



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 3, 2017

Twenty-second  
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

Sat.	( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:00 am-	+Nellie Olson
		7:00 pm-	+Ralph Brazeau
Sun.	(10 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		9:00 am-	+John Nagy
		11:00 am-	Mass for the People

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Half-hour before 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



### Celebration in Honour of the Nativity of "Mama Mary"

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Rosary Prayer at 9:30 am

Daily Mass at 10:00 am

Potluck to follow. Everyone welcome!



Organized by the St. Gerard Church Filipino Community

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Lord, your resurrection conquered sin and death. Give me the strength to overcome pride so I can become a humble servant of your love and peace. Amen.

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

## St. Gerard Parish – 2017-2017 – Pastoral and Finance Councils

PPC	Chairperson	-Trent Senger	Vice-chairperson	-	Gerry Yacishyn	
	Secretary	-Jayne Senger	Liturgy	-	Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon	
	Religious Education	-Deanna Pellatt	Social Justice	-	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Community Life	-Rose Marchinko	Public Relations	-	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Family & Social	<b>-VACANT</b>	Youth	-	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Ecumenical	-Carm Molnar	Stewardship	-	Willie Yacishyn	
	CWL Rep.	-Donna Olshewski	K of C Rep.	-	Wayne Exner	
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PFC	Finance	-	Brian Kruger	Secretary	-	Richard Dubois
	Properties	-	Matt Bernat	Member at Large	-	Conrad Rodney
	Hall	-	Don Reed	Member at Large	-	Dwight Guy

## St. Gerard Church Annual Parish Fall Supper

September 24, 2017  
4:00pm – 6:30pm

Adults: \$17.00

Children 6 – 13 yrs.: \$10.00

Pre-schoolers under 6: Free

The Fall Supper is a source of revenue for the parish. **But more importantly**, it is an opportunity for parishioners to come together as a community to get to know one another in a casual setting.

Grateful and heartfelt **THANKS** to the many volunteers who have helped in the past. **GOD BLESS** those who are able to continue with their involvement, and a huge **WELCOME** to those who come to help for the first time.

Are you able to provide:

Pies? Desserts? Salads? Cooking Skills? Helping Hand?

**Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Area.**



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 4 - September 8, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Tues.	Back to school!					
Wed.						
Thurs.						
Fri.					•Opening Liturgy @ 10:30am	

**"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 1<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-9pm.**

### 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 \*\****

## A Word from Pope Francis

The devil..., to divert Jesus from the way of the cross, sets before him false messianic hopes: economic well-being...a dramatic and miraculous style...; and lastly, a shortcut to power and dominion, in exchange for an act of adoration to Satan...

Note well how Jesus responds. He does not dialogue with Satan....Jesus is well aware that there can be no dialogue with Satan, for his is cunning. That is why Jesus...chooses to take refuge in the Word of God and responds with the power of this Word.

—Angelus, St. Peter's Square, March 9, 2014

It's the sale you wait for!

## St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - 1pm to 8pm  
Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 8pm  
Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - 9am to noon

Something for everyone!  
Household, clothing, books, jewellery,  
toys, holiday items and more!

**NEW ITEMS DAILY!**

Coffee & Pie Special - \$3.00 - All day, each day!



## News from the CWL



**Can you help with the garage sale set-up on Monday, September 4 or Tuesday, September 5?** We will begin at 9am, and not only will you enjoy the fun and fellowship of working together on this great project, but you'll also enjoy the wonderful meals that our amazing chefs prepare for the workers! Any interested parishioners are most welcome to volunteer!

The CWL is looking for **pie donations** for the Garage Sale. Pies can be dropped off on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm and on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 8pm.

