

# 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*

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

- Mon. (31<sup>st</sup>): 6:00 pm- *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite (in the Malayalam language)*
- Tues. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): **Solemnity of All Saints**  
9:00 am- +Iona Kindratsky
- Wed. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**  
9:30 am- +Edward Yeroschak  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
6:30 pm- +Eva Schlechter
- Thurs. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Peter Loster
- Fri. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Gladys Molnar  
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
10:30 am- *Benediction*
- Sat. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Janet Gress  
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Donald Bugoy
- Sun. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 am- +Carlos & +Elena Espino  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

### Non-liturgical Schedule

- Mon. (31<sup>st</sup>): **7:30 pm**-CWL Executive Meeting
- Tues. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
- Wed. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting  
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
- Fri. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Potluck Supper & Social

### YOU ARE INVITED



To attend  
**St. Gerard's  
Annual Potluck Supper and Social**

to welcome families who are new to our parish, as well as to celebrate Baptisms and Marriages that have taken place at St. Gerard Church during the past year.

The event is scheduled for **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Social time begins at 4:30pm, and supper will be at 5:00 pm.

Please bring your favourite dish to share with other families (we suggest servings for your family plus two extra people).

Please try to attend!!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit!

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Dianne Laycock  
Hospital: Miles Shuya  
Nursing Home: Lorne Wanner & Rosella Wanner  
Triplex: Alfred Labas

### Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Fran Semchuk

## ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PPC	Chairperson	-	Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson	-	<b>VACANT</b>
	Secretary	-	Rita Rodney	Liturgy	-	Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
	Religious Education-		Lori Zuzak	Social Justice	-	Jeannette Tremblay/Kathy Fedorchuk
	Community Life	-	Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	-	<b>VACANT</b>
	Family & Social	-	<b>VACANT</b>	Youth	-	<b>VACANT</b>
	Ecumenical	-	Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship	-	Christine Shuya
	CWL Rep.	-	Donna Olshewski	K of C Rep.	-	Ted Osicki
	Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Member at Large-Conrad Rodney		
	Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large-Richard Dubois		
	Hall	-	Don Reed			

St. Gerard Parish Income Statement January 1 to September 30, 2016			
<b>REVENUE</b>		Hall:	
Collections	212,427	Wages, Salaries, etc.	45,402
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	9,765	Catering	26,019
Fall Supper (net)	7,263	Administrative Expenses	4,333
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	4,949	Total Hall	75,755
Catering	57,333	Rectory	6,463
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>291,737</b>	Family & Social	587
Building Fund Donations	13,105	Ecumenical	28
Refugee Family (net)	3,173	Liturgy	8,338
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>308,015</b>	Stewardship	(no expense)
<b>EXPENSES</b>		Religious Education	3,729
Pastoral	2,251	Social Justice	144
Parish Office	17,154	Youth	495
Diocesan Assessments	23,684	Community Life	234
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	94,983	Public Relations	(no expense)
Building:		Pastoral & Finance Council	149
Sask Energy	4,635	Cemetery Expense	1,360
Sask Power	17,315	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>308,289</b>
Water	2,197	<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(273)</b>
Property Taxes	17,148		
Insurance	15,289		
Parking Lot	2,789		
Garbage/recycling	1,917		
Repairs & maintenance	11,644		
Total Building	72,934		

*Approved by Parish Finance Council*



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News October 31 - November 4, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Costume Parade		•Costume Parade	•Costume parade	
Tues.				•All Saints Day Celebration •Girls Vball @ MC Knoll •Boys Vball @ MC Knoll		
Wed.		•All Souls' Day Mass for Gr. 4-8 @ St. Gerard			•School photo day	
Thurs.			•Girls & Boys Vball @ Yorkdale		•Terriers visit •Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown	
Fri.		•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown	•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown			



## 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.



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

Jayton Varjassy      Kaine Lechman

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



*Congratulations to*

**Jason Tardiff & Heather Niezgoda**

*who were married at St. Gerard on October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*May the Lord be with them  
every day of their married life.*

The new **Liturgical Ministries Schedules** are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area (Welcomers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass). Schedules will also be available online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) this week.

