

# 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (12<sup>th</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. (13<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Merv & Helen Polzon  
Wed. (14<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Aspen Villa  
                  +Orest Derkach  
                  2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
                  7:00 pm- Gordon & Margaret Lux  
Thurs. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Donald Bugoy  
                  10:30 am- +Lakeside Manor, Saltcoats  
                  +Rosemarie Massett  
Fri. (16<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Gladys Molnar

Sat. (17<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
                  7:00 pm- +Ivy Mayer

Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>): *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
                  9:00 am- Mass for the People  
                  11:00 am- +Hedita Banzuela

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Aspen Villa: Dolores Palchewich  
Hospital: Miles Shuya  
Nursing Home: Rosemarie Todos & Donna Appell  
Triplex: Leona Pinno

### **Please remember the sick in your prayers:**

Stella Fulawka, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

*Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.*

- St. John Chrysostom

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (11<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class #2  
Mon. (12<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Tues. (13<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir  
                  7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting  
Wed. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting  
Fri. (16<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Sat. (17<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class #3

### **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!

### **PARISH BRUNCH TODAY**

**after 9:00 am & 11 am Mass**

sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus, Council 2031

Please join us in honouring the



On their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of dedicated service to Yorkton & Area

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Divine Liturgy - 4:30 pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
 Gathering - 6:00 pm and Banquet - 6:30 pm (Program to follow)  
 at St. Gerard Parish Hall

Banquet Tickets - Adults: \$25

Available at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Parish Office  
 (for other locations please check the poster on the bulletin board)8

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP**

**"AT THE HEART OF ACTION"**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at St. Gerard Church Hall**

**from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

*This workshop marks the beginning of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrating 50 years of Solidarity. Everyone is welcome to participate and learn how to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South and with Creation.*

**For more info or to RSVP contact Dana at [dmillerkitch@yahoo.com](mailto:dmillerkitch@yahoo.com) or 306-620-2367.**

***Please RSVP if possible to allow us to have enough materials and space available. Looking forward to seeing you there!***



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News**



**September 12 - September 16, 2016**

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		first day of kindergarten SCC Mtg. - 6:30pm	Open House 6pm-7pm	SCC meeting 7:00 pm		
Tues.		Open House 6pm-7pm				
Wed.						
Thurs.	Cross Country Meet @ Cherrydale	CTTCS Cross Country @ SHHS	CTTCS Cross Country Meet @ SHHS	CTTCS Cross Country Meet @ SHHS	CTTCS Cross Country Meet @ SHHS	CTTCS Cross Country Meet @ SHHS
Fri.	Girls Soccer-Moose Jaw Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Foam Lake	Alternate date for cross country meet	Alternate date for cross country meet		Beginner Band Clinic @ Yorkdale (Fri. 7pm/Sat. 9am)	Alternate. date for Cross Country meet

**"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*

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## 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.



## St. Gerard Music Ministry Notes



**NEW SINGERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!** You are invited to choir rehearsals! Check the bulletin for days and times.

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Are you available to sing during the day??? Singers are always welcome to join the **St. Gerard Funeral Choir Ministry**. Call the Parish Office for details.

**Have YOU considered serving your parish as a**

**Welcomer  
Lector (Sunday/daily Mass)  
Minister of Holy Communion, or  
Hospitality Minister (Usher)?**

Please phone the Liturgy Co-chairpersons for more information:

Carol 306.782.1762 or Yvonne 306.782.1055

**Ministry workshops will be offered this fall.**



## News from the CWL

*Thank you to all who helped make  
the annual garage sale a success once again!*



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 14

General Meeting

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).*

## ST. MARY'S FALL SUPPER At Parish Cultural Centre

**Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016  
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Adults - \$17.50  
Children under 12 - \$10.50  
Preschoolers - \$3.00**

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The 10th annual **Compassionate Healers Mass** is being held on Tuesday September 13th at 7:00 p.m., Little Flower Parish, 420 College Avenue, Regina. Refreshments to follow. Coming together as one community this special invitation is extended to: Medical Personnel, Spiritual Care, Volunteers, Parish Nurses, Men and Women Religious in Health Care Ministry, Ministry of Care Volunteers in Parishes and Health Care Facilities and Family Caregivers, Medical & Healthcare Students. The Eucharist will re-energize us in our professions and in our faith. Bound by common beliefs, we share in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ throughout the diocese.

