



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth  
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. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Sheila Desroches
Tues. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Rita Myrowsky
Wed. (18 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Walter & +Kay Sliwa
Thurs. (19 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Victor Skaluba
	2:30 pm-	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Diane Vertes
Fri. (20 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
Sat. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):	10:00 am-	+Valeria Woloschuk

7:00 pm- Rose Marchinko

### Sun. (22<sup>nd</sup>): **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- +Adella Nayko  
11:00 am- Mass for the People

### 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

*The **Divine Mercy Devotion** will be prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).*

*During the month of October, the **Knights of Columbus** will lead the **Rosary Prayer** each Monday at 6:00 pm.*

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Lord, I am grateful you guide us along safe paths. Help me to remain close to you and walk with you all the days of my life. Amen.

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



## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Parish Goal: \$53,164

Our readings for this Sunday remind us of God's constant invitation for us to His eternal banquet. The Lord invites us today to look beyond what we have and to where it's truly coming from so that we will not be left out in the darkness away from the light of the eternal value of things given to us. There are so many ways to pay attention to and say our yes to God's invitation for us to his eternal banquet. One of the ways is our giving to the Archbishop's Appeal which goes to further the good works God has entrusted to the church in the Archdiocese of Regina.

It is easy for us to take credit for the richness of our lives – to see our time, talents and treasures as things we have built, created and earned for ourselves. The life of Christian stewardship challenges us to see God, and not ourselves, as the true source of all we have and to see these things not as commodities we've earned to do with as we choose, but as gifts we've been given to fulfill God's own purpose. The **Archbishop's Appeal** invites us to make Christian stewardship an integral part of our daily lives, making a return to God in proportion to what we have been given.

### 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	<b>-VACANT</b>	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
	PFC	Finance	- Brian Kruger	Secretary
Properties		- Matt Bernat	Member at Large	- Conrad Rodney
Hall		- Don Reed	Member at Large	- Dwight Guy



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 16 - October 20, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•Vball @ McKnoll	•Decade of the Rosary each day this week @ 12:30 •School Bus Driver Appreciation Day		
Tues.		•Scholastic Book Fair			•Boys Vball vs Yorkdale •Girls Vball @ Yorkdale	
Wed.		•Scholastic Book Fair				
Thurs.		•Scholastic Book Fair •SCC Family Lunch				
Fri.					•Gr. 7 to WDM •Willow Award Tableau Presentations	

~ Education Week - "Building Our Future by Learning Together" ~

"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.\*\***

### 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 \*\***



## News from the CWL



**"Inspired by the Spirit Women Respond to God's Call"**

Find out more about the CWL! Visit [www.cwlsk.ca](http://www.cwlsk.ca) or speak with any CWL member. See how you can make a difference!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



October 15	Parish Brunch
October 21	Afternoon bingo
October 21-22	Church drive (wear blazers and nametags)
October 25	Articles for The Word due
October 26	State Convention Meeting

*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

### Reverence for Life

The Reverence for Life Commission along with Bishop Don Bolen ask that you join your brothers and sisters in celebrating the gift of life this month in your homes, your schools and your parish community. **Please take a few minutes to fill out the post cards from WE NEED A LAW** and mail them into your minister. Cards are located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

### The Holy and the Profane: A Rabbi and A Bishop Remember Leonard Cohen One Year On

You are invited to join Rabbi Jeremy Parnes and Archbishop Donald Bolen for a discussion of the songs of the late Leonard Cohen. All are welcome to this free evening of dialogue on Thursday, October 26th, 7pm at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4715 McTavish Street, Regina. Leonard Cohen (1934-2016) was a Canadian singer, songwriter, musician, poet, and novelist. His work explored religion, politics, isolation, sexuality, and personal relationships. An observant Jew, Cohen was strongly influenced by Christian and Buddhist themes, which he brought into his work. About his work, he said: "At our best, we inhabit a biblical landscape, and this is where we should situate ourselves without apology."

