



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 8, 2017

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. (9 th):	9:00 am-	+Norbert Soyka
Tues. (10 th):	9:00 am-	William Holvach
Wed. (11 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		+Valeria Woloschuk
	6:30 pm-	+Steve & +Irene Chillog
Thurs. (12 th):	9:00 am-	+Rita Myrowsky
	11:00 am-	SACRED HEART H.S.
		2:30 pm-
		LAKESIDE MANOR
		Lewis & Gloria Lozinski
Fri. (13 th):	9:00 am-	Rebecca Wintonyk
Sat. (14 th):	10:00 am-	+Mildred Jackson
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	7:00 pm-	+Jody Churko
Sun. (15 th):	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Ann Bisschop

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

During the month of October, the Knights of Columbus will lead the **Rosary Prayer** each Monday at 6:00 pm.

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Lord, I am grateful for your vineyard of love. Remove my shortcomings that I may cultivate your gifts of compassion and peace. Amen.

- 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

Giving is one means we have of both growing the church, and deepening our spiritual lives. Allow God's own generosity to bear abundant fruit through your gifts as you support your church in the Archdiocese of Regina in her good works.



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News October 9 - October 13, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Thanksgiving – No School					
Tues.	No Classes					
Wed.		•Thanksgiving Celebration & Gr. 4 Passing on the Good News	•Food Drive Pickup	•Reverence Week for those with Physical or Mental Challenges •School Sport Week •Food Drive Pickup •Special Needs Lunch	•Food Drive Pickup	
Thurs.	•Thanksgiving Mass @ 11am		•Gospel Assembly @ 9:45am •Handing on the Good News Bibles to Gr. 4	•Vball vs Columbia		
Fri.	•Sr Girls Vball Tourney •Cross Country Provincial •Jr Girls Vball @ YRHS					

"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 ****



News from the CWL



October 11

General Meeting at 7pm
Guest speaker: Anthony Allary
(Yorkton Transitional Home for Youth)



News from the Knights of Columbus



October 9

Lead the rosary at 6pm

October 11

Special Needs lunch @ St. Michael
General meeting at 7pm

October 13

Lead the rosary at 7pm
Celebrating 100 Years of Fatima

October 14

Annual Yard Leaf Rake
*Parishioners who require assistance
contact Joe at 306.783.7938*

October 15

Parish Brunch

The start date for **Family Curling** is October 16. All parishioners are invited to participate. Please phone Jeff at 306.783.5534 and leave a message.

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

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.

The Holy and the Profane: A Rabbi and A Bishop Remember Leonard Cohen One Year On

You are invited to join Rabbi Jeremy Parnes and Archbishop Donald Bolen for a discussion of the songs of the late Leonard Cohen. All are welcome to this free evening of dialogue on Thursday, October 26th, 7pm at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4715 McTavish Street, Regina. Leonard Cohen (1934-2016) was a Canadian singer, songwriter, musician, poet, and novelist. His work explored religion, politics, isolation, sexuality, and personal relationships. An observant Jew, Cohen was strongly influenced by Christian and Buddhist themes, which he brought into his work. About his work, he said: "At our best, we inhabit a biblical landscape, and this is where we should situate ourselves without apology."



LITURGY WORKSHOPS

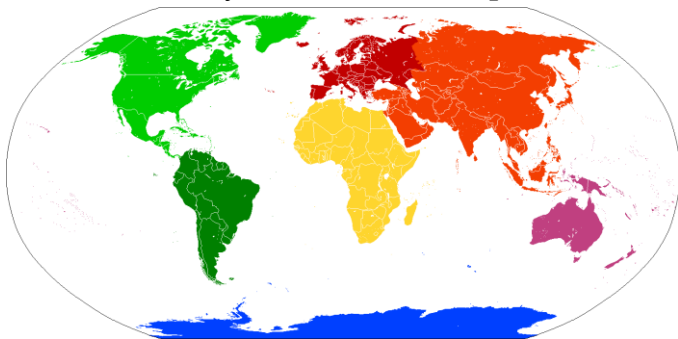
Monday, October 16th
(in the Nave of the Church)

7:00 pm	Welcomers
7:30 pm	Lectors
8:00 pm	Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
8:30 pm	Hospitality Ministers

All those in the ministries noted above are to attend as there are changes.

