



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 10, 2017

Twenty-third
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. (11 th):	9:00 am-	+Mildred Jackson
Wed. (13 th):	10:30 am-	Aspen Villa
Thurs. (14 th):	9:00 am-	+Ann Bisschop
	2:30 pm-	Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)
		+Edna Sommerfeldt
Fri. (15 th):	9:00 am-	Rev. Michael Yaremko
	1:00 pm-	St. Michael School
		+Horace Jackson
Sat. (16 th):	10:00 am-	+Jimmy Flavel

7:00 pm- +Rita Myrowsky

Sun. (17th): **Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- +Veronica Farkus
11:00 am- Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Half-hour before 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

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Lord, I am grateful for your gifts of love, mercy, and forgiveness. Help me to share these gifts with those who have hurt me.

Amen.

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

St. Gerard Church
Annual Parish Fall Supper

September 24, 2017
 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Adults: \$17.00

Children 6 – 13 yrs.: \$10.00

Pre-schoolers under 6: Free

Grateful and heartfelt **THANKS** to the many volunteers who have helped in the past.

GOD BLESS those who are able to continue with their involvement, and a huge **WELCOME** to those who come to help for the first time.

The Fall Supper is a source of revenue for the parish. **But more importantly**, it is an opportunity for parishioners to come together as a community to get to know one another in a casual setting.

Are you able to provide:

Pies? Desserts? Salads? Cooking Skills? Helping Hand?

Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Area.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
 September 11 - September 15, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			Open House 5pm --7 pm			
Tues.			Gr 7 overnight canoe trip	Gr 7 overnight canoe trip (boys)		
Wed.			Gr 7 overnight canoe trip	Gr 7 overnight canoe trip (girls)		
Thurs.						
Fri.				Opening Mass 1 pm		

"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. The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Sunday, October 1st from 6pm-9pm.**

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 *****

A Word from Pope Francis

If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way.

In the Lord there is always...the difficulty of doing something good.

—Morning meditation, September 12, 2014

A Communion Antiphon

Revelation 3.20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.



News from the CWL



A big bouquet of thanks to all who were able to help in ways big and small – before, during & after the Annual Garage Sale. It was a great time of teamwork, fellowship and fun! Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped. The proceeds help the CWL to support many charities in Saskatchewan, Canada and missions.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 13 General Meeting
Sept. 15 Evening bingo

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

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

One weekend per month from October until June, Catholics who want to know, love and serve Christ more deeply come together at Campion College in Regina. Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus Christ and his Church? We are currently accepting applications for the Fall intake of this three-year program. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306-325-1651 ext. 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Missions Trip Opportunity to Belize:

In Feb. 2018, the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry Office is hosting a mission's trip to Belize for teens and young adults with a minimum age of 16, by time of travel. While some "older but young at heart adults" will also be welcome, the bulk of the spots will be reserved for teens and young adults. A meeting for those who might be interested, will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 2:00 at the Archdiocese of Regina diocesan offices. (445 Broad St. North) Spaces are very limited. Any questions, contact Michelle Braden OR Braden Kuntz at 306 352 1651.



Bringing Home the Word

The Hour of Awakening

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of my favourite retreat exercises is to ask participants to think of a motto that could guide them for the rest of their lives. What fragment of a prayer, scriptural text, or saint quotation would let people know how you want to live your life?

If nothing comes to mind, I give them Bibles and invite them to skim the epistles and Gospels for possibilities, reminding them that this is their motto for today and that they can change it tomorrow.

Once they have their mottoes, I ask them to reflect on what it would look like if they lived with the motto always on their mind. The exercise helps focus people on what they do well and on what needs a little work.

Over the years, I've returned frequently to the beginning of the epistle that will be read on this day: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I remember when I've done that well and when – driven by anger, fear, or ego – I've fallen far short of the ideal. It has always appealed to me as a wonderful motto.

Today, however, I'm struck by Romans 13:11: "It is the hour now for you to wake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

I think there are many times when we're asleep and unaware of how we hurt others by what we say and do.

What if we saw everything as Christ did, touched everyone as Christ touched them?

If we put on Christ, we wouldn't need to tell people which words we hope will guide us. We'd simply become the living example to them.

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Upcoming Parish Events can be found online at <http://www.stgerard.ca/events-calendar.php>

Check it out today!!

Prayer for Life and the Family

God of gentle correction and everlasting love,

whisper to us your call to turn around.

Help us to look for the places we have failed to love.

Give us the courage to choose again, to turn back to you and receive the life we have rejected by our failing.

Teach us to love the act of repenting, of turning back to you again and again.

Amen.

New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (yellow) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

Development and Peace Fall Campaign

Women at the Heart of Peace

Workshop at St. Henry Parish Centre, Melville on Sunday, September 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm

You are invited to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peace building.

For more info call Yvette at 306-730-9934

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (11th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Wed. (13th): 7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
Fri. (15th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Righting Wrongs"

This Week...

We are responsible for ourselves, our world, and one another. If we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem. We don't even have to be successful, as long as we faithfully and lovingly do our best and give our all. But if we don't do our best and give our all, then we are responsible for the problem and all its consequences. Whenever two or three join together in prayer, Jesus' presence is assured.

For Your Reflection

Ezekiel and Jesus both have good advice for dealing with people when wrong things are done.

- How easy is it to confront a friend when you think you have been wronged or treated badly? Do you tend to ignore the wrong? Do you talk about it honestly? Or do you tend to hold a grudge?
- Does the advice in today's readings relate to today's situations, or do you think we need to look at other alternatives when dealing with modern wrongs? How so?

Jesus assures us that whenever two or three pray together, Jesus is always there, and our prayers are always answered.

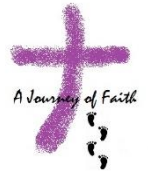
- Do you think that prayers are always answered? Or do you think it depends on the type of prayer and what is asked for? Or do you think that prayers are always answered, but sometimes the answer is no? How do you think prayer works?
- What kind of prayers do you most often pray? Do your prayers ask for something? Do you pray for strength and guidance? Do you ever pray with one or two others?



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

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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