



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 22, 2017

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. (23 rd):	9:00 am-	Lewis & Gloria Lozinski
Tues. (24 th):	9:00 am-	+Herb Desroches
Wed. (25 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		Jeanne Champigny
	7:00 pm-	+Rita Demontigny
Thurs. (26 th):	9:00 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
Fri. (27 th):	9:00 am-	+Sheila Desroches
	7:00 pm-	+Al Herchuk

Sun. (29th): **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am-	Mass for the People
11:00 am-	Darla Giannoulis

During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus will lead the **Rosary Prayer** each Monday at 6:00 pm.

The **Divine Mercy Devotion** will be prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

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 1.306.530.0126

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Lord, I am grateful for the power of your love and grace. Teach me to trust that you care about my human needs and obligations.

- 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, 2017

REVENUE		Hall:	
Collections	203,880	Wages, Salaries, etc.	45,140
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	9,471	Catering	25,810
Fall Supper (net)	5,918	Administrative Expenses	4,073
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	5,428	Total Hall	75,023
Catering	60,615	Rectory	8,308
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE **	285,312		
Building Fund Donations	10,815	Family & Social	1,077
Refugee Family (net)	8,413	Ecumenical	69
TOTAL REVENUE	304,541	Liturgy	9,570
		Stewardship	25
EXPENSES		Religious Education	732
Pastoral	2,966	Social Justice	1,185
Parish Office	17,549	Youth	673
Diocesan Assessments	26,630	Community Life	224
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	96,219	Public Relations (no expense)	
Building:		Pastoral & Finance Council	652
Sask Energy	4,175	Cemetery Expense (no expense)	
Sask Power	20,746	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	325,216
Water	1,891		
Property Taxes	14,224	NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(20,676)</u>
Insurance	15,754		
Parking Lot	3,435	<i>Approved by Parish Finance Council</i>	
Garbage/recycling	1,877		
Repairs & maintenance	22,211		
Total Building	84,314		

Please note: There is a **\$20,403.00 decrease** in our financial position over September 2016, due in part to a decline in the Sunday offertory (collection) and an increase in expenses.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
October 23 - October 27, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	•Parent Grad Mtg @ 7pm				•Girls Vball vs Dr. Brass •Boys Vball @ Dr. Brass	
Wed.						
Thurs.	•Gr. 10 Retreat		•Gr. 7&8 to WDM		•Photo retakes •SCC Pizza Lunch	
Fri.	•Boys Soccer Provincials @ SHHS •Girls Soccer Provincials @ Moose Jaw •Sr Boys Vball @ Hepburn •Sr Girls Vball @ Langenburg •Jr. Vball Districts	•Picture retakes	•Photo retakes			

"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

****Please contact Fr. Louis to arrange for baptism of your child.****

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

**** If you have a child who is in Grade 2 or older who has not received the sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered with the parish ****



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

Cris DeChavez Roaran Leclerc
Jonathan Matisho

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



LITURGY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, October 24th
(in Meeting Rooms A & B)

7:00 pm Welcomers & Lectors (34)
7:30 pm Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass (33)
8:00 pm Hospitality Ministers (33)

All those who did not attend the workshops on Monday, October 16 are asked to be in attendance.



ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP
Monday, October 23rd
7:00 pm

All youth Altar Servers are expected to attend this workshop.

Please remember to generously support your parish!

The **new schedules** will be out **next weekend** for the following ministries:

Welcomers Lectors
Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
Hospitality Ministers

(Hospitality Ministers – please note that your schedules will now be on a four-month rotation instead of six months. Effective the beginning of November.



News from the CWL



"Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call"

Find out more about the CWL! Visit www.cwlsk.ca or speak with any CWL member. See how you can make a difference!



News from the Knights of Columbus



October 23 Lead the rosary at 6pm
October 25 Articles for The Word due
October 26 State Convention Meeting
October 30 Lead the rosary at 6pm

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message). More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life Commission along with Bishop Don Bolen ask that you join your brothers and sisters in celebrating the gift of life this month in your homes, your schools and your parish community. **Please take a few minutes to fill out the post cards from WE NEED A LAW** and mail them into your minister. Cards are located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017
Parish Goal: \$53,164

Our readings today invite us to examine closely what we have, where it has come from, and why it has been given to us. This year, allow our Archbishop's Appeal to become the vehicle for your own spiritual renewal as you offer your own financial gifts to further the mission of Christ in the Archdiocese of Regina.



Bringing Home the Word

Paying What We Owe God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We are long removed from our nation's traditional tax season, but I always think about it when I read today's Gospel. It's nice to know that the debate about paying taxes was going on more than 2,000 years ago. Part of the issue for the Jews was that Caesar considered himself a god, and paying taxes seemed like worshipping a false god.

We don't pay taxes to a false god, but many of us would like more say over where our money goes and don't feel that our representatives always speak for us.

Jesus didn't get involved in the debate then, and he will not now. But his answer gives us something to think about: *What do we owe God?*

God loved us into being, knew us in our mother's womb, and called each of us to a live with him. When we turned our backs, God redeemed us through the Incarnation and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God has promised to be with us always and is, through the Holy Spirit, guiding us through the ages until the end of days.

If we could look at our heart and soul, we'd find only one image stamped there: God's. We owe him nothing less than ourselves. The world can take all we possess, but it cannot take away our identity as children of God. The world can have the fruits of our labour, but God alone has our being and fulfills our desires.

How do we pay what we owe God? By loving others, using our gifts and abilities for the glory of his name and, in every way, living in a manner worthy of the reign of God.

Let's start paying that now.

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and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee

October Represents World Mission Month

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto and the CCCB Bishop Ponens with the Pontifical Mission Societies:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, October 22, 2017 the Catholic Church throughout the world will observe World Mission Sunday.

The distribution of the proceeds of this collection is overseen by Pontifical Mission Societies, the money is used for the missionary work of the church in the neediest areas of the world.

Your generous prayer and financial support of World Mission Sunday is an excellent way to enable the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a good opportunity for making the missionary heart of Christian communities join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast needs of evangelization.

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. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Tuesday, November 7th and will require billets for two nights – November 7th and 8th. They will require breakfast the mornings of November 8th and 9th, supper on November 8th, and a bagged lunch for their travel day on November 9th. Supper on the night they arrive – Nov. 7th, and lunch on the day of the retreat – Nov. 8th, will be taken care of. If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females or would like more information, 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@cttcs.ca

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (23rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Altar Servers Workshop
- Tues. (24th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass
7:00 pm- Welcomers & Lectors Workshop
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
7:30 pm- Communion Ministers Workshop
8:00 pm- Hospitality Ministers Workshop
- Wed. (25th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Fri. (27th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (28th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass



YOUTH REFLECTION

"Give Caesar's to Caesar; Give God's to God"

This Week...

Paul and Isaiah both express faith in the Holy Spirit to carry out God's plan. Isaiah and Matthew show us that God's plan can exist side by side with a civil or governmental plan. We are wise to be mindful of the balance.

For Your Reflection

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

- Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

- Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

- Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

- Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

- Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

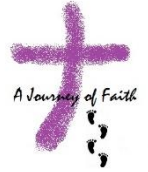
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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 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. 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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