



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 23,
2018

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. (24 th):	9:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tues. (25 th):	7:00 pm	+Alex Herchuk
Wed. (26 th):	9:00 am	+Henry Ohochinsky
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		Special Intentions
Thurs. (27 th):	9:00 am	+Donna Prout
Fri. (28 th):	9:00 am	Denis & Marianne Dierker
Sat. (29 th):	9:30 am	Special Intentions

7:00 pm +Albert Mitu

Sun. (30th): **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am +Rose Banga
11:00 am Mass for the People



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm.

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I am grateful that you are my advocate. Take away all my fears and doubts. Fill me with your wisdom and love that I may be an instrument of your peace in the world.

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

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:
CCCB: 75 years of episcopal collegiality and solidarity
at the service of the People of God in Canada**

At the start of the 75th anniversary year of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), its President Bishop Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., notes how this collection “allows all the Catholic faithful to express their solidarity with their diocese/eparchy, and also provides an opportunity to support the work of their regional episcopal assembly as well as the national mission of our Conference.” Any additional revenues which are raised may be used by the diocese/eparchy for its own pastoral programs or other activities.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place 29 and 30 September 2018. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

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Mark Your Calendars! Coming Up in October...

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| September 30 (almost October) | - | Annual Fall Supper |
| October 5 | - | Couples for Christ Gathering |
| October 11 | - | Welcome for Refugee Family |
| October 14 | - | Knights of Columbus Parish Brunch |
| October 19 | - | Meeting for all those who volunteer in the Parish Hall |
| October 26 | - | Hour of Global Prayer and Rosary |



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
September 24 - September 28, 2018**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Candlelight Ceremony		•Gospel Assembly @ 1:30pm		•Vball vs St. Henry's	
Tues.		•Picture Day	•Performing arts presentation •School photo day	•School Photos	•Gr. 6 Sand Dune hike •Hat Day	
Wed.				•Kindergarten A&C photos •SCC Hot Lunch	•School photos	
Thurs.		•St. Alphonsus Terry Fox Run		•Terry Fox Relay Walk	•K2 photos •Gum Day	
Fri.		•Orange Shirt Day	•Saltcoats X-country Run •Orange Shirt Day	•School Colour Day •Saltcoats X-country	•Orange Shirt Day	

"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

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



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

Scarlett Dagdag
Eva Orukpe Micah Orukpe

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Commencing November 1st, 2018 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at **5:00 pm**.

Commencing April 1st, 2019 the time will revert to 7:00 pm for the spring and summer months.

SACRISTANS & GATE KEEPERS NEEDED

Sacristans and Gate Keepers (open and close the church) are needed for the Saturday night Mass. If you would like to serve in either of these ministries, please call Yvonne at 306.782.1055 or Carol at 306.782.1762

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISH HALL VOLUNTEERS

(including Vigil & Funeral Lunches and Perogies & Cabbage Rolls)

Father Louis would like to meet with ALL of you

Friday, October 19th
at 7pm
(in the Lower Level)



News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
Sept. 30 Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass
Life Chain – Yorkton – 2-3pm
Parish Fall Supper – please volunteer
Oct. 3 Executive Meeting

Please note that Executive and General Meetings will be at 7pm until further notice.

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

Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

Forming Catholic leaders for service and evangelization

"Learning about apologetics has been a highlight for me because it involves the defense of the faith. When it is done in a kind and gentle way, conversations with all sorts of people open up." - Dean Vey, Resurrection Parish, Regina.

One weekend a month from October to June, Catholics just like you are gathering at Campion College in Regina to receive the tools and the guidance they need to speak confidently about the church, their faith, and Jesus Christ in their homes, parishes and the world. Why not make their story, your story?

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 306.352.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Made for Greatness – A Catholic Men's Event

Come and listen to our Archdiocesan Theologian - Dr. Brett Salkeld give his personal testimony. Friday October 5th, begins at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish, 5020 Sherwood Dr. Soup and Bun Supper, Worship, Adoration, Confession and Fellowship.

For more info. contact Kevin at 306.527.2647. Free will offering.
<https://www.facebook.com/rcmadeforgreatness/>

Let's get together and Build Community!

