
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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Sun. (2nd): 7:00 pm- *Prayer Vigil – Tyler Dobko*
Mon. (3rd): 10:00 am- *Funeral Mass – Tyler Dobko*
Tues. (4th): 5:15 pm- *Rosary Prayer (for Vocations
to the Priesthood & Religious Life)*
Wed. (5th): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
Fri. (7th): 9:00 am- +Henry Tratch
9:30 am- *Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*
10:30 am- *Benediction*
12:30 pm- St. Michael School
+Edward Yeroschak
Sat. (8th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Helen Nagy

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- David & Mary Ryhorski

Sun. (9th): *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- Special Intentions

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski
Nursing Home: Christine Biblow & Donna Appell
Triplex: Alfred Labas

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (2nd): 1:30 pm- Development & Peace
Fall Campaign Workshop
Mon. (3rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
Tues. (4th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
Wed. (5th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:30 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
Fri. (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (8th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass



The International Life Chain

will be held

TODAY from 2pm – 3pm

at the corner of Gladstone & Broadway. *Pro Life invites you to give one hour of silent witness & prayer.*

New to the parish??

WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (beige) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

Has your address or phone number changed recently? Please contact the Parish Office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays beginning October 11th until November 29th
 7pm – 8:30pm
 Bailey's Funeral Home (45 Fifth Ave N)

- An eight-week series to help you through grief and all the emotions, thoughts and behaviours that come with it
- Each meeting includes a discussion topic, video presentation and the opportunity to share or listen
- This group is open to anyone who is grieving a death loss, and is free of charge



BAILEY'S
 CONTINUING CARE SERVICES

crystalbailey@sasktel.net | 306-783-7552 | Mobile: 306-621-2285



Thank you to St. Gerard's for the beautiful celebration held in our honour. Your generous efforts, joyful presence and kind words are remembered and treasured. May God bless you always.

- Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

October is World Mission 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 ordered **World Mission Rosaries**, which have coloured beads representing each continent. Stop by the office this week! Limited quantities available. Also available are "How to Pray the Mission Rosary" pamphlets which include intentions for each of the poor mission territories.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 3 - October 7, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Compassion Assembly @ 10:45am	
Tues.	•Magazine Campaign Kickoff •Jr. Football @ Ft. Qu'Appelle	•Compassion Gospel Assembly				
Wed.						•SCC Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs.	•Cross Country Districts @ Cherrydale		•Girls & Boys Vball vs St. Paul	•District Cross Country @ Cherrydale		
Fri.	•Divine Liturgy •Sr. Football @ Esterhazy		•Thanksgiving Celebration @ 1:15pm	•Thanksgiving Mass	•Thanksgiving Service @ 10:45am	

"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

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The **Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist** preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449

Please note that preparation for receiving the sacraments occurs only at the Parish

AND: In the Archdiocese of Regina, there is no charge or fee associated with receiving the sacraments. At St. Gerard Church, all required supplies are provided by the parish.

The **First Reconciliation Preparation Program** will commence mid-October for those children who have received First Eucharist. **Parents - if you have not received a letter from the parish by September 30th**, please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

ARE YOU EAGER TO
SERVE THE LORD AT SUNDAY MASS?

Please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093 for information about registering your child/youth for the St. Gerard Youth Choir!

In the Archdiocese of Regina

October is

REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH



News from the CWL



Oct. 3
Oct. 5

Executive Meeting
General Meeting



News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 1
Oct. 4

Charity Appeal tickets due
Rosary led by the Knights for "Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life" (5:15pm)

Oct. 5
Oct. 12

Executive Meeting
Special Needs Lunch
General Meeting

Oct. 15

Parish leaf rake

Please start thinking about family curling to start mid-October!!!

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Annual Appeal

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2016 has started and is moving to high gear this week. You will be receiving the brochures and the financial report for the past year's campaign and where monies were used. The money raised in the annual appeal keeps the church's mission of mercy in the Archdiocese of Regina moving through its various pastoral programs. Among others are the education of future ministers of the Archdiocese; Priests [Seminarians], Deacons and Lay Ministers, and for the spiritual and educational enrichment of Priests currently serving in various parishes. In giving back to God for his boundless generosity to you and your family, please consider giving to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As Catholics we share in keeping the mission of mercy the church is tasked by our Lord to build God's Kingdom in the Archdiocese of Regina.

