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# 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*

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 25, 2015

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (26<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Larry & Adeline Markham  
Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Doreen Mireau  
Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (North)  
Irene Cherneski  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
7:00 pm- +Bruce Wonchulanko  
Thurs. (29<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +George Biblow  
Fri. (30<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Matilda Copan  
Sat. (31<sup>st</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Bernard Wozniak

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6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Nettie Kruk

Sun. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): *Solemnity of All Saints*  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Nicholas Banzuela Sr.

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

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich  
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski  
Nursing Home: Adeline Oystreck & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

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

Rose Gress, Rosemarie Massett, Brynleigh Yewsuk



**Coffee after each Mass  
TODAY!**



*Plan to have a cup, a visit,  
and meet new members of our parish family!*

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Youth Group  
Mon. (26<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Parish Finance Council Meeting  
Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Thurs. (29<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- RCIA in CWL Room (lower level)  
Fri. (30<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sun. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 4:30 pm- Newcomer Social

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### **St. Gerard Parish Welcomes ALL NEWCOMERS**

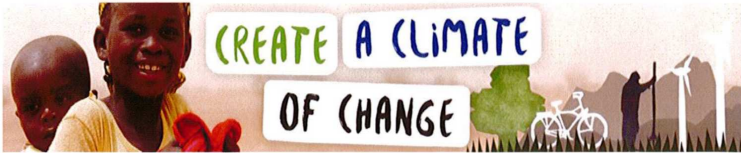
You are invited to attend St. Gerard's Annual Potluck Dinner and Social.

This event is planned so that new families have an opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of the parish.

The event is scheduled for **NEXT SUNDAY**, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Social time begins at 4:30, and supper will be at 5:00.

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!



## Social Justice Youth Group at St. Gerard's Parish



Are you interested in learning more about global issues that create injustice for different groups of people?

Would you like to get involved in activities to make a change in our world?



Are you in Grades 7 - 12?

When: two Sunday evenings a month, starting **October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
From 7:00 – 8:30 pm



Contact Dana Miller-Kitch for more information: 306-320-2367 (cell) or dmillerkitch@yahoo.com

Are you interested in learning about global injustice?  
Would you like to make a difference??

If you are in **Grades 7 – 12** and you would like to get involved with a

**YOUTH MOVEMENT**  
to help others,

please join us!

We will meet two Sunday evenings a month at St. Gerard's from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Join us on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** for our first session-

- and bring a friend!

If you would like more information, contact Dana  
306-620-2367 or  
[dmillerkitch@yahoo.com](mailto:dmillerkitch@yahoo.com)



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News October 26 - October 30, 2015



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 2 Friendship Celebration		•French Junior Concert	•Photo orders due	
Tues.			•Photo retakes	•Photo retakes		
Wed.						
Thurs.			•Gospel Assembly @ 9:45am •Kindergarten Halloween celebration			
Fri.		•Hallowe'en Parade of Costumes	•Halloween activities	•Hallowe'en Parade of Costumes	•Hallowe'en Parade of Costumes	

**"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

**PARENTS** – Is your child entering Grade 2? Or has your older child received **First Communion** but has yet to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register your child/ren for the “Come Join Us at the Table” parish-based sacrament preparation program.

### Reminder to Liturgical Ministries.....

#### Hospitality Ministers –

please arrive **30 minutes** before Mass begins.  
Check the bulletin board for special instructions.

#### Lectors (Readers), Welcomers –

please arrive **20 minutes** before Mass begins.

#### Communion Ministers –

please arrive **15 minutes** prior to Mass.

#### Altar Servers –

please arrive **at least 10 minutes** prior to Mass.

#### Choir members –

unless requested otherwise, please arrive early enough to review the selected settings of the parts of the Mass, the psalm, and the texts of the hymns.

### ALTAR SERVER WORKSHOP

ALL NEW Altar Servers are required to attend a workshop on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm until approximately 7:30pm in the church. For more information please contact Rick Dubois, Altar Server Coordinator, at 306-783-8840.



### St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



**NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!** You are invited to drop in to the Tuesday (7pm), Wednesday (7:30 pm), or Saturday (6:15pm) rehearsals!

Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.



### News from the CWL



**I'd rather BEE quilting....** The CWL will start quilting again! You don't even need to know how to sew! Lots of help is needed with this wonderful project. Everyone is welcome.

November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Bring your sewing machine (if you have one), scissors & a bag lunch - and enjoy the friendship!



### News from the Knights of Columbus



- Oct. 25 Articles for “The Word” due  
Parish membership drive. Please help!
- Oct. 26 Curling begins. All interested curlers  
call Brian @ 306-728-2109 or Jeff @  
306-783-5384

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306-728-2109 after 5pm (or leave a message).*

### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

#### October is Reverence for Life Month

In January of 2013 Archbishop Daniel Bohan proclaimed October as a month especially dedicated to the celebration of the value and dignity of human life in the Archdiocese of Regina. This fourth week is especially dedicated to the disabled. Find ways to assist someone who is disabled, such as volunteering at the Wascana Rehabilitation Center, or other similar facilities. Pray for those who are disabled especially those who are shut in during the long cold winter months. Continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the Synod on the Family.

