's possible these nine lepers who chose not to express their gratitude to Jesus all had some reason or excuse. Perhaps they forgot or were too tired or couldn't find their way back.

- Can you think of nine different reasons why people don't thank others who have done them a kind service?
- How are you with saying thank-you? How are you with writing thank-you notes? How are you with feeling lucky and thankful for all your blessings?

A common saying is that we only appreciate something when we don't have it or when it's not working right or when it hurts or is broken.

- How often do you think about your legs or your eyes or your ears? Does your awareness of their role in your life increase after you spend time with a person who is deaf or blind, or who uses a wheelchair? Why is that?
- How often do you appreciate electricity? or plumbing? or automobiles? What would your life be like without these conveniences?

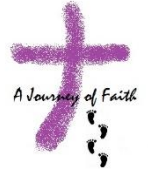
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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. 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.

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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