



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 24, 2017

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. (25 th):	9:00 am- 7:00 pm-	Margaret Rachinski <i>Vigil – Alma Lezinski</i>
Tues. (26 th):	9:00 am- 11:00 am-	+Rita Myrowsky <i>Funeral – Alma Lezinski</i>
Wed. (27 th):	10:30 am- 7:00 pm-	Nursing Home (North) +Ann Bisschop +Martin & +Anne Lichacz
Thurs. (28 th):	9:00 am-	+Horace Jackson
Fri. (29 th):	9:00 am-	+Valeria Woloschuk
Sat. (30 th):	10:00 am- 2:00 pm-	+Rose Banga <i>Traub-DeVos Wedding</i>
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	7:00 pm-	+Kelly Adamiak
Sun. (1 st):	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	+Mary Malinowski
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

The **Divine Mercy Devotion** will be prayed each Friday at 1pm.

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 the gift of your compassion. Help me to be more generous in sharing your compassion with others. 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.



You are kindly reminded to **silence your mobile devices** upon entering the church building, and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 25 - September 29, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•K-B Photos	•Vball @ St. Alphonsus	
Tues.	•Jr Football @ SHHS			•K-8 Photos		
Wed.	•Candle Light Ceremony @ 11am	•Family Lunch	•School Photos			
Thurs.	•Magazine Kickoff	•Terry Fox Run/Walk	•School Photos	•Terry Fox Run	•School photos	
Fri.	•Soccer @ PA	•District Cross Country @ Saltcoats	•Saltcoats Cross Country Meet		•Kindergarten 1 Photos •Saltcoats Cross Country Meet	

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 ****

St. Gerard Church Annual Parish Fall Supper

TODAY September 24, 2017
4:00pm – 6:30pm

Adults: \$17.00
Children 6 – 13 yrs.: \$10.00
Pre-schoolers under 6: Free

Menu: roast beef, breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, turnips, perogies, cabbage rolls (rice and buckwheat), Filipino dish, assorted salads, buns, butter, desserts, pies, coffee, tea & juice.

Filipino Lunch to Benefit the Family of +Flavia Pineda

Sunday, Oct. 1st after the 11am Mass
St. Gerard Parish Hall

Advance tickets are available after Mass this weekend. Only 500 tickets available!

Cost: 14 & older \$15.00
13 & under \$ 5.00

Come out to enjoy Filipino cuisine and fellowship while supporting the Pineda family as they make arrangements to return their loved one to the Philippines to her place of rest.



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

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 Champion 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

URGENT! Retrouvaille helps hurting marriages!

When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. Retrouvaille cares about your marriage. Please consider registering for the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi_ program before you consider divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend in Saskatoon on Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017, call Ben & Joanne at 306.652.7155 or email retrouvaille@sasktel.net

Campion College is turning 100

and everyone is welcome to the party! Join us **October 4-8** as we highlight our past and look toward our next 100 years! We would be honoured if you would join us. Connect with old and new friends at the welcome social, taste our distinct brand of beer and coffee at the pub night, see our Jesuit values come alive at the Alumni of Distinction Gala Dinner (honouring four of our many wonderful alumni) and explore Campion's story through archives and yearbooks! Over the course of these events hundreds of friends and alumni will gather to celebrate a century of forming others. Everyone who has been impacted, involved, interested in, and connected to Campion is welcome to attend our commemorative events that demonstrate our vast and rich history. This event is not only for alumni and students, but for all our friends at the University and wider community.

Find more information & registration details at <http://campioncollege.ca/100>



Bringing Home the Word **+**

God's Payment to Us

By Mary Katherine Deeley

When I was a child, family allowances were pegged to age. The older we were, the more we got, reflecting our growing responsibility in doing household chores. If we did extra, we got extra—it was as simple as that. Complaints were few, and we waited in great anticipation for the day allowances were handed out.

Because of that experience, I feel some sympathy for the workers in today's readings who worked all day only to find they'd receive what the latecomers got. I certainly wouldn't have thought it fair if my fourteen-years-younger sister had gotten the same allowance I did!

But, as Isaiah so gently reminds us, God's ways are not ours.

God's wages cannot be measured in dollars. Grace, freedom, mercy, and love are the payment God renders for our willingness to work in his vineyard. These things cannot be divided because God is not stingy or miserly. Nor can they be earned, for they are gifts. God gives his gifts wholly and freely to all who turn to him.

Think of it this way: Does God give less grace or freedom to the adult who is baptized at thirty than to the thirty-year-old who was baptized as an infant? The question makes us laugh—of course not.

It is very much like us to want our fair share, and we've become accustomed to earning our wages. It is very like God to want every person to taste the joy and freedom of life in him, and the first step to doing so is simply accepting his invitation.

We might as well start now.

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The International Life Chain will be held

October 1st from 2pm – 3pm

at the corner of Gladstone & Broadway. *Pro Life invites you to give one hour of silent witness & prayer.*

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: An invitation to support the faith and evangelization mission of the Church!

The Bishops of Canada gather in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West), as well as in their national conference. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is mandated by the Holy See and the bishops who are its members in a number of areas of pastoral life and evangelization: faith formation and catechesis, doctrinal questions, ecumenical initiatives, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgical resources, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice questions, and building a culture of life and family. The CCCB is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops (Eparchs) of the Eastern Catholic Churches as well. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution for ensuring the success of the collection and the ongoing work of evangelization.

Prayer for Life and the Family

God of abundant generosity,

*fill us to overflowing with your generosity
so there is no space in us left
for comparison and jealousy.*

*Help us give freely without counting the cost,
and to reject Satan's temptation to believe
that we aren't enough.*

Amen.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. (24th): 4:00 pm- Annual Fall Supper
Mon. (25th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (26th): 7:00 pm- Cana Choir rehearsal
Wed. (27th): 7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (30th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm
Mass
Sun. (1st): 6:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Class

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Vineyard Owner and the Workers"

This Week...

Paul sees nothing but good coming from his fate - whether he lives and keeps encouraging the established churches to grow, or dies and experiences the joy of being with Christ. Either way he wins. Isaiah encourages us to seek out God; no matter what evil is in our past, God will still forgive us and welcome us. No matter what, we will win. Jesus tells us that it does not matter when we join up to do the work of God's vineyard - whether we join early or late - either way we win. That's how generous God is.

For Your Reflection

The parable of the vineyard owner and the workers doesn't always play out in the real world as cleanly as we might wish it to. It often bothers us.

- Would it bother you if you worked at a car wash or a bakery all day, and another young person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did? Why or why not?
- Would it bother you if you worked for a week typing up a wonderful English essay, and received an A for your grade, and then you found out that someone else who scribbled their essay on scrap paper during lunch period and handed it in late also received an A? Why or why not?
- If we work hard and do well, why are we jealous if someone else does well also - especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?

This parable is not exactly about an effective workplace or school policy. It's really about the way God forgives. If we have a small sin, we are forgiven. If we have a really huge sin, we are forgiven just as much.

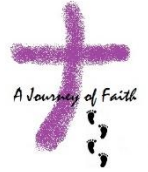
- Does the "equal forgiveness for the unequal sin" policy seem easier to take or harder to take than the "equal pay for unequal work" or the "equal grade for unequal work" policy? Explain.
- Does this mean that we can go out and commit tremendous sins and do reckless things and hurt people we care about because, in the end, we will be forgiven just the same anyway? What is wrong with this plan? What would Jesus say about this?



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

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