

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am (\*\*next Sunday at 11:30 am)**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

## Third Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 9:30 am- St. Paul School  
+Noreen Skibinsky  
Thurs. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 am- *12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care begins*  
6:30 pm- *Stations of the Cross*  
Sat. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- +Rose Banga

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- Mass for the People

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Sun. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Adeline Kolodziejak  
**11:30 am- Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist**  
+Bienvenido Bacalso Jr.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Jay Gustafson, Rita Myrowsky, Mildred Nagy



Risen Lord, you walk with me  
as my friend and companion.  
Help me to recognize your  
presence in all people.

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

*At the CWL Diocesan Convention,  
Father Francis celebrated Mass  
for the Repose of the Soul of +Francis Mroczko*

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Tues. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Wed. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting  
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting  
Thurs. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- *"The Euthanasia Deception"*  
Fri. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal



You are invited to the  
**Celebration of  
Confirmation & First Communion**

on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am

Archbishop Donald Bolen,  
Celebrant



**Catechism Theme: Faith (The first theological virtue) (CCC 2087-2089)**

We can find the ground of the Christian life in the First Commandment: "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." The commandment focuses our love upon something greater than ourselves. Without adherence to this commandment, our love would be misplaced or would collapse into the self-absorbing pity.

Hesitation (also know as involuntary doubt) is the first obstacle to faith. It builds up anxiety, making faith difficult to accept. Hesitation can lead to voluntary doubt, the active rejection of a faith article. Wallowing in doubt can cause spiritual blindness and incredulity. Apostasy (abandoning the faith) and schism (breaking away from the Church) may result.

We must remember, however, that involuntary doubt in the articles of faith can lead to a deeper understanding if trust in God and his Church remains. Trust makes apostasy and schism more difficult.

*Have you or any Christian you know have a faith doubt, but remained faithful? How might that be possible?*

**Catechism Theme: Hope (The second theological virtue) (CCC 2090-2092)**

The Catechism defines hope as "the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision." In other words, hope expects what faith explains. In this way, hope and faith are linked together.

The opposite of hope is despair and presumption. With despair, we reject any possibility for God's forgiveness and love. With presumption, we either assume in our own abilities (the mistaken notion we are truly in control). or, we assume God will forgive and love us without change in our hearts.

Like faith, true hope only comes from God. Hope leads us to depend upon God and his power to change us.

*How has God given you hope? How has your faith sustained your hope in the past?*

**Catechism Theme: Charity (The third theological virtue) (CCC 2093-2094)**

If we truly worship God, we place him first in our lives. The commandment to worship God alone entails the obligation to love him and everything he created. This love expresses itself in the virtue of charity when we actively share ourselves for the good of others.

Indifference, ingratitude, a lukewarm heart, and spiritual sloth can block the exercise of charity. Indifference neglects charity. Ingratitude fails to acknowledge the gift charity brings. A lukewarm heart and spiritual sloth simply puts off responding to God's love and the obligation to pass that love onto others.

When we are given faith and hope by God, we must respond in charity. Thus, the three weave together, for all three are gifts from God. Faith enlightens our minds and directs our trust. Hope inflames our hearts. And charity empowers our will to action.

*How has the sharing of another Christian's time and talent inspired you to share what you have? How has your self-sharing strengthened your faith in God?*

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**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News**  
**May 1 - May 5, 2017**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Easter Mass @ 9:30am	
Tues.						
Wed.	•Jr. Badminton Districts	•Alternative to Hitting Presentation		•SCC/Board Sharing Supper		
Thurs.		•Division Oratory Competition	•Division Oratory competition	•Division Oratory	•St. Paul hosts Division Oratory @ 9:30am	•Division Oratory Competition
Fri.				•School Track Meet		

**"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."**



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

**~ COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE ~**  
**Celebration of the Sacraments of  
Confirmation & First Eucharist**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**

## DO YOU KNOW.....

With the revision to the Roman Missal in 2011, the words to the **Confiteor** ("I confess...") changed?

The revision may found on PAGE 9 in the Celebrate in Song hymnal.

"I confess, to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*(And, striking their breast, they say)*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*(Then they continue)*

therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God."



The rosary will be prayed after each Daily Mass during the month of May.

See page one of the bulletin for Mass times, or check online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)

The **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations.



## News from the CWL



Pope Francis says "Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer".

The Catholic Women's League calls all people of faith to join nationwide in **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to take some time and join St. Gerard's CWL in prayer at St. Gerard's on May 4 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.

As well, the **Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30 pm**, and the film "The Euthanasia Deception" will be shown at 7:00 pm.

