



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:  
Saturday: 5pm; Sunday: 9am & 11am

### CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.  
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.  
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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Caretaker.....Mario Guerra

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (26 <sup>th</sup> )	NO MASS
Tues. (27 <sup>th</sup> )	7pm Jody Chupa
Wed. (28 <sup>th</sup> )	9am Marcella Fedak
Thurs. (29 <sup>th</sup> )	9am +Benny Bohmer
Fri. (30 <sup>th</sup> )	9am +Merv Krasowski
Sat. (31 <sup>st</sup> )	9am Russell Griffith

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5pm Mass for the People

Sun. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> )	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>
	9am Mass for the People
	11am +Carlos, +Elena Espino & +Romeo Odsigue

Mon. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b>
	7pm Special Intentions

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **Pre-registration** is not required at this time.
- **Please wear a mask** from the time that you leave your vehicle, and from the time you leave the church until you arrive at your vehicle. Thank you.
- **Members of the same household** may sit together at the marked seating.
- **At least two-metres separation** is required between households.
- **Please arrive early** so that you can provide your name and telephone number for contact-tracing purposes.
- **The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:**
  - ❖ People with COVID-19 symptoms, who live with someone with COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
  - ❖ The sick, including those with a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath
  - ❖ Those who have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
- Remember, there is still a risk for anyone who attends Mass, even with best health practices, strict personal distancing, & improved cleaning

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to weekday Mass,  
Saturdays at 8:30 am and 4:30 pm,  
or by appointment. Phone: 306.782.2449



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Lord, I am grateful your commandments to love are simple and to the point. Keep my focus on loving you. Stretch my heart to love my neighbour, too.

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

## A Note from Your Pastor.....

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today in the Gospel we hear a story of a lawyer who asks Jesus “*which commandment in the law is the greatest?*” And in reply, Jesus names two: the first is “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind*” and the second is “*love your neighbour as yourself*”.

We may think “whoop-de-doo”! There is nothing new to learn because we all know these laws, found in both the Old and the New Testament. Therefore, we may wonder what the message is for this weekend. What is the main point that Jesus wants to say to each of us?

Firstly, I would say that it is good for us to remind ourselves about these commandments. Love is a lesson that we have learned and have exercised in our daily lives. But I don’t believe we have all shown our love enough. Nobody can say “I am offering great love for God and my neighbour”.

Secondly, we need to understand that there is a reason that Jesus brings these two laws together and makes them of equal importance. Love God and love our neighbour at the same time, at the same level. Both of them are important and we cannot exercise one and ignore the other. Indeed, we cannot separate them and, in practice, we are called to do the same.

We express our love to God by coming to Church to praise and to worship Him. He must be our first priority. We must be in communion with Him by receiving the Eucharist, by listening to Him and obeying his commandments.

We also express our love toward our neighbour by being with and sharing with others our time and talents, and serving them, especially the poor. To love neighbor as we love ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect what God gave them, accept them for who they are.

When I reflect on this, I recall Mother Teresa’s words, “*If we cannot love the person whom we see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see...*”. It is true. I cannot say that I love God but I hate this one, we cannot say that I love God but I don’t like others.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, today Jesus teaches us to love God with all our heart and all our soul. He also teaches us how to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. He says to us that upon these two commandments all the Laws depend. Here, in this context, he doesn’t say that they are the same, but that we cannot have one without the other.

I think of St. Paul’s message in the first letter to Corinthians, “*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never ends.*”(1 Cor. 13.4-8) This is always true in our lives.

I don’t have enough patience, I am not kind enough, I am envious because I am lacking LOVE. Love needs to be nuclear, the centre of everything we do, small or great things. I invite all of you to think about it.

Love is not only in theory, but it needs to be seen in practice. During this week I invite you to spread love where there is no love, and you will gain love. Where there is no love, show love and then you will find love. Do several special, good things, with sincere intentions and love for your family members, your friends, your neighbour... I will do the same.

Love requires sacrifices; love asks us to give something up, to empty ourselves. We can look at the crucifix and see Jesus hang there, and understand the true love that he gave us. We can look at our parents to see in their faces and hands to understand the great love they have dedicated to us. When I experience God’s love and my parents’ love toward me, I would know what I should offer back this great love in return. Let us pray for the fruit of love to be seen in our lives. With love we can conquer all.

May the love of God be with you all. Stay safe yourself and keep warm. I love you all.

Fr. Louis Nguyen



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples - Fall Session. We are preparing dates for the Fall Session of Marriage Prep. At this point in time the sessions will include private study and Zoom meetings. If you are marrying in the next year and have not taken the Marriage Prep Course, please call Father Louis.



