

# 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>): NO MASS  
Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Agnes Stokman  
Wed. (21<sup>st</sup>): 10:00 am- Nursing Home (South)  
+Donald Bugoy  
7:00 pm- +Helen Nagy  
Thurs. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 9:00 am- +Bruce Wonchulanko  
Fri. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- Abhilash Mathew  
Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Edward Yeroschak

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Shelley Kaspick

Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- +Adolph Sliwa  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

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

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright  
Hospital: Richard Yaholnitsky  
Nursing Home: Adrienne Wonchulanko & Claudia Shury  
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

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

### **ATTENTION! FAMILIES STUDYING THE PARISH-BASED FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM!**

The new materials package is available for you to pick up from the large table in the Welcome Area!

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Baptism Class #3  
Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am choir  
7:00 pm- Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Wed. (21<sup>st</sup>): 7:30 pm- Hall Committee Meeting  
Fri. (23<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- Prep begins for Fall Supper  
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass



## **St. Gerard Parish Annual Fall Supper**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 – 6:30 pm**

Adults: \$17.00  
6-13 years: \$10.00  
Under 6: \$ 3.00

Menu: Roast beef, breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, turnip, cabbage rolls (rice & buckwheat), perogies, salads, buns, butter, pies & desserts, coffee, tea & juice.

*This is wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners while sharing a great meal!*

*A drop off box for non-perishable food items will be available.*



## ST. GERARD PARISH 2016-2017 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

PPC	Chairperson	-	Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson-	<b>VACANT</b>
	Secretary	-	Rita Rodney	Liturgy	- Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
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	Community Life	-	Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	- <b>VACANT</b>
	Family & Social	-	<b>VACANT</b>	Youth	- <b>VACANT</b>
	Ecumenical	-	Debbie Hayward/Keith Hayward	Stewardship	- Christine Shuya
	CWL Rep.	-	Donna Olshewski	K of C Rep.	- Ted Osicki
PFC	Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Member at Large-Conrad Rodney	
	Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large-Richard Dubois	
	Hall	-	Don Reed		

### 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 these areas of Church life and witnessing by their fervent prayers, moral support, and financially helping their diocese/eparchy with the annual contributions to the regional assemblies and to the national Conference.” Any additional revenue raised helps the diocese/eparchy support its own pastoral programs and other activities. The CCCB is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops (Eparchs) of the Eastern Catholic Churches as well.

**The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place September 24 and 25, 2016.** Through your contribution to the collection, you too can collaborate with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern, as well as to support the faith and evangelization mission of the Church.

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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



### September 19 - September 24, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Girls)	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Girls)	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Girls)	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Girls)	
Tues.		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip	
Wed.		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys)	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys) •Gr. 4 to the Pizza Farm	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys) •Welcome Back BBQ	•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys)	
Thurs.					•Gr. 1 Family Literacy Night	
Fri.	•Girls Soccer @ PA Carlton •Girls Vball @ Estevan		•Gospel Assembly @ 10am			
Sat.	•Girls Soccer @ PA Carlton •Girls Vball @ Estevan					

**“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.

The **First Reconciliation Preparation Program** will commence mid-October for those children who have received First Eucharist. **If you have not received a letter from the parish by September 30<sup>th</sup>**, please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

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.

If you would like to offer a Mass, please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. **If you would like to offer a Mass to be celebrated during the month of November**, please call as soon as possible.



## 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 & fun! Thank you to everyone who shopped at the sale and helped us to realize \$7000 in sales. With the proceeds the CWL supports the following:

AMPO	Saskatchewan Pro Life
Chalice	ESK OMI Missions
Save a Family Plan	Camp O'Neill – Youth
Coady Int'l Institute	SHHS Scholarship
Development & Peace	Catholic Missions in Canada

As well as supplies for making quilts & comfort cushions for those in need.

The lucky winner of the CWL Produce Basket raffle was Gladys Olafson.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



September 21

Evening bingo

September articles for the Word 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).

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

#### *Mission-Discipleship-Service-Faith*

"I see how graduates from the program have become more involved in the life of the parish: be it on pastoral council or one of the committees such as liturgy or social justice, etc. I have witnessed their faith grow from before they entered to the time of their graduation and how they become more in tune with their faith. In many ways, you can see how they have fallen in love with the Lord and with his Church."

