



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 6, 2019
Twenty-sixth
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. (7 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (8 th):		NO MASS
Wed. (9 th):		NO MASS
Thurs. (10 th):		NO MASS
Fri. (11 th):	9:00 am	+Lil Ryhorski
Sat. (12 th):	9:00 am	+Leonard Soyka

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (13th): **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am	+Lorraine Nyuli
11:00 am	Mass for the People



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

St. Gerard Church
Saturday, October 12, 2019 at noon

Meet inside the church, but dress for the weather!
Join others from our parish and community
processing outside the church with the statue of Our
Lady of Fatima, praying the rosary and singing
hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

CONTACT US

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Lord, I am grateful for your gentle voice of love. Help me to speak with love and peace everywhere I go.

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



The 2019 Archbishop's Appeal Campaign has officially begun! You should have already received information on this year's Appeal as well as your personal donation cards. Giving is one means we have of both growing the Church and deepening our spiritual lives. Your gift to the Archbishop's Appeal assists in building the Kingdom through mission work, adult and youth

education and social outreach to the poor, the isolated and the infirm in our communities. Our financial goal this year is 1.6 million dollars. You are invited to prayerfully consider how your household might help us to reach this goal and carry on our Christian mission.



Service is a privilege gift of God to us. May we recognize our God-given gifts and share them generously with others by giving to the Archbishop's Appeal, knowing that by this little act, God will multiply them to overflowing in the lives of others.



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. Stop by the office this week! Limited quantities available.



"Go! Make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28.19) These words – the imperative mission of Christ – call each baptized Catholic to action. The Church has a lasting mission to perform in this world, a mission that is ever more apparent, and the need for it is ever more urgent. In fact, mission isn't something the Church does. It is what the Church is!

This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 20. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church that offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and Her Rosary "In Defence of Christian Civilization" began its origins in Quebec ten years ago. It is a group of like-minded Canadians who realize the depth of errors our country has been moving towards and has sought to find remedies to counteract these problems. They chose Our Lady of Fatima as their mentor. Members of this organization have encouraged the public to participate in Pro-Life rallies, in religious pilgrimages and most recently, in a public prayer campaign called "Canada Needs Our Lady". The aim is simple: one hour of prayer, from 12 noon to 1pm, beginning with a procession, beseeching Our Lady to restore our country. The Rosary Rally will be held Saturday, October 12.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News October 7 - October 11, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.						
Wed.			•Food Drive pickup		•Food Drive ends •Federal Election Candidates Q & A	
Thurs.						
Fri.					•Thanksgiving Celebration	

"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



News from the CWL



Oct. 9

General Meeting @ 7pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Oct. 9 General Meeting (installation of officers)
- Oct. 10 Afternoon Bingo
- Oct. 16 Special Needs Lunch (10am start)
- Oct. 19 Family leaf rake
- Oct. 19-20 Membership Drive
- Oct. 20 Sunday Brunch

K of C Family Leaf Rake

Please call Joe at 306.783.7938 to book a time for the Knights to rake your leaves.

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 306.783.6767 or houle_r@yahoo.fr. More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca



The Knights of Columbus
will lead the
Rosary Prayer

Thursdays at 5:30pm

during the month of October.

Everyone welcome!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

How (Not) To Vote Like a Catholic

If I manage to achieve my goal with this piece, I will have left many of my readers unsettled. I will be critiquing two prominent approaches to voting as a Catholic that are oversimplified and misleading. They do, however, have the advantage of being clear and simple. People like clear and simple things. Especially when faced with difficult choices and imperfect options. My goal is to make us uncomfortable with these too simple approaches. And people don't like being made uncomfortable...
<https://archregina.sk.ca/news/2019/09/24/how-not-vote-catholic>

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.



INTERNATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Date: Sunday, October 6 • Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Corner of Broadway St. W. and Gladstone Ave., Yorkton

Everyone is welcome to pray and to participate in a silent witness to raise awareness for the need to protect all human life from conception to natural death.

For more information
visit fb.me/parklandrighttolife or call 306-783-6240



Bringing Home the Word

Kindling the Faith

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 that 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 gave 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 (2 Timothy 1:6). 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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AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP will be given at Meeting Room A (Main Level) on Saturday, October 19th, by Reverend Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland, 9:30am to 2:15pm with Mass at 9:00 am for those wishing to attend. Lunch is provided.

CENTERING PRAYER is a Christian form of meditation. It is simply "resting in the presence of God." A movement from the mind to the heart, letting go of all our thoughts, feelings, images, emotions and bodily sensations, and opening to the Presence and Action of the Divine within. Listening to what God is saying to us.

THE INTRODUCTION will be followed by six Continuing Sessions over the next six monthly **LAST** Thursdays at 7:00 pm with twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a half hour video by Fr. Thomas Keating and a short discussion.

COST for the Introduction and the Continuing Sessions; \$30.00

ST GERARD PARISH ANNUAL FALL SUPPER TODAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2019

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Menu: Roast turkey, sausage, cabbage rolls, perogies, spring rolls, potatoes, salads, desserts, coffee



Adults: \$17.00

Children 6-13 years: \$10.00

Pre-school: No charge

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, November 7th
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (6th): 4:30 pm- Annual Fall Supper
- Mon. (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower level*)
- Tues. (8th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (9th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. (11th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (*Meeting Room B*)
- Sat. (12th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

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