



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 30,  
2018

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. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Anne Halarewich
Tues. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Wed. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):		NO MASS
Thurs. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Fri. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+David Jakubowski
Sat. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Viola Molnar

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am	+Leonard Sharkey
11:00 am	Mass for the People

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



The **International Life Chain** will be held **TODAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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

### 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

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your all-embracing love.  
Open my eyes to see you in everyone I meet.  
Open my heart to welcome all of your people.

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

## A Note from Your Pastor.....

I would like to welcome Wayne Exner (Vice-chairperson/Deanery) and Lorne Wanner (Hall Committee Chairperson) to the St. Gerard Parish Council. I invite all of you to assist both Wayne and Lorne in their new positions.

As of October 1, 2018 there will no longer be a Personnel Committee. Thank you to the following who provided many hours of insight and advice: Don Reed, Ernie Bobowski, Linda Maddaford, Paulette Cooper, Glenn Walz, Wayne Exner and Lorne Wanner.

A special thank you to Don Reed for not only chairing the committee, but also for helping our parish to continue to provide excellent service to our community.

Rev. Louis Nguyen

### **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada Thank you for your contribution and solidarity!**

Following the encouragement of Pope Pius XII, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) was established in 1943 under the name *Canadian Catholic Conference*; it was officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948 and, following the Second Vatican council (1962-1965), became part of the worldwide network of episcopal conferences. As the CCCB President states in his message for the Collection, "Through their Episcopal Conference, the Bishops today continue to work together on doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice, and the development of a culture of life and family." In addition to their national conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB as well as the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church in Canada together with the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Thank you for your prayers and your financial contribution.

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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 1 - October 5, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•SCC Meeting		•Orange Shirt Day	•Terry Fox Walk	
Tues.	•Career Day				•Boys Vball vs St. Michael School •Girls Vball @ St. Michael School •SCC Mtg @ 7pm	
Wed.	•Jr Girls Vball vs SHHS					
Thurs.	•Jr Girls Vball @ Yorkdale	•District Cross Country		•District Cross Country		
Fri.	•Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy			•Thanksgiving Celebration @ 9am	•SCC Thanksgiving Breakfast •Thanksgiving Celebration @ 12:30pm	

**"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*

The next Baptism Preparation session will be **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

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*

## \*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*

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

Commencing April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

## St. Gerard Parish-sponsored Refugee Family Potluck Supper to Welcome the Johar Family to Canada

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm  
St. Gerard Parish Hall

*Come Meet Berhan, Nuria, their daughters  
Neda & Besma and their son Bilal*

Potluck supper 5:30pm  
Raffle Draws & 50/50

A chance to learn more about the family and how you can help. Bring a dish and welcome our Refugee Family to Canada



## News from the CWL



The next CWL General Meeting is Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Please note that Mass will not be celebrated at 6:30pm that evening.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



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| Sept. 30 | Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass<br>Life Chain – Yorkton – 2-3pm   |
| Oct. 1   | Charity Appeal tickets due (un-/sold)   |
| Oct. 3   | Executive Meeting @ 7pm   |
| Oct. 10  | Special Needs Lunch<br>General Meeting @ 7pm  |
| Oct. 11  | Evening Bingo   |
| Oct. 13  | Annual Yard Leaf Rake<br>(Parishioners who require assistance call Joe at 306.783.7938 to book an appointment). |
| Oct. 14  | Sunday Brunch   |

*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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



Be Joyful  
in Hope

## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

We are very pleased to announce the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> *Archbishop's Appeal*. Our theme for this year's campaign is **Be Joyful in Hope**.

You should begin receiving information and donation cards in the mail this week. We encourage you to spend time offering thanks to our God and Father for all He has given, and prayerfully consider how you might express your gratitude in support of the good works of the church in the Archdiocese of Regina.

## 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 **+**

## We are All Part of the Mission of Christ

By Mary Katharine Deeley

One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, theology, and emphasis on individual autonomy ("I don't like what you're doing, so I'll start my own church"), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn't what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you" (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who's in and who's out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ's mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this prepared them for the spread of Christianity.

As Catholics, we're diverse. Unique. We're also united to many Christians through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ's power and truth.

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*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Mark 9:41*

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

## 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](mailto:hannelle_23@hotmail.com)

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm**

(in the Lower Level)



## St. Gerard Parish Annual Fall Supper

**TODAY**

**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, noodles, spring rolls, perogies, buns, variety of salads and dessert.

**TAKE OUT ORDERS**

Please phone 306.641.6844

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (30<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Annual Fall Supper  
6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. #2  
(lower level)
- Mon. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 7:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
- Wed. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting  
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
- Fri. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "A Cup of Water in Jesus' Name"

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

Both Joshua and John have the same concerns. Both Moses and Jesus have the same response. Don't be so worried! Don't be such an elitist! Anyone can serve. If good work is being done, please don't stop it. Let it happen; in fact encourage it.

Ames reminds us that the good work we don't do can hurt us. If others suffer from our lack of service, we will be held accountable for it.

#### **For Your Reflection**

In both the first reading and the Gospel, the same situation occurs. Joshua and John are concerned because an outsider is doing the kinds of things they are supposed to be doing. Moses and Jesus reassure them: There is nothing to worry about. The more, the merrier. Do not be jealous or insecure.

- When have you been jealous of someone else? When has someone's actions, talents, accomplishments, or friendships worried you? When have you begun to feel concerned that someone else's success might make your success less important or impressive?
- When has someone shut you out of their circle of friends? What was it like? How did you deal with it?
- Have you ever tried to shut someone out of your circle of friends? Why? What was the problem? What happened?

Jesus says that whenever we give someone even just a cup of water in his name, we will have our reward.

- What do you think it means to give something or to do something "in Jesus' name"?
- Have you had the opportunity to serve Jesus in that way but chose to put it off, or decided to do otherwise? What influenced your decision?
- Do you think most teenagers would see serving Jesus as a worthy goal or priority? Why or why not? If not, what do you think of that opinion? How is serving Jesus any different from making the world a better place?



**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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