Installation of Archbishop-Elect Donald Bolen October 14, 2016

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to watch the Installation Mass on the internet! It will be **live-streamed** through the Archdiocesan website.

Check out www.archregina.sk.ca and follow the link. The mass begins at 7 pm.

Good News!

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2; Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

I have a little jar of mustard seeds on the bookcase in my office. They were given to me as a going-away present by a priest I knew, a little reminder to keep the faith. Every time I hear the Gospel about the mustard seed, I am reminded of him. He was a mentor and friend, one of the many people who have inspired my faith from young adulthood until now. He is also the example of what I hope to be for the students I teach. The faith which we explore is a rich inheritance, indeed, and I can only hope to influence my students as much as he influenced me.

Being a faith-filled person isn't for cowards. As Paul tells Timothy, God gave us gifts of power and love to be able to stand against evil and to love those who seem unlovable. God called us to a holy life which means that we occasionally have to turn away from what the world has to offer and embrace a different way of living. Christ's disciples are called to help make the world holy through word and example, by inviting others to know Christ and acting in such a way that knowing Christ seems the only possible response. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for us to live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

"Stir into flame the gift of God," Paul exhorts. Fire is the perfect metaphor. It lights our way and gives us warmth. It also purifies us for the work ahead. Who inspired you in your faith? How will you become a better disciple today because of them?

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Development & Peace Fall Campaign Workshop "At the Heart of Action"

TODAY October 2nd, 2016
St. Gerard Parish Hall
1:30pm -4:30pm

This workshop will mark the beginning of the 50th Anniversary, celebrating 50 Years of Solidarity. Everyone is welcome to participate and to learn how to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South and with Creation. For further information, or to RSVP, please contact Dana: dmillerkitch@yahoo.com or 306-620-2367.

OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fundraising Banquet

Date: Thursday October 20, 2016
Location: Queensbury Convention Centre
Time: Punch at 6:00 and Dinner at 6:30
Ticket Cost: \$30 each – Table of 8 for \$240

Contact Information: Call Janelle at 306-757-1371 or email her at office@reginapregnancy.com

OptionS Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser Update

Parishioners of St. Gerard's raised **\$3,736.62** in the 2016 Baby Bottle Campaign.

A HUGE thank you for your continued support!!

A Family Nature Walk

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples did not want to trust Jesus more. They already trusted him. They really wanted the power to do the amazing things he did. Jesus responded with the famous mustard seed analogy. Even small choices have huge consequences.

Autumn is a time for seeds to fall in hope for spring's new life. Take a Nature Walk with your family. Point out the seeds that fall from the trees. Share with your family that almost every big thing God does for us starts off small. Like the seeds that grow into tall trees or large shrubs. He can do the same for us, if we allow him to.

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Live in the world as if only God and your soul were in it; then your heart will never be made captive by any earthly thing.

-St. John of the Cross

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline – 306.783.4255

****Perogy Bee****

TUES.	Oct. 4	9:00 am	Prepping
WED.	Oct. 5	9:00 am	Pinching
THURS.	Oct. 6	9:00 am	Bagging

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Moving Trees with Mustard-Seed-Sized Faith"

This Week...

This is a very common theme throughout all the Scriptures - requests for more faith, and help to endure suffering. God is comforting Habakkuk, Paul is comforting Timothy, and Jesus is comforting the Apostles. Where is the source of this faith and comfort we seek? The Holy Spirit.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is telling the Apostles how small their faith actually is. If their faith were bigger - as big as the size of a tiny seed, for example - they could command trees to fly through the air and land in the sea! So obviously he must consider their faith to be very small indeed.

- How about your faith? Do you think it is large or small? Why?
- What influences affect your faith? Has any life experience of yours increased your faith? What happened?
- Has any life experience hurt your faith and caused you to have doubts about God? What happened?

Not only does Jesus expect the Apostles to do great things with their faith, but to also see these miracles as "no big deal" - as if they were to say: "It was nothing. We were just doing our job."

- Have you ever done anything that impressed someone else, yet you yourself didn't think it was such a big deal? What was it that you did?
- Have you ever seen someone do something that impressed you, yet to that person it was no big deal? What did that person do?
- Do you believe that having more faith - in God, in yourself, in the power that comes from the Holy Spirit - could really cause miracles to occur? Why or why not?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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

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 our city 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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at 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, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca or check the website:

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