



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 12, 2018
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. (13 th):	9:00 am	Maxine & Brian Woodward
Tues. (14 th):	9:00 am	+Mary Balint
Wed. (15 th):		THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH) +Alex Puchala
Thurs. (16 th):	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING +Sheila Desroches
Fri. (17 th):	9:00 am	+Viola Molnar
Sat. (18 th):	9:30 am	Eugene & Vi Hnatiuk
<hr/>		
	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sun. (19 th):		Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:00 am	+Bill Oliver
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm (except this week).

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

125 Third Avenue North, Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

www.stgerard.ca | Telephone: 306.782.2449 | Email: office@stgerard.ca

Pastor.....	Fr. Louis Kim Nguyen	306.782.0323	
Parish Office Administrator.....	Sandra Archer	306.782.2449	office@stgerard.ca
Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		
Parish Hall Bookings.....		306.783.4255	hall@stgerard.ca



**Stay
Connected
Online!**

www.stgerard.ca



Lord, you give us your Spirit to renew the earth. Instill in my heart the spirit of love, compassion, forgiveness, and peace, that I may be a source of healing.

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

Catechism Theme: Pledge of the Glory to Come (CCC 1402-1405)

The "Bread of Life" is a foretaste and a promise of life with God. When we receive the Body of Christ in Communion, we taste the Kingdom. We respond to the invitation of the Father to come to his table, we "feast" upon the life of his Son, and we "inebriate" ourselves with the Spirit. Although what we receive is veiled in the form of bread and wine, it points toward a time of fulfillment, when a new heaven and a new earth will appear, when God's people will be gathered to praise his name and live in his very life.

What spiritual experiences have you had in Communion? How has the Eucharist helped you live, renewed your faith, and given you hope?

What a life insurance policy Jesus offers us! In the bread and wine of Eucharist, he gives us the means to life everlasting. It is not a hedge against the unexpected, but a sure promise that we will live despite what will happen.

The cost is so small, yet so few want to pay. It seems parting with our money is easier than parting with our trust. Yet, who else should we trust with our lives?

Who else should we trust? On a piece of paper, write down a list of the people you trust in life in one column. In the other column, write down why you trust them. Where does God fit on that sheet? Use this exercise as a reflection on the place of God in life and his offer to you that the Eucharist represents.

Permission for use. All materials found in word-sunday.com are the property of Larry Broding (Copyright 1999-2018).

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!

Didn't schedule an appointment for August? No problem!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 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 **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. 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.

For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Colleen at 306.783.8164

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.

HALL COOKS WANTED Paid per event. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Submitted by the St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS!

If your child has not received the sacraments of **Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation, please pre-register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Or register after Mass** the weekends of September 1st/2nd and September 8th/9th.

If your child was not baptized at St. Gerard, a copy of his/her baptism certificate is required.

For those who have already received First Communion, a First Reconciliation Program begins Sunday, September 9th!

Register as soon as possible!

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD

AT MASS?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email youthchoir@stgerard.ca



The Art and Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church! Please drop off in the Flower Room prior to noon on Fridays. Thanks!



News from the CWL



Reminder – we are still accepting donations for the Fall Garage Sale when you are cleaning out your unwanted items. Items may be left outside the CWL Room (lower level) during office hours.

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



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!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Couples for Christ (CFC) invites you on their 6th Annual ANCOP Walk on August 26, Sunday starting at 8 am, at the Wascana Albert St Promenade. It will be a 4 km walk around the beautiful Wascana Lake. This is a fundraising walk to help support their mission work for the poor - Child Education Sponsorship program and Shelter Building projects.

Registration fee for the walk is \$ 25 which includes the official ANCOP Walk shirt and some refreshments after the walk.

For more information, please contact Chelo or Gregg at 306-581-2336 or visit the official website walk.ancopcanada.org

ANCOP stands for **AN**swering the **Cry Of** the **Poor**, a Canadian charity organization and the social arm of Couples for Christ."

