

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

- Tues. (25th): 9:00 am- +Orest Derkach
5:15 pm- *Rosary Prayer (for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life)*
- Wed. (26th): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
+Adolph Sliwa
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- John & Betty Bax
- Thurs. (27th): 9:00 am- +Tyler Dobko
2:00 pm- THEODORE NURSING HOME
+Peter & +Rose Osika
- Fri. (28th): 9:00 am- +Edward Yeroschak
7:00 pm- *Hour of Global Prayer & Rosary*
- Sat. (29th): 10:00 am- +Gladys Molnar
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- 6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Shelley Kaspick
- Sun. (30th): *Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am- +Agnes Stokman
11:00 am- Mass for the People

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Jean Kulcsar
Hospital: Jerome Niezgodna
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury
Triplex: Rose Anwelier

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Fran Semchuk

Non-liturgical Schedule

- Mon. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Liturgy Workshops (see below)
- Tues. (25th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (26th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Fri. (28th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (29th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

LITURGY WORKSHOPS



FOR NEW MINISTERS AND CURRENT MINISTERS WHO WOULD LIKE A REFRESHER

AND ANY OTHER PARISHIONERS WHO MAY WANT TO SEE WHAT THESE MINISTRIES ARE ALL ABOUT

ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Each workshop will be approximately one-half hour in length.

Monday, October 24th

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.)

In the Archdiocese of Regina

October is

REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH

Development and Peace has launched an *emergency* campaign for Haiti.

Caritas Haiti and Caritas Internationalis have launched an emergency appeal for immediate humanitarian assistance for which Development and Peace has already committed \$50,000. Development and Peace's intervention with the Caritas network will enable it to take charge of supporting 2,700 of the families victimized by the hurricane with food distribution, and will reduce the risk of spreading basic infectious diseases (diarrhea, cholera, malaria, etc.) for those 2,700 families. However, Development and Peace is mobilizing its network and launching an emergency campaign for Haiti. Funds raised will be used to meet needs in health, water, and to provide shelter, food and non-food items in the most affected regions. For more information please visit www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07

Please consider sharing and supporting our emergency campaign for Haiti.

Canadians can contribute to Development and Peace's relief efforts for Haiti by calling 1 888 234-8533, making an online donation at www.devp.org or sending a cheque made out to:

Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7. **Please indicate on your cheque Emergency - Haiti.**

School Board Elections

On **Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm** 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 and recognize the Pope in Rome as the leader of the Church).

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 Centre. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Monday, November 7th and will require billets for that one night only. Team members will only require breakfast the morning of November 8th as supper on the day of arrival as well as lunch the following day will be taken care of. If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females 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



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 24 - October 28, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Picture retakes	•Picture retakes	•Girls & Boys Vball @ MC Knoll			
Tues.	•SCC Meeting				•Student Vote •Girls Vball @ St. Paul	
Wed.					•Girls Vball @ Columbia •Boys Vball @ St. Paul	
Thurs.			•Girls & Boys Vball @ St. Alphonsus		•Terriers visit	
Fri.		•Family Lunch & Bake Sale			•Willow Award Winner •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.

Hour of Global Prayer and Rosary Friday, October 28th at 7:00pm

Join others in prayer for the mission of evangelization.
Refreshments to follow the prayer service.

Organized by the St. Gerard Liturgical Committee



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*.



News from the Knights of Columbus



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

Archbishop Donald Bolen would like to express his heartfelt thanks to all of you who have continuously supported the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. For those contemplating to contribute to charities, please consider the Archdiocese's needs to continue the Church's mission of spreading the good news of God's mercy and love in southern Saskatchewan.

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 6th**. 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!

Stewards Give First Fruit and Show Gratitude

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." Deuteronomy 26.10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? As **Stewards** we ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

Good News!

October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Why are we so often and easily convinced that our own positions and opinions are right? When faced with conflict and opposition, we can be tempted to shout down or coerce the people on the other side. In politics and religion, heated and controversial debates lead some to accuse others of being unpatriotic, uncaring, ignorant, even un-Christian.

Regardless of our behavior, being convinced that we are 100 percent correct comes at a price. Rory Vaden, an author, speaker, and self-discipline strategist, writes: "[I]f I already 'know' what's true, I don't need to entertain the idea of another perspective.... Many of us hold on to beliefs, even about our own lives, that aren't accurate.... Yes, we want to be proven 'right,' even if what we're right about keeps us from growth and change."

When we eliminate dialogue, we alienate ourselves. We never discover what other people know, additional (or better) solutions, and the full truth.

The Pharisee in today's parable believes that talking with the tax collector would be beneath him, even meaningless: The tax collector is a sinner, while he is a righteous man whose works prove his worth. In his self-absorbed superiority he cannot see his lack of compassion or find humility before God. He forgets the many declarations in Scripture that God hears the cries of the poor, weak, and oppressed. This week, let us listen to these least ones and become one with them.

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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.

Today, for *World Mission Sunday*, along with Catholics throughout the world, we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your gift on *World Mission Sunday* helps:

- People in remote villages, towns and cities through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests.
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick and orphans through the service of Religious Sisters and Brothers.
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family
- Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer prayer for the work of the Church in the missions today – the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Africa and Asia. And please be as generous as you can today, for *World Mission Sunday*.

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



Sunday, October 30th
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.

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306-783-4255 - PEROGY HOTLINE – 306-783-4255

****Perogy Bee****

Mon.	Oct. 24th	9:00 am - Peeling potatoes & Dough-making
Tues.	Oct. 25th	9:00 am - Pinching
Wed.	Oct. 26th	9:00 am - Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Proud Pharisee and the Humble Sinner"

This Week...

The prayer of the lowly is always heard. Proud prayers, however, are not as effective. Every sinner can take comfort knowing that sincere and simple prayers are heard despite the sins of a past life. Paul knows this. He is all alone, exhausted by life, and he writes from prison, looking back at all he has been through, still confident that Jesus will be there for him.

For Your Reflection

Some people like just salt on their food and other people like only pepper. Like black and white, salt and pepper seem to be opposites. But some people like them both and use them together, as complements to each other's flavour. The proud Pharisee and the humble sinner seem to be opposites, but they can also be seen as complements as well.

The proud Pharisee was able to understand the good things about himself. This gave him confidence to pray in thanksgiving for his blessings.

- It's good to be thankful for blessings, but Jesus would probably say the proud Pharisee took it a bit too far. Why do you think so?

The humble sinner was able to understand the flaws in himself. But still he had the confidence to pray for forgiveness and mercy. It's good to be aware of all your flaws, but a person could take this a bit too far as well.

- Do you think Jesus wants us to focus only on our sinfulness, and to be obsessed with being an unworthy, "second-class" citizen? Why or why not?

- Is it possible to have a healthy pride in your talents, as well as a healthy humility in your place on earth as a servant of God? What would that look like? How would you know when you had achieved such a balance?

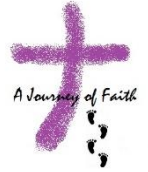
- By the way, which do you like better - salt of pepper? Or do you like them both? Do you see them as opposites or complements? Black and white or shades of gray?



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

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at 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 or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html