

# 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*

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (18<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Merylene Lorenz  
5:15 pm- *Rosary Prayer (for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life)*

Wed. (19<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (SOUTH)  
+Rosemarie Massett  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
7:00 pm- +Eva Schlechter

Thurs. (20<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Shelley Kaspick

Fri. (21<sup>st</sup>): 9:00 am- +Gladys Molnar

Sat. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Agnes Stokman

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Adolf Sliwa

Sun. (23<sup>rd</sup>): *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 am- +Raymond Langlais  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

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

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright  
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky  
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Bernadette Kormos  
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

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

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr



**Coffee after Mass**  
**NEXT SATURDAY @ 8pm!**



### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- First Reconciliation Meeting

Mon. (17<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

Tues. (18<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir  
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting

Wed. (19<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting

Thurs. (20<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Meeting

Fri. (21<sup>st</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

Sat. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

In the Archdiocese of Regina  
October is  
**REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH**

### **LITURGY WORKSHOPS**



FOR ALL MINISTERS, INCLUDING MINISTRY "VETERANS"  
**AND** THOSE NEW TO EACH MINISTRY **Plus** ANY OTHER PARISHIONERS WHO MAY WANT TO SEE WHAT THESE MINISTRIES ARE ALL ABOUT! Each workshop will be approximately one-half hour in length.

### **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

In the Nave of the Church

7:00 pm Lectors  
7:30 pm Ministers of Holy Communion  
8:00 pm Hospitality Ministers

**(Please use the east entrance to the church.)**



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays beginning October 11<sup>th</sup> until November 29<sup>th</sup>  
7pm – 8:30pm  
Bailey's Funeral Home (45 Fifth Ave N)

See poster on bulletin board for more information.

## Jesus Living Within Us

When we gather around the Eucharistic table and eat from the same bread and drink from the same cup, saying, "This is the Body and Blood of Christ," we become the living Christ, here and now.

Our faith in Jesus is not our belief that Jesus, the Son of God, lived long ago, performed great miracles, presented wise teachings, died for us on the cross, and rose from the grave. It first of all means that we fully accept the truth that Jesus lives within us and fulfills his divine ministry in and through us. This spiritual knowledge of the Christ living in us is what allows us to affirm fully the mystery of the incarnation, death, and resurrection as historic events. It is the Christ in us who reveals to us the Christ in history.

*Bread for the Journey*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 HarperSanFrancisco

## School Board Elections

On **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:00am to 8:00pm** there will be, in conjunction with the Civic Election, a Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Board Election. Within the School Board election there are four (4) trustees to be elected for the City at Large, one (1) for Subdivision #1 (Theodore and surrounding rural area), one (1) for Subdivision #2 (the geographic area surrounding Melville), and one (1) for Subdivision #3 (the rural area surrounding Yorkton).

If you have questions about the Roman Catholic Separate School Board Elections, please contact the School Division Office at 306.783.8787.

*Please note that individuals who plan to vote in the Christ the Teacher School Board election will be required to sign a declaration form when they go to vote (to indicate that they are Catholic).*



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



October 17 - October 21, 2016

Education Week - "Celebrating Today... Preparing for Tomorrow"

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•Girls & Boys Vball vs Columbia	•Author Read •Library Week •School Sport Week •Bus Driver Appreciation Day	•Willow Award Book Reading	
Tues.		•Scholastic Book Fair		•Author Read		
Wed.		•Scholastic Book Fair		•Intramurals K-Gr. 4 •Classroom Kid President Video		
Thurs.		•Scholastic Book Fair		•Buddy Reading	•Terriers visit	
Fri.				•Intramurals Gr. 5-8 •Book Exchange	•Student Tableaus	

**"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 Program (for children who have received First Eucharist)

**\*\*Parent Meeting – TONIGHT @ 7pm\*\***  
Meeting Rooms A & B



## 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 **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 20 Evening bingo  
Oct. 23 Parish brunch

To register for Family Curling please call Jeff @ 306.783.5534 (please leave your phone number).

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 Scripture readings today remind us of the virtue of perseverance in our life of discipleship in Christ. This brings us into the depth of the mystery of God's love for all of us. It channels us into the many avenues to which God deepens our relationship with him, in ways whether convenient or inconvenient. The bottom line of which is the joy and happiness He wants to give us. Our contribution to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is not a measure of how big or small it is, or whether it makes a difference to change the course of the Church's mission but in our *consistency of giving* knowing that whatever we share God will make it enough for His purpose.