Congratulations to

**Susan Barton  
Laura O'Brien  
Kerrie Shearer Madisson Shearer**

who were received into

**Full Communion  
with the  
Roman Catholic Church**

*Sunday, October 18, 2020*



## News from the CWL



**There still are a few raffle ticket Books available in the Welcome Area** and all members are asked to please pick up a book (or more) of tickets and sign your name and telephone number on the sheet provided beside the ticket books. If you are unable to pick up a book, please call Paulette (306-782-7923). Thank you.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
Oct. 26 Rosary Prayer at 5:30pm  
Nov. 4 Executive & General Meeting **CANCELLED**  
Nov. 11 Mass for Deceased Members at 6pm

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

### **The Beatification of Father McGivney, Venerable Servant of God**

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, Father McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified and declared Blessed. Please attend the 5pm Mass.

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



We are now on the fourth Week of the Archbishop's 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.

**St. Gerard Parish Goal: \$43,905.83**

### **The Diocese Tonight Episode 3 Everyday Saints**

airs Sunday November 1 at 7:00 p.m.  
[www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina](http://www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina)

The Diocese Tonight is a "virtual family gathering" that celebrates the diversity of people that make up our diocesan faith family. Join us to laugh, learn, pray, sing and celebrate.

## Fraternity and Care for Creation

In Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter **FRATELLI TUTTI** (Fraternity and Social Friendship, we are instructed that 'God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters'. [5] 'Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.'

- Submitted by Linda Maddaford



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Jesus Gave and Asks for All

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus was a radical. This is expressed by the word all in today's Gospel. All your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. What does that command leave out? That's right, nothing! Jesus gave it all, and he asks for it all. That is radical.

Jesus is the first one to give us the example of this total and self-giving surrender to God the Father. When prayer was more important than sleep, he prayed. When he had to go without food, like in the desert, he did. When he knew that God wanted him to stay in town, he did. And when it was time to move on, he did as well. When he knew God wanted him to preach a word of compassion or condemnation, he did, regardless of whether the person was a beggar, Peter, Pilate, or Herod. He gave all his heart, mind, and soul to God.

And what about loving his neighbor as himself? He loved not only his perfect, immaculate Mother, but he also loved his imperfect fellow human beings: his apostles, disciples, and fellow Jews whose faith and understanding were slow. He loved Judas and chased down discouraged apostles heading to Emmaus. He loved his enemies just as much. Tax collectors, publicans, Roman soldiers, Samaritans all received words and acts of love. The poor also had a special place in his heart, as was evident by his many miracles of soul and body for them.

His love even went beyond those people he encountered in his life and reached everyone for all times. He established the sacraments and his Church to accompany on their earthly pilgrimage all those who would follow him throughout history. He descended into hell to save those who had gone before him and opened heaven.

In short, he gave it all! And so, he can ask the same from us as well.

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### \*\*\*CABBAGE ROLL BEE\*\*\*

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am

\*\*MASKS REQUIRED\*\*GLOVES PREFERRED\*\*

**Maximum 30 participants.**

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 phone or email the Parish Office **before 4pm TOMORROW, Monday, October 26th.**

The Mass will include a reading of the names of all those whom we are remembering. Family of the deceased will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

The Social Justice Committee of St. Gerard's Parish is seeking 3-4 volunteers who can spare personal time to meet our committee goals over the course of the Parish's annual year.



Our focus has been to build community between St. Gerard's Parish and political, economic and social realities of our day. Our plans are not massive but they achieve great things. Our yearly activities have ranged between coordinating and supporting the Giving Tree campaign, Soup Haven barbecue, coordinate food hamper donations, Salvation Army Kettle campaign and our annual Lenten project.

If you can spare a few hours a month or would like to volunteer for specific projects, we would dearly like to hear from you. Please contact Mark Bell, Social Justice Committee Chairperson at (306) 782-3589.

### Please support needy families and households in our community!

Non-perishable items may be placed in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area. All food items will be delivered to the Yorkton Food Bank at the Salvation Army.



**Feeding the Community**

Thank you!

- Submitted by the Social Justice Committee



## CATECHISM THEME: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (CCC 2083 & 2196)

The Great Commandment encapsulates the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. Love of God means putting him first, respecting his name, and keeping his day. Love of neighbor means respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property. Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 indicate love in action.

To love God means a dedication of the entire person to his will. Placing him first in the mind and the heart. Speaking respectfully about him. And keeping his day as one of prayer and true recreation, a day to keep his Law. To love neighbor as ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect God gave them. This love begins at home with one's parents. It then extends to others.

