



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 28, 2019
Second 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. (29 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (30 th):		NO MASS
Wed. (1 st):		NO MASS
Thurs. (2 nd):		NO MASS
Fri. (3 rd):	5:00 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving (Don & Val Reed)
Sat. (4 th):	9:00 am	+Rose Banga
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	7:00 pm	+Bill O'Boyle
Sun. (5 th):		Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

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!

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

306.621.8068

(please note new phone number)

CONTACT US

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

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Risen Lord, your resurrection renewed the face of the earth and gave us hope. Make me eager to use my gifts and talents to rebuild people's lives and give them hope.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2019-2020 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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Stop by the Parish Office

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



My Angel pewter picture frame	\$6.00	Communion bookmark	\$1.00
Pewter frame for baptism 3x3 photo	\$6.00	First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.00
Multi-coloured wood cross 5"	\$9.75	First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.50
Hand-painted enamel & metal cross	\$12.00	Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50
Cross w/ praying boy & guardian angel 3"	\$13.25	First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00	Boxed rosary, 4mm beads, silver cross & chalice	\$10.25
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25	Bracelet w white beads silver cross and chalice	\$15.00
Heart-shaped, "Conf." pewter pocket token	\$1.50	Necklace with coloured wooden cross on string	\$1.75
Holy spirit pocket token	\$2.50	Bracelets assorted colours w Guardian Angel	\$3.00
Rosary - decade, 10x3mm white glass beads 6" w/ dove	\$4.00	Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
Pewter confirmation book mark	\$5.00	Necklace - "Hope" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Boxed cream bracelet, silver dove charm	\$5.25	Extreme Faith Youth Bible	\$14.00
Bracelet - Boxed w/ dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75	Blessings & Prayers	\$14.00
Bevelled mini mirror w/pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50	Catholic Baby's First Bible	\$15.00
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00	A is for Altar, B is for Bible	\$15.00
True Faith dog tag w. dove cut-out	\$19.00	Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00
Pewter cross w/chalice & dove, 6"	\$20.00	Youcat	\$34.00



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

April 29 - May 3, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.						
Tues.	•Sr. Badminton Districts @ SHHS			•Spirit Day – wear Easter Colours! •Easter Liturgy		
Wed.			•Gr. 4 Swimming	•Spring Play		
Thurs.		•Division Oratory @ St. Mary	•Division Oratory	•Division Oratory @ St. Mary	•Division Oratory @ St. Mary	•Division Oratory @ St. Mary (Gr.4-8)
Fri.		•Easter Liturgy @ 9:30am •Channel 22 Concert	•Channel 22 performance @ St. Paul School		•Channel 22 concert	

"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 the Parish Office to register for the next Baptism Preparation Session. 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



Membership: If you haven't paid your 2019 C.W.L. membership fee (\$30.00), please do so as soon as possible.

Looking for a Mother's Day Gift?

Why not give a CWL membership? An info table will be set up May 4 & 5 after Mass.

Annual 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Thursday, May 9 from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Join the members of St. Gerard's CWL and St. Mary's UCWL at any time during the 12 hours.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Commencing Saturday May 4th, the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 5:00 pm) will be celebrated at **7:00 pm**.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?



The word **mercy** means "compassion, especially to an offender or to one subject on one's power, or a blessing that is an act of divine favour or compassion: (*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*). Throughout Sacred Scripture, we read stories of

Jesus' mercy to the sick, the sinful, and the unwanted. He longs to extend that mercy to us today. On Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate the compassion, mercy and charity that God wants to bestow on all his people as revealed to Saint Maria Faustina.

Jesus revealed to Sister Faustina a Novena to the Divine Mercy and a Divine Mercy image of himself with rays of red and white streaming from his heart. The prayer "Jesus, I trust in you" often appears across the bottom of the image. Jesus also revealed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to her. The Chaplet is prayed on a rosary and focuses on the Lord's "mercy on us and on the whole world". Jesus promised grace and mercy for souls who pray it.

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To learn to pray the Chaplet Divine Mercy, go to www.eadmcanada.com/divine_mercy_chaplet_1.stm



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 1	Executive Meeting
May 5	Sunday Brunch
May 8	General Meeting – Election of Officers
May 9	March for Life

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

Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, May 5th. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$25.00

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

New Evangelization Summit 2019 On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class **Catholic speakers:** Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize.

This year, the Summit is FREE for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca

Where/Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral, Regina

When: May 4, 2019 - 8:45 am-4:30 pm

Cost: FREE



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Encountering Our Teacher and Master

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ's rising. But in the Church's reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar and reality remain steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God's time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit.

Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the good news. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus' teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father's promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, May 2nd
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

August 11 – 14, 2019

From Yorkton, SK

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK

Come on a pilgrimage to somewhere special to your faith. As a pilgrim, you will have time to pray by leaving behind the everyday concerns from back home and spending time in the presence of God. If you are looking for peace or healing, this is a good time to do it. You may become closer to God.

For more information contact Dave and Bev Hudy at davehudy@hotmail.com or 306.728.5525

Register at

www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org



The next

Book Talk

is Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm

Meeting Room B



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 10th @ 7pm

Lower Level (please use east entrance)

Featuring... "The Shack"

No charge! Free popcorn and refreshments!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

~ Organized by the Religious Education Team ~

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (28th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.
(Social Hall)
- Mon. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
(Meeting Room B)
7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower Level)
- Tues. (30th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Fri. (3rd): 4:00pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
(Social Hall)
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
- Sat. (4th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (5th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep.
(Social Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Doubting Thomas"

This Week...

"Seeing is believing." That could have been Thomas's motto. Jesus replies that blessed are the ones who have not seen and who still believe. We have not seen Jesus with our own eyes but our faith has led us to see him in our hearts and in one another. That kind of faith led the early Christian community to care for one another with so much zeal.

For Your Reflection

"Thomas did not quite "get it" when the other Apostles were telling him that Jesus had risen from the dead. He wanted to see for himself. Is that really so strange? Would you believe it if your friends told you that while they were locked up in a room someone who had recently died walked through the door and appeared to them? Would you want to see it yourself?

When it comes to Christianity, do you think you "get it"? Do you "see the light"? If so, what is it all about? If not, what don't you get? What questions do you have about Jesus' Resurrection?

The continuum of doubt and belief has two extremes. On the "extreme doubt" side is cynicism. A cynic doubts everything, especially people's good intentions. It can be a negative, unhappy way of seeing things. A person on the opposite side, the "extreme belief" side, is gullible. That person believes whatever anyone says. It can be a happy, but sometimes dangerous, way of seeing things.

Are you a doubting Thomas? Do you think you are cynical? Do you think you are gullible? Why or why not?



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 Regina 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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca