



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 22,  
2019

Twenty-fifth 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. (23 <sup>rd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (24 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>9:30 am</b>	Shelley Perrine +Tyler Dobko
	7:00 pm	
Wed. (25 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH) Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	+Leonard Soyka
Thurs. (26 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Vicky Chipuer
Fri. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Pauline Malinowski
Sat. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Lil Ryhorski

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (29<sup>th</sup>): **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People

11:00 am Special Intentions

### 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 306.621.8068



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, I am grateful for the gift of life. Help me to be a wise and responsible person in the world.

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**ST GERARD PARISH**  
**ANNUAL FALL SUPPER**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Menu: **Roast Turkey**, sausage, cabbage rolls, perogies,  
 potatoes, salads, desserts, coffee

Adults: \$17.00

Children 6 – 13 years: \$10.00

Pre-school: free

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**SIGN UP TODAY!**



**INTERNATIONAL LIFE CHAIN**

Date: Sunday, October 6 • Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Corner of Broadway St. W. and  
 Gladstone Ave., Yorkton

Everyone is welcome to pray and to participate in a silent  
 witness to raise awareness for the need to protect all human life  
 from conception to natural death.

For more information  
 visit [fb.me/parklandrighttolife](http://fb.me/parklandrighttolife) or call 306-783-6240



Couples for Christ - Foundation for Family and Life  
 Chapter (CFC-FFL)  
 in Yorkton Saskatchewan is holding a

**Christian Life Seminar**

Saturday, September 28, 2019  
 8:30am - 4:30pm

St. Gerard Parish Church (Lower Level)

*All married couples are invited to attend.*

If you are interested, please contact Ferdie Molo at  
 306.620.2239.



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News**  
**September 23 - September 27, 2019**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•School Opening Liturgy		•Terry Fox "Hat Day"	
Tues.		•Mass @ St. Gerard		•School Photos	•Opening Liturgy	
Wed.			•School Opening Gospel Assembly	•SCC Hot Lunch •KA/KC Photos	•Terry Fox Walk	
Thurs.			•Orange Shirt Day •FNM Activities	•House League Color Day	•School Photo Day	
Fri.	•Football @ Broadview •Jr. Boys Vball Home Tourney		•School Photo Day •Saltcoats X Country	•Saltcoats X Country Meet	•Kindergarten Photos •Saltcoats X Country	

**"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

The next Sacrament Preparation Session is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (Parish Hall).



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Axel Musqua Chase Musqua  
Crew Parachoniak  
Jaeda Quezada Amelia Witow

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.



**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. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The next session of RCIA classes will commence in the very near future!

## HEY YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS!

Here's an opportunity for you to minister with other teens/young adults! The group currently consists of a pianist, Wind & brass musicians, and a guitarist, all who love to praise the Lord in song!

Singers & other musicians most welcome!

For more information or to request music please contact the Parish Office [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca) or AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 25  
Sept. 29

Articles for "The Word" due  
Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or 306.783.6767 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr). More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

Sign up now at [www.archregina.sk.ca/news](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/news) The week's top local stories, parish and diocesan events, and national and international news of Catholic interest delivered to your in-box every Friday.

### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program "Sharing the Joy of the Gospel!"

Our mission is to provide you with a renewed missionary zeal fueled by the joy of the Gospel! 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. During this three-year program you will:

- + Become more deeply aware of God's personal love and activity in your life.
- + Encounter Jesus Christ, discover his plan of sheer goodness for you and deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church.
- + Discover how to more intentionally integrate your faith in daily life in service to Christ.
- + Be given the Spiritual and Formation tools you need to follow Christ's commission to "Go, make disciples of all nations".

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

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# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## How Do We Treat the Poor?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

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 guesthouse 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, 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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### •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

Cabbage rolls                      \$25 ( 5 dozen bag)  
Potato & onion perogies      \$35 (10 dozen bag)  
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

**AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP** will be given at Meeting Room A (Main Level) on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, by Reverend Fr. Kevin McGee and Marge Copeland, 9:30am to 2:15pm with Mass at 9:00 am for those wishing to attend. Lunch is provided.

**CENTERING PRAYER** is a Christian form of meditation. It is simply “resting in the presence of God.” A movement from the mind to the heart, letting go of all our thoughts, feelings, images, emotions and bodily sensations, and opening to the Presence and Action of the Divine within. Listening to what God is saying to us.

**THE INTRODUCTION** will be followed by six Continuing Sessions over the next six monthly **LAST** Thursdays at 7:00 pm with twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a half hour video by Fr. Thomas Keating and a short discussion.

**COST** for the Introduction and the Continuing Sessions; \$30.00

*Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.*

*-Bl. Mary MacKillop*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower level*)
- Tues. (24<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (25<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)  
7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting  
(*Meeting Room A*)
- Thurs. (26<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer (*Lower level*)
- Fri. (27<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA (*Meeting Room B*)
- Sat. (28<sup>th</sup>): 8:30 am- CFC-FFL Christian Life  
Seminar (*Lower level*)  
6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "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.

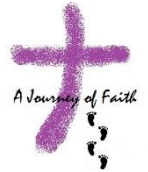
- Do you think that Jesus is implying that you can't have any money? Or do you think Jesus is concerned only with an excess of money, a preoccupation with material things, and the greed that makes us jealous or dissatisfied with what we have?
- If Jesus were to rate most teenagers based on excess of 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?



**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.*

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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 Regina 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. Visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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