



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 20, 2019
Twenty-ninth
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. (21 st):		NO MASS
Tues. (22 nd):		NO MASS
Wed. (23 rd):		NO MASS
Thurs. (24 th):	9:00 am	Marianne Dierker
Fri. (25 th):	9:00 am	+Mary Brischuk
Sat. (26 th):	9:00 am	+Cynde Reid
	1:00 pm	<i>Memorial Mass</i> <i>Joseph & Isabelle Pelletier</i>

7:00 pm Rita Herchuk

Sun. (27 th):	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Deceased members of Parisloff family
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

CONTACT US

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Lord, I am grateful that you listen to me. Make my whole life a prayer of thanksgiving in honour of your goodness and love.

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

St. Gerard Parish
Income Statement January 1 to September 30, 2019

REVENUE		Hall:	
Collections	\$203,770	Wages, Salaries, etc.	16,765
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	8,096	Catering	13,374
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	10,396	Administrative Expenses	<u>895</u>
Catering	<u>36,160</u>	Total Hall	31,034
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	258,421	Rectory	8,323
Building Fund Donations	7,886	Family & Social	299
Refugee Family Donations	<u>3,615</u>	Ecumenical	28
TOTAL REVENUE	\$269,922	Liturgy	5,332
EXPENSES		Stewardship (no expense)	0
Pastoral	\$1,707	Religious Education	1,164
Parish Office	16,286	Social Justice	1,198
Diocesan Assessments	26,890	Youth	1,112
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries	97,137	Community Life	94
Building:		Public Relations (no expense)	0
Sask Energy	4,523	Pastoral & Finance Council	971
Sask Power	15,087	Refugee Family Committee (net)	18,897
Water	2,035	Cemetery Expense (no expense)	<u>0</u>
Property Taxes	9,830	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$279,115
Insurance	16,394		
Parking Lot	4,138	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$9,192)
Garbage/recycling	1,902		
Repairs & maintenance	<u>14,734</u>		
Total Building	68,643	<i>Approved by Parish Finance Council</i>	



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
October 21 - October 25, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Photo retakes	•Traditional talking sticks	•School Bus Driver Appreciation Day •Curling Begins		•Wear plaid
Tues.	•Jr. Girls Vball Conference @ Yorkdale		•Photo retakes	•Photo retakes		•PJ Day
Wed.	•Europe Trip meeting			•SCC Hot Lunch		•Farmer Day
Thurs.			•SCC fundraiser •Gr. 6/7 to WDM		•SCC Hot Dog Lunch	•B&W jersey cow day
Fri.	•Football Provincials Quarter Finals •Boys Soccer Provincials (Moose Jaw) •Girls Soccer Provincials (SHHS) •Sr Girls Vball @ Langenburg	•Pre-K Family Day •SCC Hot Lunch			•Willow Awards Assembly	•Wear green – Rider's Day

"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

To register for **Baptism Classes**,
please contact the Parish Office @ 306.782.2449

The next Sacrament Preparation Session is
TONIGHT @ 5:00pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 19-20	Membership Drive
Oct. 20	Sunday Brunch
	Evening Bingo
Oct. 25	Articles for "The Word" due
Nov. 3	Sunday Brunch
Nov. 6	Executive & General Meeting

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*

YOUTH



CHOIR

ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12? DO YOU LOVE
TO SING? ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE
LORD AT MASS?

Parents, if your children are interested in joining
the St. Gerard Youth Choir please contact Jenny
Baraoidan at 306.620.2848.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



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 Archbishop's 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.

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.

St. Joseph Parish Fall Supper

(201 – 4th Ave E, Canora)
Sunday, November 4, 2019

Cost: Five & Under - Free
Ages 6 to 11 - \$7.00
Adults - \$15.00

Sittings: 4:00 - 6:30 pm Everyone is invited!



Today, on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Keeping the Faith in a Land of Choices

By Mary Katharine Deeley

"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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PARISH FUNDRAISER

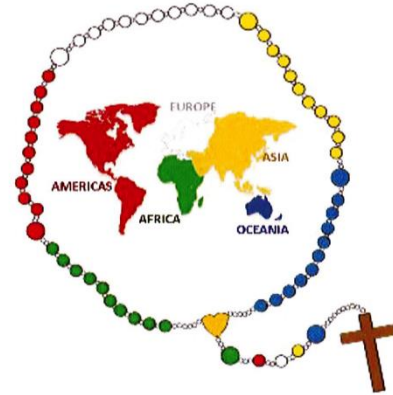
The next fundraising day is
Thursday, November 7th
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls	\$25 (5 dozen)
Buckwheat cabbage rolls	\$20 (2 1/2 dozen)
Potato & onion perogies	\$35 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40 (10 dozen)

HOUR OF GLOBAL PRAYER & ROSARY

"Youth Praying for Youth"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH @ 7PM



Refreshments & fellowship to follow.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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. Only \$5.00! Limited quantities available.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (20th): 5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation Session (*Main Hall*)
- Mon. (21st): **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tues. (22nd): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (23rd): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
- Thurs. (24th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
7:00 pm- Centering Prayer (*Meeting Room A*)
- Fri. (25th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA Group 1 (*Meeting Room B*)
- Sat. (26th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (27th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2 (*CWL Room – Lower Level*)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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. 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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