



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 8, 2018

**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

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| Mon. (9 th): | 9:00 am- 12:45 pm- | +Ed Fissell ST MICHAEL SCHOOL +Agnes Hilbig |
| Tues. (10 th): | 7:00 pm- | +Linda Fradette |
| Wed. (11 th): | 10:30 am- | ASPEN VILLA Special Intentions |
| | 7:00 pm- | Dan Dierker |
| Thurs. (12 th): | 9:00 am- 2:30 pm- | Benjamin Lysak LAKESIDE MANOR Jessica Molnar |
| Fri. (13 th): | 9:30 am- 1:00 pm- | +Colette Scott ST. THEODORE SCHOOL Special Intentions |
| Sat. (14 th): | 10:00 am- | +Jim & +Frances Balog |
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| | 7:00 pm- | Special Intentions |
| Sun. (15 th): | Third Sunday of Easter | |
| | 9:00 am- | Mass for the People |
| | 11:00 am- | Mass of Thanksgiving |

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm.

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday of the month 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



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Risen Lord, you fulfilled your promise by rising from the dead. Help me to practice what I preach.

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

St. Gerard Parish – 2018-2019 – Pastoral and Finance Councils

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| PPC | Chairperson | -Ernie Bobowski | Vice-chairperson | - Gerry Yacishyn |
| | Secretary | -Jayne Senger | Liturgy | - Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon |
| | Religious Education | -Laurie Couture | Social Justice | - VACANT |
| | Community Life | -Maureen Pankoski | Public Relations | - VACANT |
| | Family & Social | - VACANT | Youth | - Melinda Sevilla |
| | Ecumenical | -Carm Molnar | Stewardship | - Willie Yacishyn |
| | CWL Rep. | -Linda Maddaford | K of C Rep. | - Wayne Exner |
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| PFC | Finance | - Brian Kruger | Secretary | - Richard Dubois |
| | Properties | - Matt Bernat | Member at Large | - Conrad Rodney |
| | Hall | - VACANT | Member at Large | - Dwight Guy |

Catechism Themes: CCC 651-655

Without the Resurrection, Christianity would be nothing more than a school that taught the wisdom of a great teacher. With the Resurrection, however, Christianity became a road to intimacy with God.

The Resurrection justifies the life, works, and teachings of Jesus. Through the lens of the Resurrection, we can see this life, these works and teachings in the context of Scripture and realize "Jesus is Lord." Faith in the Resurrection leads us to the conclusion Jesus is true God and true man.

Through the Resurrection, we receive the gift of a new eternal life, free from evil. We become one with our Savior who died and rose for us. And, as he rose, Christ assures us that we, too, will rise on the last day.

How does the cynicism of the world affect you? How does faith keep you from cynicism?

The peace Christ give us heals the fear and cynicism of the world. This peace builds bridges of trust and allows us to walk together to the Father. His peace allows us to continue to believe and to hold on to his very life. Let us, then, offer each other the peace of Christ, the Shalom of his Spirit.

How can you offer the peace of Christ to others in your daily life?

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

April 9 - April 13, 2018



| | Sacred Heart | St. Alphonsus | St. Mary | St. Michael | St. Paul | St. Theodore |
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| Mon. | | | | •Easter Mass @ 12:45pm | | |
| Tues. | •York City Badminton Tourney | | | | •SCC Mtg @ 7pm | |
| Wed. | | | | •Live Arts @ SHHS | | |
| Thurs. | | | | •Live Arts @ SHHS | | |
| Fri. | | •Easter Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am | | | | •Easter Mass @ 1pm |

"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

GUC Session #8 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm



News from the CWL



Attention CWL members! **The 95th Annual Regina Diocesan Convention is being held at St. Gerard's on April 29 – 30, 2018.** Can you be part of it? Members are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship & information. Our council will pay the \$20.00 registration fee for our members attending the convention. Members will only have to pay \$30.00 for the banquet and \$15.00 for the lunch on Monday. **Deadline for registration is April 9.** If you have any questions call Carol Deters @ 306.782.1762



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community all those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Raynna Maksymytz
Elly Onslow

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 8th Parish Brunch
April 11th General Meeting
April 18th Special Needs Lunch

Volunteers are still needed to help with meals for the State Convention on April 21 and 22 (breakfasts and lunches). Please call or text Wayne 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



"All Choirs Rehearsal"

Thursday, April 12th
7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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!"

