



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 29, 2018

**Fifth Sunday of
Easter**

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):	7:00 pm-	<i>Prayer Vigil – Viola Molnar</i>
Tues. (1 st):	11:00 am-	<i>Funeral Mass – Viola Molnar</i>
Wed. (2 nd):		NO MASS
Thurs. (3 rd):		NO MASS
Fri. (4 th):		NO MASS
Sat. (5 th):	9:30 am-	+Darla Giannoulis

7:00 pm- Rev. Joseph Murphy (100)

Sun. (6th): **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am-	Special Intentions
11:00 am-	Mass for the People

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

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

A Word from Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit, in the variety of his gifts, unites us and enables us to contribute to the building up of the Church in holiness.... Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church's life and mission.

—General audience, June 26, 2013

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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Risen Jesus, your abiding presence gives us hope.
Help me to be a loving presence to others.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter through Pentecost*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

~ ST. GERARD PARISH - GENERAL MEETING ~

**Wednesday, May 30th
7:30 pm**

This meeting is open to all parishioners - especially our many volunteers.

We have been evaluating many of our procedures. There will be restructuring changes that will affect our St. Gerard's staff and some of our volunteers.

If you have any questions, please plan to attend this May 30th meeting.

St. Gerard Parish Personnel Committee



St. Paul School's present and former students, families, teachers, staff, administration & board members are invited to celebrate the

50th Anniversary of St. Paul's School
1967-68 to 2017-18

Sunday, May 6th

St. Paul's Staff and Students will lead the ministries at the 11am Mass

Monday, May 7th

Liturgy at St. Paul's School at 9am
Program to follow in the gymnasium; cake, coffee and fellowship in the Library



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
April 30 - May 4, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Sr. Badminton Districts				•Hot lunch	
Tues.	•Jr. Badminton Districts				•Gr. 4-6 Track Standards Meet •SCC Mtg @ 7pm	
Wed.			•Gr. 4 Swimming		•Nursery School visits K	
Thurs.					•Nursery School visits K	
Fri.		•Division Oratory competition @ St. Michael School	•Division Oratory competition @ St. Michael School		•Nursery School visits K •School Division Oratory @ St. Michael	

"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 class will be Sunday, May 27th at 6:30pm. Please phone the Parish Office this week to register!

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #10 – Sunday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Every Tuesday evening at 6pm

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration this Tuesday, May 1st.

"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"

*A Holy Land Tour
through the experiences of Alfred Labas*

Come and hear Alfred Labas recall his Holy Land tour visiting sites which are referred to in Holy Scripture.

Sunday, May 6th @ 7:30 pm

St. Gerard Parish
Meeting Rooms A and B

Refreshments and snacks will be served.

~ Organized by the Stewardship Committee ~



News from the CWL



May 2nd

Executive Meeting
General Meeting

@ 7:00pm
@ 7:30pm

2018 Multinational Event

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

May 4th- 6th

The Rosary will be prayed for the following intention:

For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons.

Please, do for the unborn babies that which they can not do for themselves: Pray at least one Rosary from May 4th - 6th.

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Area.

3rd Annual 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

Wednesday, May 9th

7:30 am to 7:30 pm at St. Gerard Church



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 2
May 6
May 9
May 10
May 16

Executive Meeting @ 7pm
Parish Brunch (last of the year)
General Meeting
Afternoon bingo
Special Needs Lunch

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

March for Life

Monday May 7: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass dedicated to the Unborn at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Donald Bolen. Social to follow.

Tuesday May 8: 12:00 p.m. Registration and gathering at Christ the King Parish, 3239 Garnet Street. The March to the Legislative Building begins at 1:30 p.m.

Archdiocese of Regina Online Art Auction

A wonderful way to help contribute to the educational costs of our seminarians and purchase that perfect wedding, graduation, anniversary, or to get a new art piece for your collection.

You can view the art at www.archregina.sk.ca/auction
Bidding will begin on May 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2018.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

We are the Branches

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Many enduring images of Church come to us from the New Testament. One is Paul's image: "The Body of Christ." Another comes from our Gospel today: "The Vine and the Branches."

Both are metaphors of living organisms. For both, Christ is the most important element. Christ is the head of the Body and the symbol of authority and purpose. Christ is the Vine that brings life and nutrients to the branches that produce fruit. Anyone who has visited a winery knows the significance of the vine. If it's cut, the branches wither and the crop fails.

Why is it important to have both images?

John's image reminds us that the Church can't survive if it's separated from Christ. We can live only if we remain in Christ so that the power of grace can continue to infuse us with everything we need to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and mercy.

Paul's metaphor keeps us humble. Regardless of how this Body is structured, Christ is the true head; we are to submit ourselves in obedience to him regardless of how important we are in this world. We also know we belong as a community to Christ and in communion with one another.

There are many parts to the Body and many clusters of fruit on the vine. To leave either is to separate ourselves from Christ.

That's why praying together each week is so important. It reminds us who we are and to whom we belong.

Let us offer praise for this vine and for this Body into which our baptism has called us.

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God of the broken, you keep asking us to turn to you. Help us to turn. Help us to pray for those who have hurt us that they might turn too. May we never ignore your call for us to come back to you, and may we never participate in condemning others to a life without repentance. Amen. Alleluia!

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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

So, we can move into our essence of spirituality. Although our inner spirituality may be influenced by many factors such as education, culture, family, or personal history, it is always grounded in our relationship to God.

If we keep this in mind, we realize that when we are involved in our parish and interacting with others, we will not get hung up on externals and details that are not important, like where a certain statue may be placed. Then, we can remain true to our relationship with God and others and also to our formal worship, the Eucharist. We can also extend this and reflect on how we are spiritually exposing St. Gerard's to those that are around us.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues. (1st): 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for **BOTH** 9am & 11am Mass
- Wed. (2nd): 7:00 pm- CWL Executive Meeting
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7:30 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. (4th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (5th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (6th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
7:30 pm- "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" Presentation

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Vine and the Branches"

This Week...

We cannot do much good without Jesus. All that is good, all that is healthy, all that is right comes from Jesus, as does our very life. Branches have no life apart from the vine. That means we need to believe in all he stands for, to love one another, and to live our lives abiding in him and in all his words.

For Your Reflection

The vine is the lifeline for the branches. If branches are cut off from the vine, they die. Jesus is our lifeline, and he often works through the people in our life.

- Who do you know that acts as an emotional lifeline for you? Who gives you life and support and strength?
- The Scriptures tell us that those who live in Jesus do good work and bear much fruit - apart from Jesus, we cannot do anything worth doing. Do you know people who clearly live in Jesus and are doing good work? What are they like? How do you know they are living in Jesus? What good work do they do? How can you be more like them?
- Jesus says that if his words are living within us whatever we ask for in prayer shall be granted. What does it mean to have Jesus' words living within us? If his words are truly living within us, then what would our prayer be like?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - 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.

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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