We must always remember that the spirit of the Law demands far more what is written. Love of God lives every waking moment of the day. Love of neighbor extends beyond our family and friends to strangers, especially to the poor, the sick, and the sinner. Love of neighbor knows no national borders or class distinctions or barriers of any kind, because God knows no such impediments.

*How can you show God your love? Has the success of such efforts inspired you? Or, has the failure of such discouraged you? How has God's love for you helped you to act charitably toward others?*

Love of God. Love of neighbor. Easy to talk about. Difficult to live out. In spite of the effort, love of each in action will change us and our surroundings. Fidelity to God and charity toward others will challenge others to action. All we need to do is live like Jesus did. If we can't make that commitment, then we should take one step at a time toward our creator and our fellow human. And we should not worry, for God's Spirit will lead the way.

*Write down the ways you showed love for God and others this past week. Thank God for your efforts and give him the credit. Then, plan for this week. Pray for wisdom making out your list. And pray for patience when those opportunities for love surprise you.*

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## Your St. Gerard Parish COVID-19 Questions Answered

***On March 18, 2020, Archbishop Donald Bolen, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, granted to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation. This is still in effect.***

**What does this mean?** As Roman Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Until further notice, Archbishop Don has granted an exemption from this obligation. For those who are unable or choose not to attend Sunday Mass at this time, you do not have to. Other ways to participate in Sunday Mass is to watch it on television or watch the YouTube Mass online, courtesy of Resurrection Parish & Christ the King Parish (Regina) and the Archdiocese of Regina.

**Why do I need to wear a mask?** All those who attend both daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses are asked to wear a mask. The parish has a small supply of masks for those who do not have one. Please remember to put your mask on before exiting your vehicle prior to entering the church. A mask protects you and others!

**Why do I need to register each time that I arrive to attend Mass?** In the event that someone who has attend Mass develops COVID-19, it is necessary for the parish to have the names and phone numbers of all in attendance for contact-tracing purposes.

Have questions? Please email the Parish Office: [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

**St. Gerard Parish**  
**Comparative Income Statement to September 30, 2020**

	2020	2019	Change		2020	2019	Change
<b>REVENUE</b>				<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>			
Collections	183,696	203,775	-20,079	Family & Social	0	299	-299
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	13,948	11,710	2,238	Ecumenical	0	28	-28
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	5,738	10,396	-5,972	Liturgy	7,688	5,332	2,356
Annual Fall Supper (net)	0	0	0	Stewardship	0	0	0
Catering	4,791	36,160	-31,369	Religious Education	1,032	1,164	-132
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<u>208,173</u>	<u>262,041</u>	<u>-53,868</u>	Social Justice	182	1,198	-1,016
Building Fund Donations	7,431	7,881	-450	Youth	0	1,112	-1,112
Trust Fund Donations	0	0	0	Community Life	0	94	-94
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>215,604</u>	<u>269,922</u>	<u>-54,318</u>	Public Relations	0	0	0
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				Pastoral & Finance Council	75	971	-896
Pastoral	995	1,707	-712	Refugee Family Committee (net)	0	18,897	-18,897
Parish Office	13,966	16,036	-2,069	Cemetery Expense	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	38,100	39,040	-940	Total Committee Expenses	<u>8,977</u>	<u>29,095</u>	<u>-20,118</u>
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	84,904	84,987	-83	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>214,093</u>	<u>278,865</u>	<u>-64,772</u>
COVID-19 Expenses	2,063	0	2,063	<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$1,511</u>	<u>(\$8,943)</u>	<u>\$10,454</u>
Building:							
Sask Energy	4,555	4,523	32				
Sask Power	11,101	15,087	-3,986				
Water	1,143	2,035	-892				
Property Taxes	0	9,830	-9,830				
Insurance	13,455	16,394	-2,939				
Parking Lot	4,693	4,138	555				
Garbage/recycling	826	1,840	-1,015				
Repairs & maintenance	9,373	14,796	-5,423				
Total Building	<u>45,146</u>	<u>68,644</u>	<u>-23,498</u>				
Hall:							
Wages, Salaries, etc.	8,015	16,765	-8,750				
Catering	2,769	13,374	-10,605				
Administrative Expenses	76	895	-819				
Total Hall	<u>10,860</u>	<u>31,034</u>	<u>-20,174</u>				
Rectory	9,081	8,323	758				

