



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 27, 2019
Thirtieth 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. (28 th):	7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Vigil—Claude Slogocki</i>
Tues. (29 th):	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass—Claude Slogocki</i>
	7:00 pm	+Joseph & Antonia Pasloski
Wed. (30 th):	7:00 pm	+Vicky Chipeur
Thurs. (31 st):	9:00 am	+Irene Cherneski

Fri. (1 st):	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	
NEW! →	9:30 am	Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Beth Werner

Sat. (2 nd):	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)	
NEW! →	9:30 am	Special Intentions

NEW! →	5:00 pm	+Mike & +Mary Diakuw
Sun. (3 rd):	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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 306.621.8068

CONTACT US

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Lord, I am grateful you are close to the brokenhearted. In my brokenness I call on you. Have mercy on me, a sinner, small and precious in your eyes.

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

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

This paragraph from the Catechism places the moral of the parable in relief. In spite of our Catholic experience, even our knowledge of prayer forms, we do not know how to approach God. Because we are creatures, we should not be able to approach the Unknowable; to presume otherwise is to place ourselves on God's level, which is clearly absurd. Yet, because of faith, we dare to approach and ask; because of humility, we are open to receive prayer as a gift.

God gives all good things to us, even prayer. This might be a good time to look upon our prayer lives and reflect on God's goodness to us. How have our prayers, our prayer habits, our insights from prayer, even our urges to pray gifts from God? How has prayer and the need for prayer humbled us? How has prayer brought us closer to God?

Who's in charge of the heart? This question cuts to the heart of spirituality. That which stands at the very core of the person becomes the battleground. Are we in charge? Or is God?

If we believe God is in charge, how do we know God is close? We cannot know (or brag) through our own efforts. We can only know when we allow God in. When we open our hearts to him. And his love.

Opening the heart is a life-long process. We progress one moment and one issue at a time. We can take a quick measure by looking at our focus. Is it one focused on God and others? Or, is it focused on the self?

This is not an "either-or" proposition, but a continuum. We focus on ourselves in some issues. But we focus outside the self in others. This week, take an issue that you might find a self-oriented. Place the issue before God. And, see what happens.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 28 - November 1, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						•SCC Meeting
Tues.					•Flu shots	
Wed.	•Grad Meeting					
Thurs.			•Halloween activities		•Costume Parade	•Costume Parade at Health Centre
Fri.	•Sr Boys Vball @ YRHS		•All Saints Day activities •Gr. 6/7 Girls Jumpstart Games		•All Saints Day Assembly •Gr. 6 Girls Jumpstart Sports 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



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 3 Sunday Brunch
Nov. 6 Executive & General Meeting
Nov. 9 Evening Bingo

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*

YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS (YA/T) Choir

Are you 13 to 21-ish? Do you like to sing? Or
do you play an instrument and like to sing?

Rehearsal this Friday, November 1st at 8pm!
Please use south entrance. Food to follow!

This choir ministers at 5pm Saturday,
November 2nd!

For more information or to request music
please contact office@stgerard.ca or
AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



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



All Saints Day is a reminder that all of us,
living and dead, are united in a living
community with Christ and one another.

- Catholic Update

All Saints Day Mass

Friday, November 1st at 9:30am & 7:00pm

All Souls' Day Mass

Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30am

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.



Thank you very much for your
generous contribution to last
week's World Mission Sunday
collection. This support is a
blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters,
the Brothers and the Lay Catechists who
depend on this help from the Society for the
Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to
pray for those who serve in mission countries so
that they may remain steadfast in their vocation
to bring Christ's message of love to those they
serve.



Bringing Home the Word

Fighting to be Right

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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, and 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: "If 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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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• 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)

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!

ST GERARD PARISH ANNUAL FALL SUPPER



	2019	2018
Ticket sales	\$11,257	\$9,795
Expenses	3,156	3,121
Net	\$8,101	\$6,674

Thank you to all who supported our annual parish fundraiser!!



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. (27th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
- Mon. (28th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
(Meeting Room B)
7:00 pm- **Bible Study**
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (29th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (30th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
(Meeting Room A)
- Fri. (1st): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
8:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal
- Sun. (3rd): 5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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?

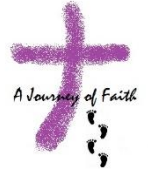
- By the way, which do you like better - salt of pepper? Or do you like them both? Do you see them as opposites or complements? Black and white or shades of gray?



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. 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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