



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 29,
2019

Twenty-sixth
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. (30 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (1 st):	7:00 pm	+Beth Werner
Wed. (2 nd):	9:00 am	+Rose Banga
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES
		Special Intentions
Thurs. (3 rd):	9:00 am	+David Jakubowski
Fri. (4 th):	9:00 am	+John H. Loster
Sat. (5 th):	9:00 am	+Mike Babiuk

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (6th): **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People
11:00 am +Anne Halarewich

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, help me to be generous in showing your love and compassion to those in need.

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

REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT

In December 2014, after discussion with Fr. Francis Hengen (parish priest at the time), the Social Justice Committee decided to sponsor a refugee family. Mr. Abdul Ali with the Archdiocese of Regina Refugee Program came to give a talk to the committee. It was understood that we would need approximately \$30,000.00 to support the family for one year.

We had a few fundraisers - Wine and Cheese Evening, lottery for children table and wall unit, a steak supper, etc.

Our refugee family was originally from Eritrea. Berhan Johar left Eritrea 40 years ago. He fled to Sudan, went to Egypt and then Saudi Arabia. That is where he married Nuria who had fled also. They had 3 children in Saudi Arabia - Nada, Bilal and Bisma. Unlike in Canada, if you are born in Saudi Arabia you are not a Saudi national if your parents are not. In the last few years the Saudi government became very harsh with non-Saudi nationals. So that is when the family applied for refugee status.

Our committee found a nice house for them to live in. The Refugee Committee collected donations for furniture and household goods. The house was made very comfortable for them.

The family arrived in Yorkton August 1, 2018. Many parishioners helped them with transportation for groceries, English classes, and medical appointments during their year in Yorkton. Berhan was hospitalized in November and had a surgery in Regina and then had eyes treatments. Nuria had eye surgery and new glasses. Nada and Bilal found part-time work at Giant Tiger and Save on Foods.

As they have family in Regina, and found it difficult in Yorkton as they did not have independent travel within the city and to Regina for appointments, they moved to Regina July 16, 2019.

They are very grateful for the support and help that they received,

The cost to sponsor them was \$34,543.00. This amount had been raised by generous donations of parishioners, and through fundraising efforts.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all the parishioners that helped in anyway.

Rejean Houle
Chairperson of Refugee Committee



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 30 - October 4, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	No School					
Tues.				•Orange Shirt Day	•Orange Shirt Day	
Wed.				•Terry Fox Run & Cookie Sale		
Thurs.			•District X-Country Meet			
Fri.						

"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 29th at 6:30 pm (Parish Hall).



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

Anthony Cavanagh

Breckin Hubbard

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



Congratulations to

Dustin Leppington & Brooklyn Lechman

Riley Eiffert & Amber Cyhla

Matthew Wozniak & Ashley Airth

who were recently married at St. Gerard's.

*May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.*

YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS (YA/T) Choir

Are you 13 to 21-ish? Do you like to sing? Or
do you play an instrument and like to sing?

Rehearsal this Friday, October 5th at 7pm!
Please use south entrance. Food to follow!

This choir ministers at 7pm Saturday,
October 5th!

For more information or to request music
please contact office@dstgerard.ca or
AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048



News from the CWL



If you have completed a two-year term on our Executive
or are thinking about a change of position, please let us
know. The nominations committee will soon be forming
and asking for members to give prayerful consideration to
serving our council and league in this rewarding
capacity. Call Rosella 306.782.7042 or Linda
306.783.3924 if you have any questions about Standing
Committee duties.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 1
Oct. 2

Charity Appeal tickets due
Executive Meeting

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call
Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or 306.783.6767 or
houle_r@yahoo.fr. More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca*

K of C Charity Appeal Tickets

Please turn in any sold or unsold books of tickets
IMMEDIATELY! They can be dropped off that the Parish
Office or put in the collection basket (put "Charity Appeal"
on the envelope). For more info.: Ted Osicki
306.620.8333

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Why the Church Won't Tell Catholics Who to Vote For

As we approach the upcoming federal election, Catholics
are forced to answer the question, "How does my faith
inform my politics?" As citizens we have the right to vote
based on our values, and as Catholics we have the duty
to do so. Any suggestion that we should refrain from
"imposing" our Catholic values on a pluralistic society is
non-sense. Those who do refrain from voting according
to their own values simply let others "impose" *their* values
on the rest of us unchallenged...

<https://archregina.sk.ca/news/2019/09/16/why-church-won't-tell-catholics-who-vote>



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 or call 306-783-6240



Bringing Home the Word

Learning How to Love

By Mary Katharine Deeley

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. "I just couldn't do it," he said. "I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would I be responsible to help him again?" We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I'm not sure we have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But St. Paul urges us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). That's a lifetime's work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won't be easy. But the demands of God's love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke's Gospel who learned too late how best to love.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, October 3rd
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 19th, 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

ST GERARD PARISH ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 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: No charge

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (29th): 6:30 pm- Sacrament Prep. (Main Hall)
- Mon. (30th): 7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower level)
- Tues. (1st): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg (Meeting Room B)
- Wed. (2nd): 7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
- Fri. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
- Sun. (6th): 4:30 pm- Parish Annual Fall Supper

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Lazarus and the Rich Man"

This Week...

Jesus and Amos probably would not have any trouble with people being so very rich, as long as there were not any people who were so very poor. But when the needs of the very poor are ignored or caused by the very rich, it is very troubling indeed. Because this rich man in the Gospel valued money over service, he ended up paying for his greed in the eternal fires. Paul's message for us is to remember to value God over everything, including money.

For Your Reflection

This story has two characters, and only one of the characters has a name. Usually, the main character of a story - the important one - is the one named, since being known by a name signifies status. But in this story, it is the poor man who has a name - Lazarus. The rich man remains nameless.

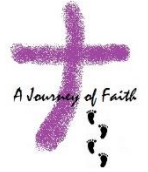
- If the story ended when these two people died, what would you think of the status of Lazarus and the status of the rich man? Who would have seemed the more significant character? Why?
- In the afterlife the rich man knows Lazarus by name. Do you think this means he might have known Lazarus by name while he was alive? If so, what kind of relationship do you think he had?
- The rich man allowed Lazarus to remain by his gate. Would you feel comfortable with a homeless, diseased man living in your backyard? Was the rich man more or less tolerant and compassionate than you might be? How does that affect you?
- We are a very wasteful society. Some have estimated that 50 percent or more of the food at restaurants is thrown out. Lots of hungry, homeless people could be fed with that amount of table scraps.
- Do you ever waste food? Are you more likely to throw food out if you are alone or if you are with your friends? What difference does it make, either way?
- Are there any opportunities for you to serve the needs of the hungry, such as in a food pantry or soup kitchen? What does your own church do for the poor and hungry? Would you like to become involved in some way? Why or why not?



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.

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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca