



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 17, 2018

Eleventh 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

Sun.	(17 th):	7:00 pm-	~ <i>Prayer Vigil</i> ~ <i>Stella Konjolka</i>
Mon.	(18 th):	10:00 am-	~ <i>Funeral Mass</i> ~ <i>Stella Konjolka</i>
Tues.	(19 th):	11:00 am-	SACRED HEART HIGH Special Intentions
		7:00 pm-	+Viola Molnar
Wed.	(20 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (SOUTH) +Ruth Molnar
Thurs.	(21 st):	9:00 am- 2:30 pm-	+Bruce Wonchulanko YORKTON CROSSING +Herb Desroches
Fri.	(22 nd):	9:00 am-	+Doreen Sereda
Sat.	(23 rd):	9:30 am-	+Elizabeth Ender

7:00 pm- Special Intentions

Sun. (24th): **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

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

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

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Lord, you reveal the kingdom of God to all people. Help me bear witness to God's kingdom of compassion and peace.

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

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It is with regret that we have acknowledged the resignation of Willie and Gerry Yacishyn from our Council. Please share with us our sincere thanks for their dedication and service to our Parish in the past.

AS A RESULT, there are now five vacancies on the Council - Stewardship Chair, Vice-chairperson/Deanery, Family and Social Chair, Public Relations Chair, Hall Chair.

We sincerely ask that you consider serving the Parish in either of the above capacities.

Please give this request your serious consideration to fill these vacancies so that our Parish community may continue to thrive and attend to the needs of St. Gerard's.

We ask for your support.

Yours in Christ

Ernie Bobowski
Chair of the Pastoral Council



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



The parish-sponsored refugee family of 5 from Eritrea will arrive in Yorkton August 1. Through your generous donations we have secured a house and have furnished it.

We now need cash donations to pay initial expenses until the family is established and able to pay their own way. **Any** cash donation will help with monthly expenses.

Rent: \$1,000 **Utilities:** \$300 **Food:** \$500 **Communications:** \$150 **Clothing**

MAKE CHEQUES OUT TO ST. GERARD'S PARISH. INCLUDE "Refugee Family" ON THE MEMO LINE

Contact Rejean Houle 306-641-5430

A PARISH WELCOMING IS BEING PLANNED FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30. DETAILS TO COME.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

June 18 - June 22, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Sports Banquet	•Library books due	•Gr. 7 to Nursing Home	•SCC Meeting		
Tues.	•Year End Mass •June Awards		•Kindergarten class celebration			•Kindergarten Orientation
Wed.		•Last day of Pre-K •Year End Dance	•SCC Year End BBQ •Gr. 7&8 Year End Dance	•SCC Cold Treat Day •Gr. 7&8 Year End Dance	•Gr. 7&8 Year End Dance	
Thurs.					•Gr. 4/5 Trip to Regina •SCC Year End BBQ	•BBQ Thank You Lunch •Awards Night
Fri.	•Final Exams begin		•School Academic Recognition & Gr. 8 Awards		•Spelling Bees •Service Awards	

"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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



The CWL room will be open this week to accept **Garage Sale** items:
Thursday June 21st from 1pm-4 pm
Friday, June 22nd from 1pm-4 pm

We are also in need of and looking for clean plastic shopping bags



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 24 Yearend windup – RSVP to Wayne
Phone/text 306.783.7380 or email
wex13@sasktel.net

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

Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy!

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!

Over the next several weeks 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 August 27 to 30 (before the kids go back to school). 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.

DON'T DELAY – BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

On **June 29th, 2018**, four Seminarians will be ordained as Transitional Deacons:

Parker Love
Vu Van Chinh

Ricardo Escalante
Buu Phun Tran

The Ordinations will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 7:00 pm

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

"I'd love to take the course, but I want to wait until; my kids are grown, I can slow down at work, I'm retired..."

The sad truth is, nearly 75% of young people, even those raised in religious homes, will leave the Church by the time they are 25 - well before many of us retire! Some of the most common reasons given for leaving one's faith behind include; perceived conflicts between faith and science, Christians behaving badly, a lack of evidence for the existence of God and difficulties with some of the Church's teachings. Our sons and daughters need mentors who are "*well-trained and animated by a sincere faith whose life has been touched by the personal and merciful love of Jesus Christ*" (Pope Francis).