Hour of Global Prayer and Rosary

Friday, October 20th at 7pm



Join others in prayer
for the mission of evangelization.
Refreshments to follow the Prayer Service.

Organized by the St. Gerard Liturgical Committee

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one in November, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Bringing Home the Word

Powerful Positive Thinking

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In a scene from the musical *The Music Man*, the central character, Harold Hill, tells his band that if they want to *play* the Minuet in G, all they have to do is *think* the Minuet in G. He's a swindler, and when the mayor tries to prove it by having "the professor" conduct his band, he looks at them pleadingly and begs them to think.

To the surprise of everyone, including Harold, the band slowly (and even painfully) plays something that sounds a little like the Minuet in G and a little like many grade-school concerts, making parents proud and keeping Harold out of jail. Soon the show ends with the band playing a rousing rendition of "Seventy-Six Trombones."

Paul has his own version of the "think system" in today's passage from Philippians. For Paul, every minute spent thinking about that which is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise is another minute that brings us closer to the living God whose presence is evident in all these things.

It's not such a bad idea. God manifests the divine self in truth and beauty and in all the things Paul names. To reflect on these is to become more aware of his presence to us through them.

Centuries later, the Christian founders of the university where I work adopted Paul's "think system" as their motto, reasoning that our thoughts should not be directed only toward facts to grow the mind but also toward the things that would transform our characters.

Like Harold Hill's band, we might sound a little or a lot out of tune at first, but with practice, we will get better and march in our own big parade.

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The Yorkton Filipino Community thanks everyone who supported the fundraiser for the family of the late Flavia Pineda.

May God bless you abundantly.

October Represents World Mission Month

This year, **World Mission Sunday** will take place on October 22. On that day, we celebrate who we are as Christians: missionary disciples. It's a time of prayer. We are also invited to look beyond our local Church in Canada and assist through financial gifts, the missionary work needed in the young dioceses in many developing countries. An example of this work is providing health care centres, building schools, and empowering lay pastoral workers, construction of convents and presbyteries. Please pray for the missions and show generosity on **World Mission Sunday**.



You are kindly reminded to **silence your mobile devices** upon entering the church building,

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



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee

Celebrating 100 Years of Fatima - On May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary first revealed herself to a trio of shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. She would appear to them five more times over the course of the year until the great Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917.

On Friday, October 13th, the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary prayer at 7pm to mark this anniversary.

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- TOWER
- VINTAGE
- PRODUCE
- RESPECT
- HEIR
- WRETCHES
- SEASON
- STONE
- FRUIT

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (9th): *Parish Office Closed*
- Tues. (10th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg
- Wed. (11th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Thurs. (12th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg
- Fri. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (14th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus, the Cornerstone"

This Week...

The vineyard story in Isaiah compliments the vineyard story in Matthew. In the first story, God cares for a vineyard, and the fruit (the people) is not sweet but bitter. In the Gospel, God cares for a vineyard, but at harvest time the farmers kill the vineyard owner's son (Jesus). Jesus reminds the listeners that this story echoes Psalm 118, which proclaims the value of the rejected cornerstone. Paul urges us to live according to what we have learned and accepted, in order to be less anxious and more at peace with God.

For Your Reflection

This parable couldn't be more obvious. The vineyard owner's son is killed by the tenants, so then the vineyard owner will lease the vineyard to different people who will care for the grapes in an honest and respectable way, in memory of his son who died. Jesus switches symbols from grapes to bricks, and then emphasizes how the cornerstone is the very stone that was initially rejected by the builders of the structure. Jesus challenges us to look deeply into this symbolism.

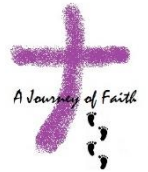
- Who are the rejected bricks and stones at your school? Are there any outcast students who are mocked by others? Why are certain people judged to be more popular or less popular than others?
- That would Jesus say about the value of less-popular individuals?
- How would your reaction to them be different if you took this Gospel message seriously? Are you going to change your reaction to them? Why or why not?
- Who are the newer people that lease the land and help to harvest the grapes? Are you in this category?
- Who are the tenant farmers? Who are the builders who dislike the cornerstone? Are you in this category?



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 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. 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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