



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**August 11, 2019**  
**Nineteenth 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. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Tues. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Wed. (14 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Thurs. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	NO MASS
Fri. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Sat. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS

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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE Mass for the People
	7:00 pm	+Ron Tessier
Sun. (18 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	Eugene & Kay Kuemper
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass for the Unborn

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine (Rama)

Lunch & program after Mass.  
Guest speaker: Shawna Arnold (author)

### 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

### CONTACT US

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Lord, you offered your life out of love for humankind. Help me let go of my possessions so I can generously serve others.

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

# God Appears in the Ordinary

Greetings!

God makes ordinary things sacred. Water. Bread. Wine. Oil. These are simple items, yet they are transformed by God to impart to human beings the gift of God's own life. These gifts attain their highest purpose through God's transforming action.

We are human beings, which is to say that—unlike the angels—we are embodied. Our material nature means that we have need of things we can touch, taste, hear, see, and smell. That is why we need sacraments, which are visible signs of invisible realities. God reaches us through the material world because that is where we can be reached. God comes to us through the ordinary, and in so doing, the ordinary becomes sacred.

To help children understand this, parents and grandparents should reflect first on how they have encountered God's presence. Perhaps you have had the experience of feeling God's presence in nature or over coffee with a close friend. Perhaps you have heard God's voice in an unexpected way, through encouragement or challenge, in moments of suffering or gratitude. God speaks to us in a variety of ways. The sacraments are privileged moments of encounter, yet Pope Francis reminds us that each moment of our lives is an opportunity to grow in holiness.

These moments when we feel God breaking through the ordinary become more apparent when we take time to notice them. You might write down one thing for which you are grateful each day. You might take five minutes to review the day's events to see where God's presence was most apparent. Over a meal with the ones you love, already a place of sacred encounter, you might converse about how God is acting in each of your lives in ways big and small. Making this a part of your regular family routine can yield big results in terms of seeing God's action bursting through the ordinary because, in large part, we only notice what we are looking for.



Conversing with family about how God is acting in our lives can help us more readily see God within our daily routines.

Put down the phone. Make time for silence. Take a walk. Look one another in the eye. It is through the world that God comes to us. It is our task to watch for God there and to listen for his voice. God is always inviting us. We are called to the Lord's table and to the dinner table, to the waters of Baptism and the water we pour for the one in need. We are called to recognize that we are always in the presence of God.



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

### CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

### FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Do you have a child/children who are entering Grade 2 in September? Do you have children or youth who are older than Grade 2 but they have not received **First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Eucharist?**

### Mark your calendars!

There will be a Parent Information Meeting and Registration Night on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**You may pre-register your child** by stopping by the Parish Office this summer during regular office hours.



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

Kheiron Esperanza    Emmerson Maddaford  
Beatriz Oberez        Nathaniel Oliva

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

**HEY TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS!** Here's an opportunity for you to minister with other teens/young adults! The group currently consists of a pianist, Wind & brass musicians, and a guitarist, all who love to praise the Lord in song!

Singers & other musicians most welcome!

There will be a rehearsal Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm to prepare for the Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm Mass. Please use the south entrance.

For more information or to request music please contact the Parish Office [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)



## News from the CWL



Our Annual Garage Sale is fast approaching. We are still accepting donations of household goods. Please bring large items on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Aug. 28            Afternoon Bingo  
Sept. 2            Evening Bingo  
Sept. 4            Executive Meeting  
Sept. 8            Sunday 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). More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

Sign up now at [www.archregina.sk.ca/news](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/news)

The week's top local stories, parish and diocesan events, and national and international news of Catholic interest delivered to your in-box every Friday.

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**August 14th**      **August 15th**

**Vigil of Mary's Assumption**      **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2:45 pm: Chapelet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)  
3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross  
4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)  
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)  
6-7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.  
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
Main Celebrant- Archbishop Don Bolen

8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)  
9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)  
10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite ~ Very Rev. Joakim Rac  
11:45 am: Final Mass: Main Celebrant ~ Archbishop Don Bolen. Anointing of the Sick & Aged.  
\* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence  
\* Blessing of Religious Articles

\*\*Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession,  
\*\*Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

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# Bringing Home the Word

## Faith: Our Way of Knowing God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Every week at Mass we remind ourselves of the mystery of our faith—that by his death and resurrection Jesus set us free, and he will come again in glory. How do we know this? Could we convince someone this is true? If “true” means factual evidence backed up by science, we won’t be able to prove this to anyone. But God gives us a different way of knowing. It comes from the revelation of God in creation, Scripture, and Christ. Our faith, a gift from God, is the ability to recognize the truth of the mysteries we proclaim.

In the reading from Hebrews, the author praises Abraham’s faith, which led him to obey the God he did not know and the tradition he handed on. Abraham wasn’t worried about proving that God spoke to him; he lived it. In the same way, Jesus calls his disciples to be ready and waiting for the Lord’s return.

We can’t convince everyone that the resurrection and baptism affect salvation, that the consecration is real, or that Jesus will come again. We can, however, point to the life and witness of the Church and show the difference our faith makes in our own lives as we encounter others, work for justice, and spread the gospel. Our obedience, virtue, and good works manifest our faith and reveal the truths entrusted to us. Nowhere is this truer than at the eucharistic table, where we celebrate the mysteries in union with and in joyful expectation of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

## PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST GERARD PARISH  
**ANNUAL FALL SUPPER**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

(Check out the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details!)




## Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify the Parish Office.



We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

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B	O	M	K	T	R	W	M	A	S	HEART
U	H	H	S	C	E	U	P	H	E	LAMPS
R	E	U	A	T	O	P	S	E	S	BURGLAR
G	S	L	S	P	Y	L	U	T	R	STEWARD
L	U	F	H	T	I	A	F	N	U	HOUSEHOLD
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										LASH
										TRUST



## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (12<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)  
Tues. (13<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Fri. (16<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Sat. (17<sup>th</sup>): 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Be Ready at All Times"**

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

We need faith in God - but faith alone is not enough. We also must be ready to do the things our faith calls us to do. Moses, with faith, led the Israelites to perform the rituals of the Passover, to leave Egypt, and so to be freed from their slavery. Abraham and Sarah had faith and did what God asked - they moved to a new place, had a son in their old age, and were even willing to sacrifice that son. Jesus calls us to do likewise. We have been given a lot, and a lot is expected of us.

#### **For Your Reflection**

The key to the house is a symbol of trust and responsibility.

- Do you have your own house key? If so, how often do you use it?
- Are there any house rules about the key or about what is to happen when you are home alone?
- If you don't have your own key, would you like to have one? Do you need one? Why or why not?

This talk of servants being ready for masters and thieves to catch them off their guard can be easily translated to teenagers being ready for parents and teachers to catch them off their guard.

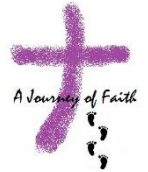
- If you could stay home for a week with no parental supervision, what would you do in the house?
- If your parents suddenly returned home several days early, do you think they would be pleased with the state of your house, or angry with the way they found things?
- If your teachers decided to give you no tests and no homework until the end of each term, would you keep up with your studies on your own? Why or why not? What do you think the rest of your friends would do?
- What do you think it means to have God return to your house expecting things to be in proper order?



**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 Regina 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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