We are now on the fourth Week of the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign**. For all those who have already given, thank you very much. For those who have not decided to give yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation this year.

**Men's Retreat – at St. Michael's Retreat Centre, Lumsden.** Spiritual Exercises Silent Retreat – beginning Friday Nov.20 at 6:30 pm and concluding after lunch on Sunday, Nov. 22. Contact: Trevor Novak [mensplex@gmail.com](mailto:mensplex@gmail.com) or – 306-585-1609.

The new edition of “The Arch” is available online at [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca) Or stop by the Parish Office for a copy (b/w).

*Religion is not a way of looking at certain things.  
It is a certain way of looking at everything.*

– Robert E. Segal

# Good News!

October 25, 2015

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

When my mother was alive and Thanksgiving rolled around, my siblings and I would pack up our respective families and travel home for the traditional holiday dinner. There was something so right and satisfying about seeing one another, sharing what had happened since we saw each other last and eating the good food that was part of the feast. Of course as we got older, we helped out with the cooking, serving, and cleaning up, and with entertaining the frequent guests that showed up. On that day we were all family.

The year my mother died, my brother, sisters, and I were not sure what to do. Her house had been sold, and we were scattered to different parts of the country. Thanksgiving was a very different feast that year, as it often is when matriarchs and patriarchs pass. We talked about what we missed and wanted, and now we celebrate Thanksgiving at my house with all who can make it. The tradition has become ours, and we look forward to it every year.

Imagine being unable to celebrate any of your traditions for forty years. That's what the Jews faced during their long exile. They were unable to gather as a family and worship God in their own way. Jeremiah's vision of their joyful return holds out the hope that God will once again gather them up and bring them home. There, God will restore them to wholeness just as Jesus restored Bartimaeus, who courageously called out to him and asked for what he most desired.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YORKTON FAITH BUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

The building has begun and volunteers are needed at the build site in whatever capacity suits you best. Perhaps you would like to serve coffee, or prepare and deliver meals. Or maybe you are handy with a hammer and have some time to spare. Any contribution is helpful. **Volunteer applications are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.** Completed application forms may be returned to the Parish Office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Once the H4H Yorkton Faith Build Volunteer Co-ordinator receives your application form, you will be contacted.

## World Mission Sunday

Thank you! The Church is missionary throughout the year and it is every day that we are missionaries. Once again, we have proof that our people are generous. The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith thanks you for your generosity. This year, it managed to raise \$1107.00 at St. Gerard Parish. It commits itself to pay in full the donations collected on *World Mission Sunday* of October 18 to the sister churches from Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America, and Eastern Europe. Once again, your generosity is constant from one year to another. Thank you!

## Pro-life Websites/Resources

### Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association

[www.saskprolife.com](http://www.saskprolife.com)

### The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF)

[www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca)

COLF was co-founded by the **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops** (CCCCB) and the Supreme Council of the **Knights of Columbus**. COLF's mission is to build a culture of life and a civilization of love by promoting respect for human life and dignity and the essential role of the family.

### Priests for Life

[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

This site provides a wealth of articles on the Catholic Church's role in the pro-life movement.

### Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)



## St. Henry's Parish Fall Supper

TODAY, Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

St. Henry's Parish Centre  
729 Main Street, Melville

Adults: \$14.00

6-12 years: \$7.00

5 & under: Free

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306-783-4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306-783-4255

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Jesus Heals Bartimaeus"

#### **This Week...**

In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks of One who delivers the blind; in Mark's Gospel Jesus cures Bartimaeus's blindness. In Hebrews Jesus is compared to David; in Mark's Gospel Bartimaeus calls Jesus "Son of David." In Hebrews Jesus is described as not glorifying himself; in the Gospel he raises the social status of a beggar just by giving him attention and care. Jeremiah urges all to proclaim the praise of God; Bartimaeus responds by following Jesus.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Bartimaeus's popularity increases immediately with the attention he receives from Jesus. One minute the crowd is scolding him to keep quiet, the next minute they are reassuring him and urging him to go to Jesus.

- Jesus' gift to Bartimaeus is not only his sight but also his status in the community. By reaching out to the outcasts of society, Jesus brings general acceptance to them. How might you be able to bring general acceptance to the "outcasts" at your school? What would happen if those students seen as unpopular were suddenly being given sincere attention and friendship by popular students?

Bartimaeus's response to Jesus' healing is to become his follower. Jesus tells him, "Be on your way." Bartimaeus chooses then to follow the way of Jesus.

- If Bartimaeus had been given sight, and yet failed to recognize God's blessings in his life, would that have been much of a success story?

- You have been given many blessings by God. Do you always recognize your good fortune? Are you grateful to God for all you have? How are you a success story? What response would Jesus want you to give, as a demonstration of your thankfulness for all you have been blessed with?

Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



**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:

[www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html](http://www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html)