



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh
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. (8 th):	9:00 am	Special Intentions
Tues. (9 th):	7:00 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Wed. (10 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA
	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
Thurs. (11 th):	9:00 am	+Henry Ohochinsky
	2:30 pm	+Ruth Molnar
		LAKESIDE MANOR
		Special Intentions
Fri. (12 th):	9:00 am	+Bill Oliver
Sat. (13 th):	9:30 am	Rita Hilbig
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	7:00 pm	Michael & Sarah Hornung
Sun. (14 th):	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	+Brenda Clemente



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 for childlike innocence. Help me to be more aware of and responsive to the needs of little children.

- 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 Unborn and Those Their Lives Affect

Prayer to Guide Us:

- The Rosary and/or the Our Father: for the intention of all those affected by unplanned pregnancies
- Read these Bible passages and reflect on them: Rom 12:1-2, Ps 139:13-16, Jer 1:4-8
- Pray the Ignatian examen daily/weekly, ask yourself how you have shown others that they are a loved child of God <https://youtu.be/JVItxNMrNnw>

Actions to Move Us:

- Support organizations such as Birth Right, Sask Pro-Life, Rachael’s Vineyard, Options Pregnancy Centre
- Watch these videos: <https://youtu.be/WtwYPeBSRg>, on Netflix: “The Nine Months that Made You”
- Encourage your political leaders to openly discuss Right to Life issues



PROP ***Propagation of the Faith***

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

“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 21. 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.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 8 - October 12, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	No School					
Tues.	No School					
Wed.				•School Sport Week •Special Needs Lunch		
Thurs.	•Football vs Foam Lake					
Fri.						

“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

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Oct. 9 Rosary @ 5:30pm
- Oct. 10 Special Needs Lunch @ St. Michael
General Meeting @ 7pm
- Oct. 11 Evening Bingo
- Oct. 13 Annual Yard Leaf Rake
(Parishioners who require assistance call
Joe at 306.783.7938)
- Oct. 14 Sunday Brunch

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



be joyful
in Hope

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

The 2018 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Commencing November 1st, 2018 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at **5:00 pm**.

Commencing April 1st, 2019 the time will revert to 7:00 pm for the spring and summer months.

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 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.

MINO-MAAWANJI'ITIWAG: COMING TOGETHER IN A GOOD WAY

Friday November 2 and
Saturday November 3, 2018

This conference is being planned by Regina Youth for Christ and a variety of Evangelical churches and ministries. The purpose is an opportunity to Come Together with Indigenous people, hearing from different perspectives on being Indigenous and Christian.

If you have any questions please contact Tashia Toupin, Social Justice Coordinator:

phone: 306-352-1651 ext. 222
email: ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Jesus Valued Marriage Highly

By Mary Katharine Deeley

My mother was convinced that none of her children would get married. We were older when we were called to that vocation but, one by one, we did marry. I'm happy to say that my husband and I continue to share this vocation three decades later, and we give our thanks to God. My sister was not as fortunate. After years of abuse, she divorced her husband. She didn't make that decision lightly. She went into counseling, prayed, and talked. She considered her children, her husband, and herself. And she read and reread today's Gospel from Mark. In the end, safety for herself and her children was a major concern.

Jesus railed against the ease of divorce. A man simply had to hand his wife a piece of paper, and he could do so for any reason, including infertility and her failure to please him. But Jesus advances the woman's cause, refusing to allow her to be treated like a piece of property or disposed of at whim. He saw marriage as a sign of God's covenantal love and lifelong fidelity, and exalts it as a sacrament. When both spouses commit themselves to each other and to their vocation, this grace is made manifest, and their bond is strengthened. But sin and human brokenness can interfere with God's plan, leaving separation or even divorce as the only options.

In the longer form of this reading, the people brought their children to Jesus and he blessed them. Maybe we can do the same for those affected by abuse or divorce, so they, at long last, also can be healed.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISH HALL VOLUNTEERS

(including Vigil & Funeral Lunches and
Perogies & Cabbage Rolls)

Father Louis would like to meet with ALL of you

Friday, October 19th
at 7pm
(in the Lower Level)

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

St. Gerard Parish-sponsored Refugee Family Potluck Supper to Welcome the Johar Family to Canada

Thursday, October 11th @ 5:30pm
St. Gerard Parish Hall

*Welcome the Johan Family to Canada:
Berhan, Nuria, their daughters Neda & Besma
and their son Bilal*

Potluck supper 5:30pm Raffle Draws & 50/50

A chance to learn more about the family and how you can help. Bring a dish and welcome our Refugee Family to Canada!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Fall Supper

Sun. October 14th
4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Adults: \$16.00 6-10 years: \$10.00
5 & under: Free

Advance tickets only. Phone Meghan at
306.783.4266

PEROGIES•PEROGIES•PEROGIES

Tell all your friends!!

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 WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (8th): *Parish Office Closed*
Tues. (9th): 7:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
Wed. (10th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
Thurs. (11th): 5:30 pm- Parish Potluck
Fri. (12th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sun. (14th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep #3

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Like a Child, Accept the Reign of God"

This Week...

Man and woman are made for each other as perfect partners; when they marry they become one flesh. Their children are a gift and an example for us to follow, for they show us the way to the Reign of God. The human condition, with its two sexes that join physically in the creation of children, is a wonderful condition. Jesus was not ashamed to join us in this wonderful, human condition, and we are honoured and gifted that he did so.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter the Reign of God.

- Obviously Jesus is calling us to not be childish but to be childlike. How do you see the difference between being childish and being childlike? What exactly are we being called to?
- Not all characteristics of children are good for older people to imitate, but many are. What are some children's habits we should not try to pick up? What are some ways of children that we should try to remember and imitate?
- Do you ever baby-sit younger children? If so, what is your favourite part and your least favourite part of that responsibility? If you have never baby-sat before, what parts do you think you might look forward to, and which parts would you not look forward to?

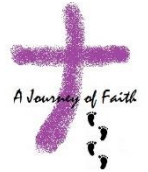
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

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

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 or check the website:

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