



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third 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. (10 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Doreen Sereda
	1:30 pm	ST PAUL SCHOOL
		Special Intentions
Tues. (11 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+John & +Mary Balint
Wed. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>10:00 am</b>	ASPEN VILLA
		+Hilda Padar
	11:00 am	SACRED HEART HIGH
		+Ruth Molnar
	7:00 pm	+Aileen Hayward
Thurs. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Maureen Quigley
	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Viola Molnar
Fri. (14 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Rose Hickie
Sat. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>
	9:30 am	+Joseph Schuck
	2:00 pm	Lucky-Skikewich Wedding
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	7:00 pm	Denis Dierker
Sun. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	+George Biblow
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

Divine Mercy Devotions start again Friday, Sept. 14 at 2:00 pm  
*Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion* is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed  
by Mass at 7pm.

### 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 for your faithfulness. Teach me to bring the comfort of your loving presence to those who are afraid.

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

## Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER** there will be an opportunity for you to schedule a photography session for you and your family. Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church.

There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.

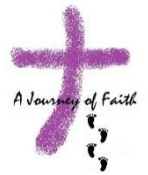
**For more information, or to book an appointment, contact  
Colleen at 306.783.8164**



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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 10 - September 14, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			Pre-K First Day		Opening Mass 1:30p Gr 1 Literacy Night 6p	
Tues.			Gr. 3/4 field trip to pizza farm in am Open House 5p to 7p		SCC Mtg. 7p	
Wed.	Opening Mass 11am		Canoe trip Girls		Gr.7 Girls Canoe Trip	
Thurs.			Canoe Trip Boys		Gr.7 Boys Canoe Trip	
Fri.			Canoe Trip Boys		Gr.7 Boys Canoe Trip	

**"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*

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

If your child has not received the sacraments of **Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation**, **please register after Mass** the weekends of September 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>.

**For those who have already received First Communion**, a First Reconciliation Program begins Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in church hall



## News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL would like to thank everyone for all their help which made the **Annual Gigantic Garage Sale** such a success!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, to all the amazing workers who came out to set everything up, to the marvellous gentlemen who brought all the items upstairs, to the wonderful cooks who fed us each day as we worked, to the great workers who worked at the sale, and to all our garage sale friends who came and supported the sale!

**We thank you so much for your support and kindness! Thank you to Fr. Louis for his encouragement and cheery presence!**



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 9	Parish Brunch
Sept. 12	Installation of Officers & General Meeting
Sept. 16	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)*

## YOUTH CHOIR



**ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?**

**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?**

**ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD?**

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email [youthchoir@stgerard.ca](mailto:youthchoir@stgerard.ca)

**New to the parish??**

**WELCOME !!!**



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

**Has your contact information changed??**

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can keep our database current. Thanks!!!

## Knights of Columbus

### Sunday Brunch September 9<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus Council 2031 would like to invite you to attend the Sunday Brunch on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> after the 9am and 11 am Masses. All proceeds from our Sunday Brunches support our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize and help support our good works.

The Eparchy of Saskatoon, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre, have an Adult Faith Formation Program once a month at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church. *Please see the poster on the bulletin board for details.*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**COMPASSIONATE HEALERS MASS**

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at**

**Resurrection Parish in Regina for all those involved in the ministry of care.**



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Opening Our Eyes and Ears to God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill.

They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us.

If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him

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*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2:5*

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

**VOLUNTEER HALL EVENT COORDINATORS WANTED** If you would like to volunteer to coordinate one of our Hall events, please contact Father Louis or leave your name at the Parish Office. If you are unsure and would like more details, we can talk about it. Training provided and all procedures will be reviewed and outlined. **HALL COOKS WANTED** Paid per event. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

*Submitted by the St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee*



## St. Gerard Parish Annual Fall Supper

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Fall Supper Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**Lower Level**

**Donations of clean garden produce appreciated!**

Onions, potatoes, carrots, beets, cucumbers, and cabbage (for coleslaw).

Please drop off between Sept. 22 and Sept. 26

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #1
- Mon. (10<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (11<sup>th</sup>) 7:30 pm – Fall Supper Meeting
- Wed. (12<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (13<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 am- “All Choirs” rehearsal,  
followed by Funeral Choir meeting
- Fri. (14<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sun. (16<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Sacrament Prep. #1

## 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)

## 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?



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*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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## 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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