And if you have **produce** to spare, this would be most welcome, not only for lunches for the workers but for sale at the Garage Sale. Please drop off your produce at the parish hall. Thank you.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 6 Exec./Director Meeting – calendar of events for the year  
Sept. 13 General Meeting  
Sept. 15 Evening bingo

*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

**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 Campion 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](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

**Missions Trip Opportunity to Belize:** In Feb. 2018, the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry Office is hosting a mission's trip to Belize for **teens and young adults with a minimum age of 16**, by time of travel. While some "older but young at heart adults" will also be welcome, the bulk of the spots will be reserved for teens and young adults. A **meeting** for those who might be interested, will be held on Sunday, **September 10th at 2:00 at the Archdiocese of Regina diocesan offices.** (445 Broad St. North) Spaces are very limited. Any questions, contact Michelle Braden OR Braden Kuntz at 306.352.1651.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Countering Our Culture

By Mary Katharine Deeley

**When my children** were school age, my husband and I decided to use TV commercials as teaching tools. "What are they trying to sell you?" we'd ask. "How are they trying to get you to want it?" Their answers grew as they did: "They want you to think you'll be cool." "They're showing you that rich people have this and hope you want to be like them."

I often learned as much as our children did, and I like to think that, as a result, we were a little less vulnerable to the techniques. A consumer culture like ours depends on making people want more and better than they have. To support it, manufacturers must convince us that this cereal is better than that, this present will fill the void we have experienced, or that our true happiness depends on a brand name, location, degree, or career.

"Do not conform yourselves to this age," Paul tells us in today's reading from Romans. This age tells us we cannot be whole until we've achieved or obtained certain things.

In reminding us that our goal is not to be formed with this age, St. Paul states, rather, it lies in changing our form with Christ—actually changing our mind and heart so we can know and love God ever more deeply. So rather than conforming, we are better off transforming.

What does changing form look like for the Christian? It looks like loving the enemy, caring for those who have less, gathering at the eucharistic table, being good stewards of resources and, yes, taking up a cross and following Christ— even to death, if necessary.

There we will find our joy and our freedom.

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Upcoming Parish Events can be found online at <http://www.stgerard.ca/events-calendar.php>

Check it out today!!

## Prayer for Life and the Family

*God who entices us,  
you long to love us completely.*

*Help us to be drawn totally into your love,  
so we are compelled  
to love the world with your passion  
for justice and peace.*

*Help us make our homes,  
our communities and our world  
a reflection of your Kingdom,  
now and forever.*

*Amen.*

## New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



Please complete a new parishioner form (yellow) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

## Do you know.....

Father Louis celebrates Mass at:

Gladstone Seniors' Res.	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. - 2:30pm (starting in October)
Aspen Villa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. - 10:30am
Lakeside Manor (Saltcoats)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs. - 2:30pm
YDNH (Chapel)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. - 10:30am
YDNH (North)	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. - 10:30am

*Please pray for those who live in nursing homes and seniors' assisted living facilities.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
		Garage Sale setup
Tues. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	Garage Sale setup
Wed. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):	1:00 pm-	CWL Garage Sale
	7:00 pm-	K of C Executive Mtg.
Thurs. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	CWL Garage Sale
Fri. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	CWL Garage Sale
	4:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "True Discipleship"

#### This Week...

Peer pressure is tough on any person, of any age and in any age. It is tough on Jeremiah, who is mocked and humiliated. It is tough on Paul and the early church. It is tough on Peter and Jesus. But the message is clear: To be a disciple, we must pick up our cross and carry it. We must lose our life if we wish to save it. Discipleship is not easy, but it is the only way.

#### For Your Reflection

The world is full of peer pressure. It doesn't go away when you grow out of your teen years.

- How are TV commercials and ad campaigns forms of peer pressure? What do they try to persuade us to do? How successful are they?
- How are movies that contain a lot of violence or sexual activity forms of peer pressure? What do they persuade us to do? How successful are they?
- How are the church and the Gospel message forms of peer pressure? How does the faith community try to persuade us to live? How successful is that effort? Why?

Being a disciple of Jesus' is not easy, because the world is filled with all kinds of temptations and negative messages, right alongside the support and the positive messages.

- What are some negative messages in the real world that are hard to avoid? What's the secret to ignoring negative messages?
- What are some positive messages in the real world? How can you support the positive messages? What would make them even more effective?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



**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 our city on a daily basis.

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## 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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