Did you miss booking your photo appointment? There are limited appointment times available!
For more information, contact Colleen at 306.783.8164



Bringing Home the Word

Participating in God's Unfolding Tale

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I get engrossed in a book, I try to read it through without stopping. Sometimes I can't help myself and I peek at the last few pages to see where the author is taking me. It is satisfying to let a story unfold and allow ourselves to be surprised, but there is also a secret delight in glimpsing at the end of our journey and wondering how the storyteller will get us there.

Looking ahead to the end of the story is what the Book of Wisdom wants to do when it says, "Let us see whether his words be true...Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him" (Wisdom 2:17, 20). The author knows that the end of the story will reveal the truth.

Jesus picks up the story when he gives the second prediction of his passion. He offers the disciples a glimpse of what is yet to come. The disciples, as usual, miss the point. Instead they argue about how they wanted the story to go—with one of them as the greatest over all. Like a good storyteller, Jesus takes them in a different direction. The ending he has in mind does not come close to defining greatness as they think about it—a prize for being the best. Rather, Jesus points to a child, and we suddenly realize that greatness has nothing to do with power or ability, but with innocence and openness to the unfolding tale.

The story Jesus tells and the life he lives will include death and resurrection for him and his followers. Let's participate in it fully because we do know how it ends.

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YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~



St. Gerard Parish Annual Fall Supper

**Sunday, September 30th
4:30 - 6:30 pm**

Adults - \$17

Children (6-13) - \$10 Children (under 6) - Free

Menu: Roast beef, breaded chicken, potatoes & gravy, cabbage rolls (rice & buckwheat), vegetables, turnip, noodles, spring rolls, perogies, buns, variety of salads and dessert.

TAKE OUT ORDERS

Please phone 306.641.6844
the afternoon of the Annual Fall Supper

The **SIGN UP SHEETS** for the **FALL SUPPER** are on the table in the Welcome Area. Please sign up today! Pies, desserts, salads & workers are needed!

Also, the Fall Supper Committee is requesting the following **CLEAN GARDEN PRODUCE**: onions, potatoes, carrots, beets, cucumbers and coleslaw cabbage. Please drop off before Wednesday, September 26th. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (23rd): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #2
- Mon. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (25th): 7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Thurs. (27th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Fri. (28th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. (30th): 4:30 pm- Annual Fall Supper
6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. #2

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Last Shall Be First"

This Week...

The Book of Wisdom explains why Jesus was put to death: the wicked cannot tolerate goodness; they are shamed and threatened, so they seek to destroy it. James echoes the same theme when he says that quarrels happen when people envy what they cannot acquire, and their inner cravings make war. Yet wisdom cultivates peace, and the harvest is justice. The Apostles are not cultivating peace in the Gospel reading; instead they are arguing over who is "number one" - quite the opposite from what it takes to be number one, according to Jesus.

For Your Reflection

At every football or baseball or basketball game, you can see them - the giant hands with the index finger pointing up, and the rest of the fingers curled together. They usually say "number one."

- Jesus says if we focus on being number one, then we certainly are not number one. If we try to say we are the best, or the most important, or the greatest, then we truly are not. If we do our best to not brag but to serve everyone else's needs and to build up everyone else's confidence, that is the way to true stardom. How hard is it to be that way when the culture urges us to be number one? How would Jesus handle it if he were a teenager at your school this year? Can you follow his example? How? Why or why not?

Many teenagers report that they have more fun being members of intramural teams than they do on a varsity or junior varsity team. They play more often, receive less criticism, and are under less pressure that way.

- How is that preference related to the message of this Gospel?

If the goal is to always win and be the number one team, then most players fail, because there can only be one number one team in whatever sport, league, or district you participate in; only one team can win. Everyone else loses. But if your goal is to learn, to put out the best possible effort, to improve, and to have fun, then everyone can succeed; everyone wins. The score doesn't matter. No one loses.

- How is this philosophy of sports related to the Gospel message?

- Could this philosophy of sports ever work in the professional area? Why or why not? In the high school area? Why or why not? In the grade school area? Why or why not?

- Where does money enter into the picture? How is money connected to the current philosophy of sports? What would Jesus say about this connection?



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 Regina 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

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