



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

October 29, 2017

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. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Valeria Woloschuk
Tues. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Pat Marchinko
Wed. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	<b>The Solemnity of All Saints</b>	
	2:30 pm-	GLADSTONE SR. RESIDENCE +Thresia Tedeschi
	7:00 pm-	+John Loster
Thurs. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	<b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</b>	
	9:30 am-	+Henry Geysen Family
	7:00 pm-	+Tanoë Family
Fri. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Rita Myrowsky
	9:30 am-	<i>Holy Hour Devotion</i>
	7:00 pm-	<i>Memorial Mass</i>
Sat. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:00 am-	+Max Lazeski
	7:00 pm-	+Carlos & +Elena Espino
Sun. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am-	+Romeo Odsigue Family
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

*The Divine Mercy Devotion will be prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).*

### 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

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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 neighbor.

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



## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Parish Goal: \$53,164

The Archdiocese of Regina invites all of us to follow Christ's lead in giving to the Archbishop's Appeal. Our donations assist our Archdiocese in bringing the Good News of God's mercy and provident love that imbues hope to others through the support of educational endeavors, ministries, and hospital chaplaincy.

The theme of this Sunday's readings is love. Jesus reminds us that the most important duty of a Christian is to love the Lord with his whole self and to also love his neighbour as himself.

But love of neighbour is not always an easy task, especially when we recognize that others don't always treat us with that sense of selfless love and, in fact, can be downright cruel to us at times. Nonetheless, Christ's law of love stands firm. We are to love. Always!

Jesus offers us the perfect example of selfless love on the cross in reparation for our sins. He gave his life so that we could enjoy everlasting life. The stewardship way of life calls us to follow Jesus' example and act on this selfless love. By doing so, we set an example and call others to follow Christ.

The Lord has given us the gift of love through His own suffering and death. What's more, He has given us our time, our talent, and our treasure, and it is our duty as stewards of these gifts to use them at every opportunity the Lord provides us at our disposal like the Archbishop's Appeal to reach out in love for Him and our neighbour in need of His love.

**Please consider this BILLET REQUEST for members of NET (National Evangelization Team)** who will be leading the Grade 8 Faith Retreat on November 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Gerard's Parish. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and will require billets for two nights – November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They will require breakfast the mornings of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, supper on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and a bagged lunch for their travel day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Supper on the night they arrive – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, and lunch on the day of the retreat – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, will be taken care of. If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females or would like more information, 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@ctcs.ca](mailto:deanna.pellatt@ctcs.ca)



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 30 - November 3, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.		•Halloween Parade of Costumes @ 12:45pm	•Halloween Parade of Costumes @ 12:30pm		•Halloween Costume Parade @ 12:45pm	
Wed.			•All Saints Day class activities		•All Saints Day Service @ 9am	
Thurs.		•All Souls' Day Mass @ St. Gerard (Gr. 4-8) @ 9:30am			•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4&7) •Girls Vball @ Columbia •Boys Vball vs Columbia	
Fri.		•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4&7)	•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4)			

**"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*

**\*\*Please contact Fr. Louis to arrange for baptism of your child.\*\***

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**\*\* If you have a child who is in Grade 2 or older who has not received the sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that you are registered with the parish \*\***



**We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community  
those who were baptized  
recently at St. Gerard:**

Aviana De Guzman    Pria Morrison  
Gabriel Gangano    Jon Athan Cunanan

**May these children and their families  
experience joy and new life.**

The **new schedules** for the following ministries:

**Welcomers                      Lectors**  
**Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass**  
**\*Hospitality Ministers\***

are available on the large table in the  
Welcome Area.

**\*\*\*Hospitality Ministers** – please note that your  
schedules will now be on a four-month  
rotation instead of six months. Effective the  
beginning of November.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</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.

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



October 30    Executive Meeting @ 7pm  
November 1    General Meeting @ 7:30pm

Find out more about the CWL! Visit [www.cwlsk.ca](http://www.cwlsk.ca) or  
speak with any CWL member. See how you can make a  
difference!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



October 30    Lead the rosary @ 6pm  
November 1    Executive Meeting at 7pm (commencing  
with Mass)  
November 7    Deceased Members Mass @ 5:30pm  
followed by supper for widows, members  
and wives. Please call or text Wayne at  
306.783.7380 or email  
[wex13@sasktel.net](mailto:wex13@sasktel.net)  
Admission degree tentative  
November 19    Parish Brunch  
Major degree

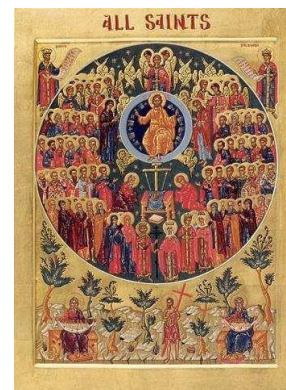
**Note that there is no General Meeting in November.**

*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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life Commission along  
with Bishop Don Bolen ask that you join your  
brothers and sisters in celebrating the gift of  
life this month in your homes, your schools  
and your parish community. **Please take a  
few minutes to fill out the post cards from  
WE NEED A LAW** and mail them into your  
minister. Cards are located on the large glass  
table in the Welcome Area.



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 -*



# Bringing Home the Word

## Loving God and Neighbour

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**Quickly, name the** greatest law of the United States. I think all of us would have to think about that. Some might name a precept like: "All men are created equal." Others might talk about the Bill of Rights. But when it comes to the laws that embody these precepts, we might point to any number of them and disagree about which is the greatest.

Jesus has no such problem. When the Pharisees try to test him with a similar question about Jewish law, Jesus responds with the great commandment from Deuteronomy (6:4) and pairs it with a law found in Leviticus (19:18).

The Pharisees knew both laws, but the first had been emphasized throughout Israelite tradition. The Jews were commanded to teach it to their children and to bind the words to their foreheads and wrists. The second, though, was one of a series of laws, seemingly no more or less important than the ones that surrounded it.

When Jesus lifted up the two of them, he made it very clear that our first love is always for God, to whom we give our entire being. Jesus is equally clear, though, that we cannot stop there. We must also love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Indeed, our relationship with God and our relationship with one another are bound together. When one is broken, so is the other. When one flourishes, so does the other. Loving God and neighbor draws us together as Church to praise and worship God and to reach out to the world.

Let us obey both these commandments with equal joy.

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and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee

Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.

As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection.



Amen.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

Effective this weekend, the parish bulletin will be available for pickup in the Welcome Area **AFTER** Mass. The parish bulletin is also available online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)


## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

St. Gerard Parish Mission  
"Building Parish Community"  
Nov. 18 – Nov. 22, 2017

Read the bulletin in the coming weeks for details!!!

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Love one another.



- PHARISEES
- JESUS
- SADDUCEES
- DISCONCERT
- QUESTION
- LAW
- MASTER
- LORD
- HEART
- SOUL
- SECOND
- NEIGHBOUR

## PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

Cabbage Rolls for Sale! \$25.00 – 5 dozen bag

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (30<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
- Tues. (31<sup>st</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass
- Wed. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting  
7:30 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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?



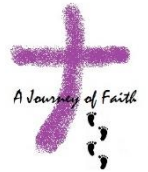




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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.*

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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. Visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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