## Yorkton Prayer Breakfast

Friday, October 28, 2016

Doors open at 7:00 am

Gallagher Centre National Bank  
Convention Centre

\$20.00/person

*Churches, families, businesses, and government coming together  
as we unite and encourage our community.*

**Guest Speaker**

**Molly Thomas**

Award-winning TV Host/ Correspondent/Producer from Regina now residing in Toronto and currently working for the national faith based, current affairs show *Context with Lorna Dueck*.



# Good News!

October 16, 2016

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

*"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe."*

This was a favorite motto of a former director of the Catholic center where I work. Students who had just entered college and graduating seniors heard many reflections and homilies on this phrase because he felt it was one of the best pieces of advice he could give them. And so it is for us. The world is a complex place. Our choices are many, from the trivial (what breakfast cereal should I buy?) to the vitally important (how do I uphold the dignity of every human person?). We see great beauty in creation and great evil in its wanton destruction for profit. There are those who think so little of human life that they bomb public places in order to destroy their enemies and those who think so much of life that they run into burning buildings or minister to the poorest and least.

In some cases, our path is crystal clear. In other cases, competing goods push and pull us in different directions. How do we make up our minds? This is where the teaching of Jesus and the Church, our prayer, and our conscience come together. Being faithful to what we believe gives us the foundation for good decisions in complex situations. It makes it possible for us to pass on the faith to the next generation and to the world. Doing this hard work is not always convenient. But this good news is what the world needs and is our path and guide as well.

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## October is World Mission 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. Stop by the office this week! Limited quantities available. Only \$3.00! Also available are *"How to Pray the Mission Rosary"* pamphlets which include intentions for each of the poor mission territories.

**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.** Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian diocese that depend on the *World Mission* collection.

**If you contribute by Pre-authorized Giving (PAG),** you may place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday". Please include your contact information inside the envelope. Thank you.

**No envelope number? No problem!** You may use one of the "World Mission Sunday" envelopes (yellow) located in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.

### OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fundraising Banquet

Date: Thursday October 20, 2016  
Location: Queensbury Convention Centre  
Time: Punch at 6:00 and Dinner at 6:30  
Ticket Cost: \$30 each or Table of 8 for \$240

Contact Information:  
Call Janelle at 306-757-1371 or  
email her at [office@reginapregnancy.com](mailto:office@reginapregnancy.com)

### St. Henry's Fall Supper 729 Main St, Melville



Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-6:30 pm

Adults - \$15      Children 6-12 - \$8  
Children 5 and under - Free

Menu: Roast Turkey dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage rolls, assorted salads, coleslaw, dinner buns, pies and beverages.



## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "The Persistent Widow"

#### This Week...

Don't give up. Be persistent. Be tenacious. Be determined. Persevere. Don't lose patience. Keep going. This is a consistent message coming to us from Moses, Paul, and Jesus. It is especially true of our prayer life. Jesus promises that God will answer prayers and bring justice - but will people believe and patiently persevere?

#### For Your Reflection

Think of any successful scientist, any successful musician, any successful writer. None of these people became successful overnight. It usually takes a lot of time and a lot of mistakes - *a lot of close attempts* - before success comes. That's true in any area of life.

If you learn from every mistake you make, then nothing you do can ever be seen as a failure. Every mistake can become a valuable lesson and an important step on the way to where you want to go.

- What is a mistake you made that actually taught you something important?
- Do you give up easily? Do you think you are a "quitter"? Why or why not?
- Are you too persistent? Are you too tenacious? Do you sometimes need help to realize when it's time to "let it go and get on with your life"? Why do you think so?
- When has persistence paid off for you?

Jesus advises us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is our communication with God, our relationship with the Divine. Like any friendship, a prayer relationship takes time, effort, and energy.

- How do you keep your friendships with others fresh and fulfilling? How do you keep your friendship with God fresh and fulfilling? Do you use the same techniques for both friendships? Why or why not?

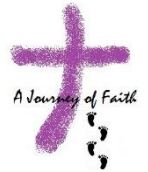
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



**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](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.***

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

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