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext. 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Be Joyful in Hope – Archdiocesan Fall Gathering and Archbishop's Appeal Kickoff

Saturday, September 22, 2018
St. Elizabeth School, 5149 Green Brooks Way
Regina, SK S4V 2Z6

More details to follow in the coming weeks.

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.

- Submitted by St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee



Bringing Home the Word

God is Our GPS

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I have a good sense of direction. If I drive by a place, I can usually find my way back, walking or driving as much by instinct that says, "I think it's over that way a little," as by any street names or landmarks. I like following unknown paths in the woods just to see where they lead. I almost always find my way back with a minimum of backtracking.

This bothers my husband, who is a firm believer in maps, map apps, and GPS voices telling him when to turn. Often he ignores them to take a different route, but he is comforted by their presence and reliably gets from point A to point B.

"We walk by faith, not by sight," St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7. He may not have had a store in mind, but in a very real way he was talking about getting from point A to point B—from our wandering in this world to our home with God. He was talking about making it out of our spiritual woods into the light of day and making discoveries along the way.

We see as human beings do and not as God does. Paul suggests we find our way through our faith in God, who is light in our darkness, the path on which we walk, our goal and destination.

Our longing to know where we are going is satisfied when we realize we are going to him. Some will take detours and get utterly lost. Others will rely on maps, and still others will follow those who have gone before—the saints who are our examples or Christ himself. Walking by faith isn't easy, but God will get us to where we are going if we trust in him.

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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

OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sign out a baby bottle and fill it with donations to help support those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. **Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!** Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day. Thank you.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." – 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will we respond?

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. We must take that opportunity to provide for those in need whom we encounter. We must pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

St. Gerard's Parish will be sponsoring the upcoming **Community Family Dinner** on Wednesday, June 20th at Yorkton Dream Centre. If you are able to help with food preparations (at the Hall on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:30pm) or serving (at Yorkton Dream Centre on Wednesday, June 20th), please contact Connie at 306.782.0865.



Are you moving this summer?

Please notify the Parish Office with your new contact information so that we can keep our parish records current. Thanks!

LOST – One green & gold clip-on earring. Reward offered. Please contact the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (19th): 7:30 pm- Social Justice food prep
- Wed. (20th): 1:15 pm- Social Justice food prep
- Fri. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (23rd): 1:00 pm- Youth Choir Party

YOUTH REFLECTION

"From the Tiniest Seed"

This Week...

Seeds are such tiny and unassuming things - who would imagine the power and force they can release as they grow and become something huge and magnificent. How it happens is a mystery - even to the farmers who plant them and nurture them. They sow by faith, not by sight, believing that somehow the miracle will happen again and they will have a crop. Ezekiel tells us how Yahweh will bring new life to the lifeless and will wither the life that is growing badly. Jesus tells us that the Reign of God is as mysterious as the seed that grows, and as surprisingly powerful as the tiniest seed that becomes the biggest shrub.

For Your Reflection

Jesus tells us that a tiny seed can blossom into a huge growth.

- What is a tiny interest or hobby you may have started a long time ago as a "seed" that has now grown into a big, important part of your life?
- Who is a person that started out as just an acquaintance of yours but whose relationship with you has now grown into an important and very close friendship?

In the early church, the Christians are recognized right away as honest, selfless, generous, loving, forgiving people. People can tell they are Christians just by the way they live, and it is so inspiring that people want to join their faith community and be just like them. Christians didn't have to carry signs or wear T-shirts to advertise themselves; people just knew how wonderful they were.

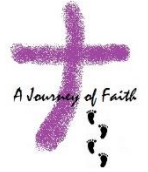
- Is it easy to tell who's a Christian today? Can you observe someone's behaviour and know whether they are a follower of Jesus? Why or why not?
- Some very violent behaviour is happening in the world today in the name of God and religion. Can you think of any examples? Some very helpful, peaceful behaviours is also happening today that has nothing to do with formal religion. Can you think of any examples? How do these trends affect the way many young people view religion? How do these trends affect the way you yourself view the church?



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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