**Altar Servers** – please pick up a copy of your schedule, available in the Sacristy (or check your email!).



## News from the CWL



Oct. 31  
Nov. 2

Executive Meeting @ **7:30pm**  
General Meeting @ 7:00pm



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 2  
Nov. 9

Executive Meeting  
Mass for deceased members.  
Contact Rick: 306.783.8840  
Widows are encouraged to attend.  
General Meeting  
Parish brunch

Nov. 13

*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

*"Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew..."*

The first reading for today's mass begins with this statement, which reminds us of the awesome power and presence of God. But for God's love to work in the world we need to share our blessings to others. If we give out of love, God will make it possible to accomplish the purpose for which we share. Sharing to the Annual Appeal assures the constant spreading of God's love and mercy in our Archdiocese through the archdiocesan pastoral programs. Everything we share form the heart, the Lord of the universe multiplies more than a hundredfold.

**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 Centre. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and will require billets for that one night only.

Team members will only require breakfast the morning of November 8<sup>th</sup> as supper on the day of arrival as well as lunch the following day will be taken care of.

If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females 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@cttcs.ca](mailto:deanna.pellatt@cttcs.ca)

# Good News!

October 30, 2016

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1—10

I'm the shortest one in nearly every picture in which I appear. It's not that I'm that short (about three inches below average), but I am surrounded by taller people. Consequently, Zacchaeus has always been a particular favorite of mine. I certainly would have tried to get higher to see Jesus, too. Maybe Zacchaeus and I would have shared a branch. But Zacchaeus inspires me for another reason. When Jesus, whom Zacchaeus knew only by reputation, called to him, his response was immediate. He came down to stand in front of Jesus. In their society, tax collectors were considered traitors and ostracized by all. In the process of working for the Romans, Zacchaeus strengthened Caesar's influence and likely charged more than he should have to support a wealthy lifestyle when most Jews lived in poverty.

Seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus seized the opportunity to bring conversion to a sinner. Instead of judgment or bitterness from a stranger, Jesus offered him words of welcome. Zacchaeus heard the invitation (literal and spiritual) in Jesus' statement - "I must stay at your house" - and "received him with joy."

When Jesus enters our house, we find the strength to turn from sin. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was immediate. As they stood together, he turned from his sin and promised to care for the poor and make restitution for anything he stole. Let us hurry to receive Jesus into our hearts and turn away from our sin as well.

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## October is World Mission Month

"We must pray, and not for ourselves,  
but for the world."

– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**Thank you very much** for your generous support for World Mission Sunday last week. This support is a blessing for the priests, Sisters, Brothers and Lay catechists who depend on this help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve – the world's most vulnerable.

### Development and Peace has launched an emergency campaign for Haiti

Caritas Haiti and Caritas Internationalis have launched an emergency appeal for immediate humanitarian assistance for which Development and Peace has already committed \$50,000.

Development and Peace's intervention with the Caritas network will enable it to take charge of supporting 2,700 of the families victimized by the hurricane with food distribution, and will reduce the risk of spreading basic infectious diseases (diarrhea, cholera, malaria, etc.) for those 2,700 families. However, Development and Peace is mobilizing its network and launching an emergency campaign for Haiti.

Funds raised will be used to meet needs in health, water, and to provide shelter, food and non-food items in the most affected regions.

For more information please visit:

[www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07](http://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2016/comm2016-10-07)

Please consider sharing and supporting our emergency campaign for Haiti.

**Canadians can contribute to Development and Peace's relief efforts for Haiti by calling 1 888 234-8533, making an online donation at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or sending a cheque made out to:**

Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7. **Please indicate on your cheque Emergency - Haiti.**

### St. Henry's Fall Supper 729 Main St, Melville



TONIGHT!!! Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-6:30 pm

Adults - \$15                      Children 6-12 - \$8  
Children 5 and under - Free

Menu: Roast Turkey dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage rolls, assorted salads, coleslaw, dinner buns, pies and beverages.

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Zacchaeus"

#### **This Week...**

God created us, God calls us forth to be our best, and God loves us, even when we sin. Like Zacchaeus, we can begin again and keep our promise to do better. We are always forgiven.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Zacchaeus probably didn't like crowds. He was short and needed to climb a tree in order to see Jesus better.

- Do you like crowds? Why or why not?
- What are some other reasons why some people might not like crowds?
- What are some reasons why some people might like crowds?

Zacchaeus seemed to know that he had been dishonest as a tax collector, yet he told the crowd right away that he was giving half of his money to the poor, and paying back four times as much money to anyone he had cheated. This was quite a generous offer.

- Have you ever wronged anyone and then had to figure out a way to make it up to that person? What did you do? How did it work out? Did a lot of people know about it? What was their reaction?
- Did anyone ever wrong you and then try to make it up to you? Were you forgiving or not? Why? Are you friends with this person now? 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](mailto: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.*



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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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net), or call 1-306-480-8911.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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

[www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html](http://www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html)