The Autumn 2017 edition of "The Arch" may be found at:  
<https://archregina-3563.kxcdn.com/sites/default/files/thearch/pdfs/ues/Arch%20Autumn%202017.pdf>



## LITURGY WORKSHOPS

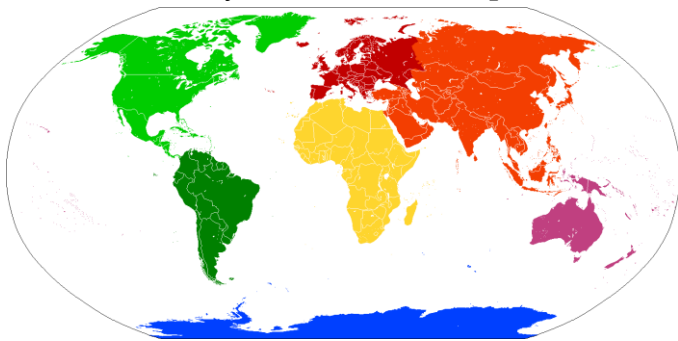
**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**(in the Nave of the Church)**

7:00 pm	Welcomers
7:30 pm	Lectors
8:00 pm	Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
8:30 pm	Hospitality Ministers

**All those in the ministries noted above are to attend as there are changes.**

## Hour of Global Prayer and Rosary

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



Join others in prayer  
for the mission of evangelization.  
Refreshments to follow the Prayer Service.

*Organized by the St. Gerard Liturgical Committee*

## NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one in November, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Joining God's Feast By Mary Katharine Deeley

**When I was growing up**, Thanksgiving and Christmas were always great feasts in our house. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn were on the menu in November. The December food lineup substituted roast beef for turkey, and my father would pour a little sip of sparkling wine for each of us kids—a once-a-year treat.

My mother always made a little extra, “because,” she said, “you never know when a guest might come by.” Sure enough, in one year or another, one of us would invite someone or a neighbor would stop in. There was always plenty, and we would feast and tell stories into the night.

Those memories and the ones I make with my own family now are as close as I can come to the banquet Isaiah and Jesus describe, and I'm sure they're no match for that great feast in heaven.

But I think I know why Isaiah and Jesus use the metaphor. There is something sensual and earthy about gathering around a table with family and friends. It begins with the smells wafting through the house, the noise in the kitchen, the setting of the table with more than the everyday plates. We dress a little more carefully.

We are preparing for our family banquet. No matter what food is on the table, we'll be fed with love that draws us in and accepts us simply because we are family.

Love is the gift we bring to the table, and love is the gift we receive in the act of breaking bread with one another. Our love feast needs our care and attention.

And God's feast deserves no less.

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What attitudes do I regularly bring to Mass?

Is Mass about my pleasure or God's glory?

## October Represents World Mission Month

Next Sunday our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.



You are kindly reminded to **silence your mobile devices** upon entering the church building,

and to **refrain from chewing gum** in both the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Church Liturgical Committee

## New to the parish??

### WELCOME !!!



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

**Has your address or phone number changed recently?** Please contact the Parish Office so that we can keep our records up to date. Thanks!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (16<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Welcomers Workshop  
7:30 pm- Lectors Workshop  
8:00 pm- Communion Ministers Workshop  
8:30 pm- Hospitality Ministers Workshop
- Tues. (17<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg
- Wed. (18<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
- Fri. (20<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- *Hour of Global Prayer*
- Sat. (21<sup>st</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass



## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"All Come to the Wedding Feast"**

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

Paul has known both feasting and fasting in his life, and in both situations Paul remembers God. Isaiah reminds us that our God calls us to feast. And Jesus reminds us that if we choose to decline our invitation to the Reign of God, then surely someone else will take our place.

#### **For Your Reflection**

What a story! It's not your typical wedding. The king is God. The first people invited are those who reject God's way of living. The second people are those who don't expect the invitation but are delighted when it comes, and they accept it whole-heartedly. And the person not properly dressed represents those who may say that they have accepted God's invitation, but whose life choices show that they have not yet really said yes to God.

- When have you been among the first group - those who don't care about church, who don't want to be involved with anything "churchy," and who don't think faith is relevant today? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?
  
- When have you been among the second group - those who see that faith is important, who try to live their faith by doing works of service, and who aren't embarrassed by their relationship with God? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?
  
- When have you been among the third group - those who say that faith is important and yet don't really practice their faith? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?

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

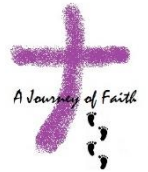




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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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## 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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