*Approved by Parish Council*

*Please note that we continue to avail ourselves to government relief programs.*

**ST. GERARD PARISH 2020-2021  
PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS**

Chairperson - Ernie Bobowski	Vice-chairperson- Wayne Exner	Secretary - Jenny Baraoidan
Liturgy - Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon	Religious Education- Rene & Ophelia Adane	Social Justice - Mark Bell
Community Life - Maureen Pankoski	Public Relations- <b>VACANT</b>	Family & Social - <b>VACANT</b>
Youth - Melinda Sevilla	Ecumenical - Carm Molnar	Stewardship - Linda Maddaford
CWL Rep. - Paulette Cooper	K of C Rep. - Rejean Houle	
Finance - Brian Kruger	Properties - <b>VACANT</b>	Hall - Lorne Wanner
Secretary - Richard Dubois	Members at Large- Conrad Rodney, Dwight Guy	

**GIVING TO YOUR PARISH**

The COVID-19 virus has impacted individuals world-wide. St. Gerard's Parish is no exception. One of the consequences is that our revenue has decreased. Despite availing ourselves to government relief programs, our expenses continue. If you are able, please contribute by one of the following methods:

**Interac e-Transfer**

1. Log into your online banking account.
2. Find e-Transfer and add [giving@stgerard.ca](mailto:giving@stgerard.ca) to your recipient list.
3. Enter the desired amount.
4. A question, answer, or password is not required by St. Gerard Church, however it may be required by your financial institution. If so, please email the question and answer to [giving@stgerard.ca](mailto:giving@stgerard.ca) with your name, mailing address and telephone number so that we can ensure your contribution is recorded properly.

Please note that this is a secure transfer deposited directly to the church's account.

If you have an envelope number, your donation will be reflected in your annual charitable donation receipt. All others will receive a receipt by mail, so PLEASE include your mailing address in the follow-up email. Thanks!

**Mail envelopes to the church**

You may mail cheques (not cash), enclosed in your offertory envelope to:

St. Gerard Parish  
125 Third Ave N  
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

**Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**

After downloading the [Pre-Authorized Giving Form](#), please complete it, attach a void cheque, & mail it to:

St. Gerard Parish  
125 Third Ave N  
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**Online through CanadaHelps**

Credit card donations may be made through CanadaHelps by clicking [here](#).

**2021 GIVING PROGRAM**

In the next few weeks, the 2021 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2020. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2021, please phone or email the Parish Office.

**Have you considered switching from collection envelopes to Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)? NOW IS THE TIME!!** Pre-authorized Giving is convenient, assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form (purple)** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available in the Welcome Area.

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "The Great Commandments"

#### This Week...

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that loving God is number one, but number two is loving our neighbour, and number two is very much like number one. In case we're not sure who our neighbours are, their identity is spelled out clearly for us in the first reading - anyone who needs help, anyone who does not have the power to take care of their own needs. And in case we're not sure if this works or not, the success of the Thessalonians to imitate Christ, Paul, and the other early Christians is clearly documented in the second reading. When we imitate Christ, others will imitate us. The way of Jesus works, and it is as simple as the word *love*.

#### For Your Reflection

At the same time that young people want more freedom, more rules apply. More freedom just means fewer outside rules. That's because more freedom means more responsibility, and more responsibility means more inside rules - rules that we make for ourselves. For example, the Ten Commandments are outside rules - they tell us exactly what to do. Jesus' two commandments of love are inside rules - they tell us to make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love. Actually, if we make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love, our actions will follow the Ten Commandments, even if we have never heard of the Ten Commandments.

- What are some of your school rules and home rules? Are they outside rules or inside rules? If they are outside rules, summarize them with one inside rule. If any of them are inside rules, then give an outside example of how you might follow them.
- Would a society work if its only laws were inside rules? Why or why not? How would that affect this country? How would it affect your state, county, or city?

Saint Augustine is famous for saying, "Love, and then do what you will."

- How is this quote similar to what Jesus told the lawyer?
- What does love of self look like? What does love of God look like? How are those types of love related to love of neighbour?
- Do you think that when Jesus said, "Love your neighbour," he meant just the people on your street, or all people - including strangers, people in faraway countries, and even people at school that you don't get along with? How does that sit with you?



## QUOTABLE SAINTS

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

--St. Augustine

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.

--Saint Francis Xavier

"Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand."

--Saint Thomas Aquinas

"I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind."

--St. Bernard

I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church.

--St. Thomas Aquinas

When I steeped myself in prayer, I was transported in spirit to the Chapel, where I saw the Lord Jesus, exposed in the Monstrance. In place of the Monstrance I saw the glorious face of the Lord, and He said to me, "What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon the soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith! (1420)

--St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in my Soul

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

--St. Thomas Aquinas

"One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying."

-St. Joan of Arc

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

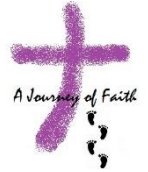
--Saint Francis Assisi



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*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 Regina on a daily basis.

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