Retrouvaille helps hurting marriages! When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. Retrouvaille cares about your marriage. Please consider registering for the Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) program before you consider divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the Oct. 12th-14th, 2018 weekend in Saskatoon, call 306.652.7155 or email retrouvaille@sasktel.net

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!



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Stop Murmuring and Go to God

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I have a clear memory of leaning over to the classmate in the next row and complaining about an assignment we had just been given. I wasn't the only one. Throughout the classroom, pairs of heads came together in a wave of rolling eyes and muttered remarks. I suppose we thought it went unnoticed. "Is there anything you would like to share with the rest of the class?" the teacher asked. "No, thank you," was the general response. We were a little embarrassed at having been found out.

That long-ago recollection surfaced as I read that the crowd "murmured" when Jesus said that he was the bread that came down from heaven. The word is also used of the Israelites who "murmured" about their hunger in the desert. Jesus calls them out by answering the question they thought he didn't hear. When he explains that he is greater than the manna that kept them alive in the desert, they can't believe their ears. They couldn't see that Jesus was far more than they understood him to be and they did not have faith in him because of that.

Has there ever been a time when you have murmured to yourself or someone else about God? Maybe God called you to ministry and you didn't believe him. Maybe he asked you to give up something and you complained like I did in that class of years past. Maybe you think God has been unfair to you. Save you breath; God hears you. Instead, go to him. Pour out your questions and fears and, with an open and willing heart, listen to the promise of life he alone can give you.

© 2018 Liguori Publications. Used with permission.

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

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 Kings 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

Thousands of Pilgrims

St. Anthony's
77th Pilgrimage
August 14th & 15th

August 14th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk. **August 15th**

Vigil of the Assumption	Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1:30 pm: Deanery Youth Encounter- Theme: Walking With Our Blessed Mother, Mary "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5	8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)	9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
5:00 pm: Supper (Call: 593-6120)	10:00am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac (Grotto)
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)	11:00 am: Stations of the Cross & Anointing of the Sick & Aged
6-7:45: Confessions & anytime priests are available	12:15 pm: Final Mass: Celebrant ~ Bishop Mark Hagemoen (Saskatoon)
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Celebrant - Father Andrew Sowa OMI	* Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles **Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter!
**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament ** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca	

Thought to Ponder...

How have you shown love and respect to your fellow Christians, as well as neighbours? How have you built up the community? How has such love helped your prayer life and worship?

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Thurs. (16th): 7:00 pm- "All Choirs" rehearsal
Fri. (17th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Food for the Journey"

This Week...

Elijah is exhausted and ready to give up. But an angel brings food and drink to nourish him for his journey. Jesus is telling the crowds that he is their food for the journey. His flesh and blood are all the food we need. Paul tells us to forgive one another and to love others the way Jesus loves us.

For Your Reflection

Elijah is exhausted and ready to give up. He asks God to take his life.

- Have you ever felt that way? If so, what were the stresses and pressures that led you to that point? How did you get through it? If not, do you know anyone who has felt that way? Can you imagine being in that situation? What would you do?

Elijah doesn't want to take care of himself. He just wants to die. But an angel tells him to take care of his bodily needs or he won't have the strength he needs for the journey ahead.

- Do you take good care of yourself? If so, how? If not, why not? Do your parents ever encourage you to take better care of yourself? What do they tell you? Does it make sense? Do you follow their advice? Why or why not?

God has big plans for Elijah, who already has done so much work telling people about God. And God is there for Elijah, helping him out when he doesn't know what to do or where to go.

- Do you think God has big plans for you? Why or why not? What might God's plans be for you? What are your plans? Do you think your plans will ever get in the way of God's plans? Do you think God's plans could ever get in the way of your plans? Why or why not? How can someone figure out what plans God has in mind for their life?

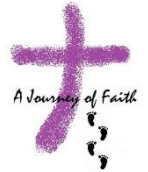
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html