You are also encouraged to sign the petition (located in the Welcome Area) urging the federal government to implement a national palliative care strategy that will provide accessible hospice and palliative care for all residents in Canada.

May 1 Executive Meeting  
May 3 General Meeting  
May 10 Garage Sale Meeting



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 3 Executive Meeting @ 7pm  
May 7 Parish 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).*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

**Has the way we've told our Canadian Story in the past been completely honest?**

The work of the recent **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** made it abundantly clear that there is great need for us to be engaged in a new level of listening and learning to walk together.

Mark your calendars! Consider attending -

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan  
**Social Justice in Motion Conference**

Holy Child, Regina

June 24, 2017

**Listening, Learning and Walking Together**

Cost \$30.00



# Bringing Home the Word

## We Know Him

By Mary Katharine Deeley

The story of the road to Emmaus is a favorite among retreat leaders because they can pair off participants to talk about hopes, fears, and dreams while they take a long walk or find a safe place to sit.

I've heard people tell dark secrets and expose long hidden resentments on such walks. It seems the act of walking loosens the tongue and allows us to look at scenery while we bring forth the courage to tell what is happening in our lives.

So it doesn't surprise me at all that Jesus makes his first post-resurrection appearance in Luke to two people who are walking and talking. Believing him to be a stranger, the disciples are free to tell everything about their fear, their anger, their dashed hopes, and their confusion over the empty tomb. They are able to be themselves, and Jesus does what they need him to do—he listens and hears them.

Then something remarkable happens. He opens their minds and hearts to the revelation of God in Scripture. He gives them a new way of seeing. They are eager to know more. They beg him to stay and share a meal. And, finally, they know him in the breaking of the bread and the breaking open of their hearts.

Maybe there's a lesson here for us. When we're weary or worried, perhaps we can take a walk on our imaginary road and tell Jesus everything that has happened, let him love us, and let him help us remember the Scriptures.

And, hearts lightened, we can know him again in the breaking of the bread.


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VILLAGE  
DOWNCAST  
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BREAD

EMMAUS  
ISRAEL  
GLORY  
BLESSING

FACES  
FOOLISH  
EVENING  
RECOGNISED



## Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious items including Confirmation & First Communion gifts:

Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25
Heart-shaped, "Conf." pewter pocket token	\$1.50
Rosary - decade, 10x3mm white glass beads 6" w/ dove	\$4.00
Pewter confirmation book mark	\$5.00
Confirmation bracelet w/wood pearls	\$5.00
Boxed confirmation rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
Confirmation photo album	\$7.00
Bracelet - Boxed w/ dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75
Rhodium necklace w/black rope, dove	\$10.25
Bevelled mini mirror w/pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00
Pewter cross w/chalice & dove, 6"	\$17.50
True Faith dog tag w. dove cutout	\$19.00

Communion bookmark	\$1.00
First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.00
Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50
First Communion Cross, G-F & S-F metal 7"	\$4.50
First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
First Eucharist photo album	\$7.00
Boxed rosary, heart-shaped white glass beads, 17"	\$8.00
First Communion ornate cross 4"	\$9.50
Silver chalice pend. w/stone on chain, 13"	\$10.00

Blessings & Prayers	\$14.00
Extreme Faith Youth Bible	\$14.00
Good News Bible	\$15.00
Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00

Necklace - heart-shaped pendant w/ black string	\$8.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Cross	\$9.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Heart	\$9.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Wavy cross	\$9.50
Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
Necklace - "Faith" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Necklace - "Hope" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Necklace - "Love" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50

**PARISH CENTRE HAPPENINGS**  
**306.783.4255 - Perogy Hotline - 306.783.4255**

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### "On the Road to Emmaus"

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

Two disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. They told him all about their leader who had been crucified, but they did not recognize Jesus until later that evening when he was breaking bread. Then Jesus vanished. His disciples were beginning to understand that he was the sacrificial lamb who had been raised

#### **For Your Reflection**

The two disciples did not recognize Jesus. But as they walked and talked with him, and listened to him explain the events of the Crucifixion in light of the Scriptures, their hearts began to burn within them.

- Has your heart ever burned within you as you recalled something you said or did? What happened?
- This story has four parts: they meet; they share stories and listen; they break bread; and they part, knowing they will see one another again. Does this sound like what you often do with your friends? How is it similar?
- Do these four movements sound like the Mass? Where is the similarity?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004

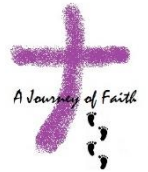




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

*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)

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, [diplomainministry@stfx.ca](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

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