- Fr. Stephen Bill, Resurrection Parish, Regina.

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](tel:306.325.1651) or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

# Good News!

September 18, 2016

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

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

When Pope Francis was elected, Catholics were inspired by his humility and simplicity. When he bowed before the people in St. Peter's Square and asked for their prayers, the little crowd gathered around the TV in the basement of the Catholic Center was moved to tears. When he announced that he would continue living in the guest house rather than the papal apartments and eat in the cafeteria, we cheered. But Pope Francis also challenged us. He wanted us to examine how we treated the poor and marginalized of the world. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, he confronted us with the understanding that our misuse of the environment impacted the poor first of all and that we could no longer continue to consume our natural resources in a reckless and greedy fashion.

The prophet Amos has some harsh words for those who exploit the poor. In the Old Testament, care for the widow, orphan, and stranger—the poorest of the poor—were among the most righteous things a person could do. Many prophets pointed to the failure to do so as a sign that the people had turned from the Lord and, in their sin, cared only for themselves. More recent figures who also have indicated that the measure of a society is the way they treat their poorest members include Ghandi, Pope St. John Paul II, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Christ commanded us to love one another. Surely this includes seeing that all have the basic necessities of life, even if that means we don't get everything we want.

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**Development & Peace's Fall Campaign Workshop, "At the Heart of Action"** will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Gerard Parish Hall from 1:30-4:30.

This workshop will mark the beginning of the 50th Anniversary, celebrating 50 Years of Solidarity. Everyone is welcome to participate and to learn how to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South and with Creation.

For further information, or to RSVP, please contact Dana: [dmillerkitch@yahoo.com](mailto:dmillerkitch@yahoo.com) or [306-620-2367](tel:306-620-2367). Please RSVP if possible as it will allow us to have enough materials and space available.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Would you be willing to assist persons who have been incarcerated? **COSA (Circles of Support and Accountability) is looking for volunteers.** Your support would be of enormous benefit and would be highly valued.

For further information about COSA please check out their website at [www.cosass.ca](http://www.cosass.ca) or phone Florence at [306 539 1334](tel:306-539-1334).

## St. Mary's Fall Supper

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's Parish  
Ukrainian Catholic Cultural Centre

**Supper served from 4:00 – 6:30 pm**

Adults - \$17.50

Children (under 12) - \$10.50

Pre-schoolers - \$3.00

**Menu:** Beef, meatballs, baked sausage, mashed potatoes, vegetables, perogies, cabbage rolls, a variety of salads, pies & desserts, coffee, tea & pop.



You are invited to

## St. Michael's Camp Fall Supper

Adult \$15 Youth age 12 & under \$10

When: Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4 – 7pm

Where: St. Michael's Camp  
Benito Subdivision  
Madge Lake



## 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!



The **International Life Chain**  
will be held

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 from 2pm – 3pm** at the corner of Gladstone & Broadway. *Pro Life invites you to give one hour of silent witness & prayer.*

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "Choosing God or Money"

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

Greed, dishonesty, and injustice abound in our world. Amos warns that greedy actions will be remembered. Jesus warns us to be trustworthy in small matters, so we might be trusted in larger matters. And in the midst of this problematic and imperfect world, Paul asks us to pray for the people who govern us.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus tells us that trust is based on performance. If you have shown yourself to be responsible in small things, then you will be trusted with larger things. If you have shown yourself to be careless or dishonest, even in a small matter, you will not be trusted in a more important matter.

- Do these words ring true? How does your trust level - high or low - affect your relationships?
- When has your "track record" with your parents or teachers come back to haunt you? When have you lost trust, and then lost an opportunity for something you wanted?
- When has your track record with your parents or teachers helped you? When have you proven yourself to be responsible so that you earned a privilege you wanted?

Jesus warns us that we cannot be a slave to two masters - God and money. We must decide which is more important, and then live our life accordingly.

- Do you think that Jesus is implying that you can't have any money? Or do you think Jesus is concerned only with an excess of money, a preoccupation with material things, and the greed that makes us jealous or dissatisfied with what we have?
- If Jesus were to rate most teenagers based on excess of money, preoccupation with material things, and a tendency toward greed, jealousy, and dissatisfaction, how well would most teenagers do? How well would you do?
- Why is money such a problem? Why is greed so common? How do people learn to become so selfish?

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](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

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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.

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