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Public Workshop on Eucharistic Agreement

April 27 & 28, 2018

One of the least known achievements of the ecumenical movement is the consensus on the doctrine of the Eucharist. Join the dialogue with Rev. Claude Schroeder and Dr. Brett Salkeld on Friday evening, April 27 as they explore the Anglican-Roman Catholic agreements. Then, on Saturday, April 28 we will break open the bilateral agreements as well as the World Council of Churches' seminal text Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry. What is the significance of the agreements reached? What does this mean for inter-church families and ecumenical shared ministries? Further details to follow. Contact Nick Jesson, 306.352.1651 ext. 220 or email jesson@ecumenism.net

Today is

Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to pray the

Divine Mercy Devotion

today

from 1:30- 3:00pm

For the intentions of our parish





Bringing Home the Word **+**

Life Reborn

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In the first few days after our first child was born, I wasn't conscious of time. I'd sit still and look at this miracle of life, knowing that I loved her with all my heart and that our lives would never be the same. I'd get to the end of the day and wonder where the time had gone. And when she was married last year, I remembered those days like they were yesterday.

Something like that is happening now, but the first week of Easter is more than a recollection of the empty tomb. Each day's Gospel reading refers to appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples. In this way we mark the "new creation" brought about by Christ's resurrection.

For many of us, the week was another round of work or school. Our busyness might have kept us from giving much thought to the feast we just celebrated. But in our spiritual lives, time has stood still for a little while so we might ponder this miracle of life. It's a reminder that we're born new in this moment, an invitation to savor the experience and allow ourselves to be changed by it.

In today's reading, St. Paul gives us a glimpse of what life reborn looked like for the new Christian community. There was unity of heart and mind and generosity toward those who were in need. After the resurrection, their lives would never be the same.

The Church takes its time with Easter so that, no matter how old we get, we'll remember it like it was yesterday and live accordingly.

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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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

Romans 12 says that by the grace of God, each one has received mercy. Mercy leads us to worship God. It allows us to let our behaviours change ... we can be molded by a new mind. What is the best thing to do for our parish? Love each other. Work for the Lord tirelessly in all our efforts. Keep peace. We know we can't do it without Him. As stewards we are called to build our parish community. We must pray for this purpose and allow God the room and space to work in each one of us.

There is no need to compare our gifts. We are all creative. In a parish building there is many occasions and situations to help us grow. We need to invent new ways to branch out for this time and age.

It is like the Father is the table, Jesus is the banquet and the Holy Spirit is all of us that come to the Father and the Son. We are looking forward to a heavenly banquet. If we try to serve as ourselves, without God, it is not good. With the Spirit everything is possible.

So we must say, "I will do what I can at the Father's table."

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

Saskatchewan Pro Life Association

is holding their Annual Conference in Prince Albert on April 13 & 14. Registration is now open here:

www.saskprolife.com/convention

A Word from Pope Francis

Mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' resurrection visible.

– Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (8th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session
- Mon. (9th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Wed. (11th): 5:30 pm- Buddies Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (12th): 7:00 pm- All Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (14th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"A Child of God"

This Week...

Children are trusting and easily believe what is told to them. However, like Thomas, most adults have had the experience it takes to develop more sceptical minds. Believing in Jesus and his simple message of love takes the trust of a child. Living the message of Jesus as true community and children of God is not burdensome.

For Your Reflection

- When was the last time you played with a group of small children, such as cousins, neighbourhood children, or someone you were babysitting for? Did you enjoy it? What was it like? Is it easy to think of them as true children of God? Why or why not? Is it easy to think of yourself and your friends as true children of God? Why or why not?
- "God's commandments are not burdensome." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Give examples of when God's commandments seem burdensome or when they do not seem burdensome.

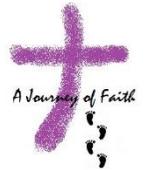
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 2004



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

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