



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 28, 2018

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. (29 th):	9:00 am	+Grace Walsh
Tues. (30 th):	7:00 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Wed. (31 st):	9:00 am	+Eugenia Tirkaylo
Thurs. (1 st):		Solemnity of All Saints
	7:00 pm	+Eileen Griffith
Fri. (2 nd):		All Souls' Day
	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
NEW! →	9:30 am	Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sat. (3 rd):	9:30 am	+Ruth Molnar

NEW! →	5:00 pm	+Mike & +Mary Diakuw
Sun. (4 th):	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	+Romeo Odrigue
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, I am grateful you came to heal the brokenhearted. Help me to trust in you when I am in trouble.

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

OCTOBER IS REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH

in the Archdiocese of Regina

Reverence for Life - Choose Life: For the Victims of Violence

Prayer to Guide Us:

- Visit the Divine Mercy Chapel in Regina Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for all victims of violence: <http://catholicfaith.co.uk/downloads/divinemeracy.pdf>
- Prayer for the Innocent Victims of War: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1511>
- Pray the prayer of St. Francis, knowing that true peace comes from being in right relationship with God

Actions to Move Us:

- Learn more about Restorative Justice in Canada: <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cj-jp/rj-jr/index.html>
- Engage in a Culture of Encounter with Pope Francis: <https://youtu.be/LgQH6RQbmg8>, and https://youtu.be/fC_QF63SdNY?t=7



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Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) 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 THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

RCIA classes will commence in the very near future!

On November 3rd & 4th, 2018 please welcome Deacon Stan Kroetsch who will speak about **CHALICE** – a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 29 - November 2, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Gr.7 at WDM		
Tues.	•Gr. 10 Retreat •Girls Soccer @ YRHS					
Wed.		•Gr.7&8 to WDM •Halloween Parade	•Halloween parade of costumes	•Halloween Day	•Costume parade	
Thurs.			•All Saints Day classroom activities	•All Saints Day Celebration	•All Saints' Day Service	
Fri.	•Sr. Girls Vball Conference •Sr. Boys Vball @ YRHS	•All Souls' Day Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am				



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation session will be **Sunday, November 4th @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



Please note that in the month of November, Choir Rehearsal for the 9am Sunday Mass will be held Tuesdays at 5pm.

An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 22nd @ 7pm

History presented by Ernie Bobowski
Video by Father Thomas Keating
Video by Cynthia Bourgeault

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, November 8th 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 the deceased loved ones of our St. Gerard's Family who may have celebrated the funeral elsewhere during the past year.

If you did not celebrate your loved one's funeral at St. Gerard, and you would like them to be included in the Annual Memorial Mass, please stop by the Parish Office with a copy of their 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



News from the CWL



CWL REGIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday November 3rd, 2018

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

*"Inspired by the Spirit women respond to God's call"
"We can make a difference"*

Please register by Oct 31st

Facilitators - Deanna Pellatt & Christine Shuya
Cost - \$10.00 (lunch included)

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Area, or call Rosella 306.782.7042 or Linda 306.783.3924

Nov. 5 CWL Executive Meeting
Nov. 7 CWL General Meeting

Remember, the CWL Christmas Social is on Wednesday, December 5! Details to follow!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct 30 Knights lead the rosary @ 5:30pm
Nov. 7 Council Executive & General Meeting
Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
Nov. 14 Mass for Deceased Members

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



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

Be Joyful
in Hope

We are now on the fourth Week of the Archdiocesan 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.

A Word from Pope Francis ...

Jesus' life, especially during the three years of his public ministry, was a continual encounter with people. Among them, the sick had a special place. How many pages of the Gospel tell of these encounters! The paralytic, the blind man, the leper, ...We cannot fail to visit and assist those who are sick.

—General audience, November 9, 2016



Bringing Home the Word

God Restores Us to Wholeness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 who showed up. On that day we were all family.

The year my mother died, my brother, sisters, and I weren't 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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****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Commencing November 3rd, 2018 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at **5:00 pm**.

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

Tell all your friends and neighbours!!

Perogies & cabbage rolls are available for sale the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month **from 1pm to 4pm** (while supplies last).

The next sale date is Thursday, November 1st.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the

Ordination of Ricardo Escalante

to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

On Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 3125 - 13th Avenue
A reception will follow, everyone is welcome!

Let's get together and Build Community!

The photo appointments for the St. Gerard Directory are now complete. **Did you miss an opportunity to have your photo taken? Don't worry!**

The **FIRST FORTY families or singles** who submit their own photo to the Parish Office may also be included in the directory for a fee of \$14.00.

Note the following specifications regarding the photos:

1. Must be a hard copy picture of 4"x6" maximum, or
2. A digital photo with a file size of at least 1MB.

If the photo has a copyright, a letter from the photographer permitting us to use the photo must be submitted at the same time as the photo and payment.

Vertical photos are suggested, and close-ups/head shots are to be avoided.

When submitting your photo to the Parish Office, please note the following: Last Name, Father, Mother, children oldest to youngest

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF PARISH LIFE SINCE FATHER LOUIS' ARRIVAL IN AUGUST 2017?

Please email to the Parish Office. Parish Life photos may be included in the Directory as well.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 9 AT 12 NOON

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (28th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep #4
- Mon. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (30th): 7:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
- Fri. (2nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (3rd): 9:30 am- CWL Regional Retreat
- Sun. (4th): 2:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #4

YOUTH REFLECTION

"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?

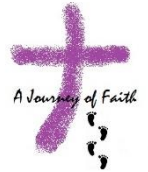
- You have been given many blessings by God. Do you always recognize your good fortune? Are you grateful to God for all you have? How are you a success story? What response would Jesus want you to give, as a demonstration of your thankfulness for all you have been blessed with?



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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.

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.

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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