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Mark your calendars for October 20-21, 2016 for the **73rd CHAS Conference**, held at the Heritage Inn in Moose Jaw. This year's theme is *'HOPE FLOATS Serving in Health Care as People of Faith.'* Keynote speakers will be Dr. David Kuhl, PhD and Sr. Mary Jean Ryan. Contact [306-655-5330](tel:306-655-5330), [cath.health@sasktel.net](mailto:cath.health@sasktel.net) or visit [www.chassk.ca](http://www.chassk.ca) for more information.

## WALK FOR PEACE

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**Time: 1:30 pm**

**Place: Western Development Museum, Yorkton  
Hosted by Living Peace Association**

**What does peace look like?  
Let's walk together and find out!**

# Good News!

September 11, 2016

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we do see that his love was so powerful, the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written.

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**Have you checked out the NEW St. Gerard website?? [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)**

It is easy to use and is compatible with devices like smart phones and tablets. Our "Home" page provides a quick overview of what's happening in our Parish without requiring you to "dig" for our most current information. Our **Mass Schedule** for the upcoming 7 days is now available **on every page** of our website. Parish events have been organized into our new Events Calendar. You will also find information about our Faith in the Ministries, Education, and Sacraments sections.

## Catechism Theme: Solidarity (CCC 1939-1942)

Jesus took the time to treat others with respect, regardless of social status. In other words, he practiced the virtue of solidarity, a "social charity." Solidarity is a respect and love for others based upon their dignity as people. Solidarity means a sharing of material goods, and, more important, a sharing of faith and other spiritual values.

*Have you ever seen solidarity practiced? What happened? How did the experience affect you?*

In the world's eyes, treating others with respect can be interpreted as a sign of weakness. The world sees opponents as adversaries, strong and weak. Only the strong win and gain respect. The weak are to be shamed and oppressed. To the world, only a fool would show respect until it was gained or demanded.

Jesus accepted the world's criticism, only to show the shallowness of the world's outlook. Yes, he is the fool, but only to the selfish. And to those who are delusional enough to think they are strong. To the weak, he is the savior to the world that needs saving. And, since we are all really weak, he is our savior. As he shows us respect, we, too, are to show others that respect. Even if we look like fools. After all, God did.

*Acting for the good of others can cause us social discomfort. Reflect on the discomfort you have felt in the past. How can you overcome such discomfort for the good of others this week?*

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### PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

#### \*\*\*PEROGY BEE\*\*\*

WED. Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> -	Peeling potatoes, dough-making, onion chopping
THURS. Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> -	Perogy pinching
FRI. Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> -	Bagging

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Searching for a Lost Coin"

#### **This Week...**

No one is unimportant. *God* cares about everyone. *God* does not abandon the sinning Israelites; Paul is given grace and mercy; and *God* will chase after us with love like that of a shepherd who goes after a lost sheep, a loving parent who goes after a lost child, and a woman who goes after a lost coin in her home.

#### **For Your Reflection**

The woman searching for the lost coin is an image of *God* - the One who loves us, sees us as precious, knows we are lost, and searches for us until we are found.

- When have you felt "lost"? When have you felt far away from *God*? Do you feel that way now? If so, what is it like? How does it affect your life? If not, what happened to bring you back to *God*?

The woman searching for the lost coin can also be an image of us - one who sees a friend who is in trouble, or lost, who knows that the friend is precious, and who goes after that friend in the hope of being supportive until that friend can come around.

- When have you been that kind of support for a friend or a family member? What happened?

The woman searching for the lost coin can also be an image of a friend or parent searching for us when we are in a "lost" period of our life.

Lots of problems can bring us down so that we become depressed; develop unhealthy attitudes, behaviours, or addictions; and start to mess up our life.

- When have you needed some kind of special help or support during a "lost" time in your life? When you were the lost coin, who searched high and low looking for you, trying to bring you back?

The woman in the parable looked diligently until she found that lost coin.

- If you had ten silver pieces and one was missing, how much time would you spend looking for that one piece?

- What was the most valuable item you have ever lost? How long did you search for it? Did you ever find it? What did you do to celebrate?



**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](mailto: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.*



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## 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.

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## 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

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**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.

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## 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](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net), or call 1-306-480-8911.

**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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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