
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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (11th): 9:00 am- +Tyler Dobko
5:15 pm- *Rosary Prayer (for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life)*

Wed. (12th): 10:00 am- ASPEN VILLA
+Gladys Molnar
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*
7:00 pm- +Merylene Lorenz

Thurs. (13th): 9:00 am- +Rosemarie Massett

Fri. (14th): 9:00 am- +Orest Derkach

Sat. (15th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- Hunter Arnold

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Adolph Sliwa

Sun. (16th): *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Helen Nagy

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Clara Krakalovich
Hospital: Liz Vossen
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Leona Pinno

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr, Eva Schlechter

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (10th): *Parish Office Closed*

Tues. (11th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir
7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting

Wed. (12th): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting

Thurs. (13th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg.

Fri. (14th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

Sat. (15th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

Sun. (16th): 7:00 pm- First Reconciliation Meeting

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family.

Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives.

Thank you for friends, for health and for grace.

May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

Amen

Happy
Thanksgiving



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

See poster on bulletin board for more information.

Family Activity - "Thanks be to God Scroll"

Throughout the history of Israel, people dealt with contagious diseases with a quarantine. The sick lived outside the local town or village until they got better. Then, they would show themselves to the local priest, who would allow the person to rejoin the community. The ten men who had a contagious skin rash wanted Jesus to cure them, so they could return to their family and friends. (Please note: the men probably did not have what we moderns call leprosy or "Hansen's disease." There is scientific evidence the Palestinians of Jesus' time contracted this terrible, incurable ailment, but the proof is very limited.)

But one man returned, just to say "Thanks."

How many times have we thanked the Lord for returning us to health, for family life, for the many blessings he has given us?

Create a "Thanks be to God" scroll. On a long sheet of parchment-like paper, have your family members write down all the things for which they should thank God. Post the scroll and use it this week as the center of your family prayer.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 10 - October 15, 2016



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Thanksgiving – No School					
Tues.	No School					
Wed.	•Jr. Football vs Melville @ SHHS	•Thanksgiving Celebration & Gr. 4 Handing on the Good News @ 10:45am		•K of C Special Needs Luncheon	•Food Pickup	
Thurs.	•Sr. Football @ MCS		•Perpetual Rosary •Girls & Boys Vball vs St. Michael School			
Fri.	•Jr. Girls Vball @ YRHS •Sr. Boys Vball @ Melville •Sr. Girls Vball Home Tournament •X-country Provincials @ Delisle					
Sat.	•Jr. Girls Vball @ YRHS •Sr. Boys Vball @ Melville •Sr. Girls Vball Home Tournament •X-country Provincials @ Delisle					

"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.

First Reconciliation Preparation Program (for children who have received First Eucharist)

****Parent Meeting – Sunday October 16th @ 7pm****
Meeting Rooms A & B



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!



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Oct. 11 Rosary led by the K of C
- Oct. 12 Special Needs Lunch
 – help needed @ 10:30am
 General Meeting
- Oct. 15 Parish leaf rake
 – Call Joe @ 306.783.7938 if you need
 help with your fall cleanup
- Oct. 20 Evening bingo
- Oct. 23 Parish brunch

To register for Family Curling please call Jeff @ 306.783.5534 (please leave your phone number).

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

Our financial goal for our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is \$1.4 Million. It is the same as last year's goal. This amount will help the Archdiocese finance the operations of its pastoral programs. By contributing to the Appeal, we are investing in the future of the church in her goal to spread God's love and mercy to all people for generations to come. Please consider supporting the Annual Appeal this year.

Installation of Archbishop-Elect Donald Bolen October 14, 2016

Due to limited space, the Installation of Archbishop-elect Donald Bolen is by **invitation only**. However, the event will be live-streamed and can be viewed on any computer. Just go to <https://archregina.sk.ca/> and scroll down to the blue 'live stream bar'. Click on that and select **Installation of Archbishop Bolen**. The Installation Mass commences at 7pm.

Don't miss Archdiocesan Theologian Brett Salkeld's latest blog post at Ask-a-Theologian,

What's So Real About Real Presence?

<https://archregina.sk.ca/blogs/31427/3945/2016/09/what%E2%80%99s-so-real-about-real-presence>

In the Archdiocese of Regina

October is

REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH

Good News!

October 9, 2016

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

When my daughter was seven, she cut her thumb badly while trying to make a fruit salad. When she cried out for me, I quickly dressed her younger sister and we went to the hospital for stitches. She was in pain and crying when the doctor injected the anesthetic into the hand to numb the pain. With a firm, but quiet voice he looked at her and said, "Katy, does it still hurt?" She stopped all at once and said with a voice of wonder, "No." He proceeded to stitch up the thumb and congratulated her on being brave. She thanked him and then talked about him for the rest of the day. I still remember the surprised look when she finally realized her thumb no longer hurt. She didn't know that the anesthetic had taken effect because she expected to still be in pain.

The ten lepers who met Jesus knew they couldn't approach anyone and they had undoubtedly called out to others to help them. When Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests, they went their way not expecting to be cured and still deep in their isolation. Some inner voice made one leper suddenly aware that he had been made clean. He stopped, full of wonder. The priest would still have to inspect him before he could return to his community, but his desire to look at Jesus one more time and give thanks for his mercy had to come first. We don't know what made him so mindful of his healing, but his response inspires us. How has Jesus touched and healed you? How will you thank him, and who will you tell?

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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 or Table of 8 for \$240

Contact Information:

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



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 **World Mission Rosaries**, which have coloured beads representing each continent. Stop by the office this week! Limited quantities available. Only \$3.00! Also available are "How to Pray the Mission Rosary" pamphlets which include intentions for each of the poor mission territories.

This year, *World Mission Sunday* will take place on October 23.

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

If you contribute by Pre-authorized Giving (PAG), you may place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday". Please include your contact information inside the envelope. Thank you.

St. Henry's Fall Supper

729 Main St, Melville

Sunday, October 30th

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.

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!

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The One Who Said 'Thank-You'"

This Week...

Believing in Jesus is believing in life after death, and in joy after sorrow. Naaman did not really think he would be cured by going into the Jordan River; in fact, he almost did not even try. But once he did, his conversion was so great that he wanted to bring back some of the sacred earth from the holy place of the one true God. He was thankful. On the other hand, most of the lepers in this Gospel were less thankful, even though they seemed to have no doubts that they could be cured.

For Your Reflection

Ten lepers are cured of a disgusting and horrible disease, yet only one returns to say thank-you to Jesus. If they were asked, it's possible these nine lepers who chose not to express their gratitude to Jesus all had some reason or excuse. Perhaps they forgot or were too tired or couldn't find their way back.

- Can you think of nine different reasons why people don't thank others who have done them a kind service?
- How are you with saying thank-you? How are you with writing thank-you notes? How are you with feeling lucky and thankful for all your blessings?

A common saying is that we only appreciate something when we don't have it or when it's not working right or when it hurts or is broken.

- How often do you think about your legs or your eyes or your ears? Does your awareness of their role in your life increase after you spend time with a person who is deaf or blind, or who uses a wheelchair? Why is that?
- How often do you appreciate electricity? or plumbing? or automobiles? What would your life be like without these conveniences?

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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