



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth
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. (18 th):	9:00 am-	+Valeria Woloschuk
Tues. (19 th):	9:00 am-	+Diane Vertes
	1:00 pm-	Rev. Michael Yaremko
Wed. (20 th):	10:30 am-	Nursing Home (South)
		Alice Baumgartner
Thurs. (21 st):	9:00 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
Fri. (22 nd):	9:00 am-	+Bruce Wonchulanko
Sat. (23 rd):	10:00 am-	+Mildred Jackson
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	7:00 pm-	Denis & Marianne Dierker
Sun. (24 th):	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	+Adolph Sliwa
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

*The **Divine Mercy Devotion** will be prayed each Friday at 1pm commencing September 22nd.*

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your endless mercy. Give me the humility and courage to forgive 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 Parish Ministry and Volunteer Survey

Sept. 15 through Oct. 1, 2017

Pick up a Survey Form, pray and discern how you can contribute to the St. Gerard community.

Complete the Survey Form, and return it to the baskets in the Welcome Area.

Return no later than October 1.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 18 - September 22, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Girls Vball vs St. Michael •Boys Vball @ St. Michael 	
Tues.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Opening Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Opening Liturgy @ 12:30pm 			
Wed.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •House Leagues Tug of War 		
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CTTCS Division Cross Country Meet @ Logan Flats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CTTCS Division Cross Country Meet @ Logan Flats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CTTCS Division Cross Country Meet @ Logan Flats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CTTCS Cross Country Meet @ Logan Flats 	
Fri.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beginner Band Clinic 		
Sat.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beginner Band Clinic 		

Saint Paul School Maker Space Club is looking for help from parishioners who would like to share their talents of knitting and making blankets (the tie-together kind)! We will be working on learning to knit in the month of November. Our goal is to knit scarves to donate to those in need. In March, we hope to make a number of tie-together blankets to donate to the maternity ward in our hospital. Our students meet twice a week at noon. If you would like to help us out, please contact Tammie Latimer or Jennifer Stackhouse at 306.783.9212 as soon as possible so that we can plan for our projects. Thank you!

"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. Both parents are to attend.

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

We must not grow weary, then, of keeping watch over our thoughts and our attitudes, in order that we may be given even now a foretaste of the warmth and splendor of God's Face... which in eternal life we shall contemplate in all its fullness. Forward, thinking of this judgment which begins now.... Forward, doing so in such a way that our hearts open to Jesus and to his salvation; forward without fear, for...if we ask forgiveness for our sins he will forgive us. This is what Jesus is like. Forward then, which will bring us so the glory of heaven!

—General audience, St. Peter's Square, December 11, 2013

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

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 Hands? **Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Area.**



News from the CWL



The winners of the CWL Raffle are:

Lorraine Dingle Walter Riabko Julie Bodnarek



News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 25 Articles for *The Word* are due.

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

The Knights of Columbus
are preparing a

“Welcome Father Louis” Brunch

TODAY after the 11am Mass

All are welcome to attend – no charge!

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

Teaching Forgiveness

By Judith Dunlap

Some families hang on to grievances like treasured heirlooms. They look for insults and slights. Belligerence almost becomes a way of life. Remember the Hatfields and the McCoys? They are the antithesis of Christian behavior. Being generous with our forgiveness is the hallmark of our faith. Teaching, celebrating, and living forgiveness are characteristics of the home church as well as the larger Church.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that when we refuse to forgive we harden and close our hearts, making it difficult for God's love to enter. Experts tell us that anger and grief that are harbored and rehashed can do physical as well as spiritual harm.

You do a great service to your children when you teach them to forgive and let go. When they have been injured, give them time to talk about their injury. Listen to and allow them to express their anger, grief, or frustration. Let them know they have a right to all of their feelings, but then help them see that hanging on to anger or grief for a long time is an uncomfortable way to live. Invite them to pray and ask God to heal their hurts and help them forgive, or even just want to forgive. Try to model this behavior by talking about your own hurts. Pray with your children, asking God to open your hearts to divine forgiveness.

In the Our Father, the prayer Jesus gave his disciples and his Church, we are reminded that forgiving others is the prerequisite for receiving forgiveness ourselves: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." When we open our hearts in an effort to forgive others, we allow God's loving forgiveness to enter. Inherent in that forgiveness is the mandate to pass it along.

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

Check it out today!!

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Why is there such a collection?

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the collection for the Needs of the church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this collection as an invitation to "all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents. The Collection for the Needs of the Church is an opportunity for Catholics to truly help their diocese/eparchy participate in the regional episcopal assemblies and the CCCB. Any additional revenue which is raised is used by the diocese/eparchy for its own pastoral programs and other activities."

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on 23 and 24 September 2017. This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishop's ministry in leading shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God's children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fundraising Banquet

Date: Thursday October 19, 2017
Location: Queensbury Convention Centre
Time: Punch at 6:00 and Dinner at 6:30
Ticket Cost: \$30 each

Call Jackie Guy at 306.783.1246 if you would like to join her at her Host Table.

PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS

****Perogy Bee****

Mon.	Sept. 18	9:30 am –Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions
Tues.	Sept. 19	9:30 am - Pinching
Wed.	Sept. 20	9:00 am - Bagging

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	(18 th):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues.	(19 th):	7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
Wed.	(20 th):	7:00 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
Fri.	(22 nd):	4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat.	(23 rd):	6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun.	(24 th):	4:00 pm- Annual Fall Supper

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Forgiveness"

This Week...

Forgiveness is paramount. If we do not forgive, we become hateful and bitter, and our anger lasts and lasts. The Reign of God is like that of a ruler who forgives a servant a huge debt without even thinking, but if that servant does not show forgiveness to others, then holds the servant accountable. We always answer to God. If we want God's forgiveness, then we must forgive others as well.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is pretty clear about forgiving people. Seventy times seven is a lot of times - four hundred and ninety times, to be exact!

- Can you imagine forgiving someone that many times, if they hurt you that many times? Why or why not?
- Can you imagine Jesus forgiving someone that many times? Why or why not?

Forgiveness of a crime doesn't mean that it was okay for that crime to have been committed. It means that the forgiver is no longer going to spend energy on hatred and anger related to the crime and to the person being forgiven. It actually frees up the forgiver as much as it does the forgiven, for anger and hatred are a very heavy burden that drains a person and affects the person's whole life.

- Because you forgive someone, does it necessarily mean that you trust that person again? If you have to forgive someone seven times for a crime, is it healthy or smart to continue to trust that person?
- Would Jesus want you to continue a close relationship with that person, or would he just ask you to give up on the anger and hatred and get on with your life?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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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