



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 18, 2019
Twentieth 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. (19 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (20 th):		NO MASS
Wed. (21 st):		NO MASS
Thurs. (22 nd):		NO MASS
Fri. (23 rd):		NO MASS
Sat. (24 th):	9:00 am	Brenda Dierker

	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE Special Intentions
	7:00 pm	Special Intentions

Sun. (25 th):	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

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



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

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!

CONTACT US

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

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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		



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www.stgerard.ca



Lord, you send us your Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Filled with your love, help me make a difference.

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

**St. Gerard Parish
Income Statement January 1 to July 31, 2019**

REVENUE		Hall:	
Collections	156,213	Wages, Salaries, etc.	13,021
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	5,480	Catering	10,962
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	8,794	Administrative Expenses	<u>838</u>
Catering	<u>31,306</u>	Total Hall	24,821
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	201,792	Rectory	6,733
Building Fund Donations	5,960	Family & Social	261
Refugee Family Donations	<u>100</u>	Ecumenical	28
TOTAL REVENUE	207,852	Liturgy	4,627
EXPENSES		Stewardship (no expense)	0
Pastoral	1,707	Religious Education	1,918
Parish Office	12,465	Social Justice	892
Diocesan Assessments	20,990	Youth	1,112
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	74,619	Community Life	94
Building:		Public Relations (no expense)	0
Sask Energy	4,233	Pastoral & Finance Council	971
Sask Power	11,479	Refugee Family Committee (net)	18,897
Water	1,819	Cemetery Expense (no expense)	<u>0</u>
Property Taxes	7,646	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	224,921
Insurance	12,751		
Parking Lot	4,138	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$17,069)
Garbage/recycling	1,618		
Repairs & maintenance	<u>11,104</u>		
Total Building	54,787	<i>Approved by Parish Finance Council</i>	

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

Chairperson -	Ernie Bobowski	Vice-chairperson-	Wayne Exner
Secretary -	Jenny Baraoidan	Liturgy -	Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon
Religious Education-	VACANT	Social Justice -	Mark Bell
Community Life -	Maureen Pankoski	Public Relations -	VACANT
Family & Social -	VACANT	Youth -	Melinda Sevilla
Ecumenical -	Carm Molnar	Stewardship -	VACANT
CWL Rep. -	Linda Maddaford	K of C Rep. -	Jeff Krasowski
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Finance -	Brian Kruger	Secretary -	Richard Dubois
Properties -	VACANT	Member at Large-	Conrad Rodney
Hall -	Lorne Wanner	Member at Large-	Dwight Guy

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FIRE
EARTH
BLAZING
BAPTISM
DISTRESS
PEACE
DIVISION
HOUSEHOLD
FIVE
FATHER
SON
DAUGHTER



The Virtue of Responsibility and Stewardship

Stewardship says that every gift comes with four responsibilities. Do you receive the gift gratefully? Do you nurture and develop the gift? Do you share it with others, especially those in most need? Do you return your gift to God with increase? Stewardship is that simple really.

- Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg,
www.archwinnipeg.ca



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 15th at 6:30 pm.**

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

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 23rd @ 7pm to prepare for the Saturday, August 24th 7pm Mass. Please use the south entrance.

For more information or to request music please contact the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca



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!

May God bless you in your new spiritual home!



News from the CWL



Aug 28th (Wed.) CWL General Meeting and Garage Sale Planning Meeting @ 7pm

If you are able to help with setting up, sale days, or phoning and have not signed up yet please call Linda 306.783.3924 or Paulette 306.782.7923.

Sept 2nd **9 am to 3 pm** is Drop Off Day for large items for the Garage Sale

It's the sale you wait for!

St. Gerard's CWL

Annual Gigantic Garage Sale

Thursday, September 5, 9am–8pm
Friday, September 6, 9am 'til noon

St. Gerard's Parish Complex,
125 Third Avenue North, Yorkton.

Something for everyone: household, clothing, books, jewellery, toys, holiday items and more! PLUS—Pie and Coffee Special all day, each day!

Everyone is welcome!



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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

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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.



Bringing Home the Word

Jesus as Disrupter

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When I was young, one of my favorite pictures of Jesus was one of him blessing little children. How calm and peaceful Jesus seemed, and his eyes were full of love. In later years, I have been drawn to other images and art of Jesus holding, healing, and granting mercy to his beloved children.

The image of Jesus as a nurturer is so comforting that I tend to forget that Jesus also disturbed the peace, questioned authority, and demanded complete obedience and loyalty.

For first-century Christians, following Jesus often meant leaving family and friends, civil disobedience (not considering Caesar as a god), and reimagining religious traditions.

The Christ who sows division is uncomfortable, but Christians in every century have had to speak out against evil and sin, especially when their culture's or country's practices lead people away from rather than toward God. Even here in the United States, Catholics have found themselves defending the dignity of all human life and economic and social justice for the poor, even when it meant challenging the prevailing attitudes and political climate. It's rarely easy to speak truth to power or popularity, and we have to guard against those who think they are always right or somehow above God. Jesus himself recognized that he would not always be popular, so he lifted up the two great commandments to love God and neighbor as the measure of how we should act even when those actions divide us.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, September 5th
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 6th, 2019

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



Kaposvar Pilgrimage



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Sunday August 18, 2019

3 miles South & 1/2 mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00



11:00 am – 12:00 noon.....	Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....	Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....	Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....	Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....	Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....	Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm.....	Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm.....	Supper

For more information
Contact:
Bea Twardzik @ 745-6374
Eola Stevenson @ 740-6095




Ethnic Attire is encouraged
Bring your own Lawn chairs
Concession Booth on Site



THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (19th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)

Tues. (20th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass

Fri. (23rd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal-7pm Mass 

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jeremiah in the Well"

This Week...

Jeremiah is rejected by some who throw him into a well, but rescued by others who receive him. Jesus foresees the same thing happening to him, warning that what he stands for will even divide households - sons against fathers, mothers against daughters. Running with Christ is not an easy race to run, but if we keep our focus on our faith, we can finish the race despite the opposition we are sure to face.

For Your Reflection

Jeremiah is stuck in the mud at the bottom of a well. He was thrown in there because he said that God wanted Jerusalem to surrender to Babylon in order to save their own lives - a message the people did not want to hear. He was a prophet who was being punished for speaking the truth. People don't like to hear what they don't want to do - they would rather blame the speaker and pretend the message is wrong than listen to the truth.

Modern-day prophets likewise try to warn people about what will happen if we don't change. Books, movies, and television specials try to warn us about things like population growth, pollution levels, unhealthy ingredients in foods, the waste of natural resources, the ruin of rain forests, corruption in government or industry, and so forth.

- Which modern-day prophets do you listen to?
Which ones do you want to ignore? Why?

Although Jeremiah is stuck at the bottom of the muddy well, he is not completely abandoned. He has a few loyal supporters to help him get out. The Scripture verses that follow the readings for this Sunday explain how Ebed-melech got some rags from the palace linen closet and lowered them into the well with the ropes. He told Jeremiah to put the rags under his armpits so the ropes would not cut and burn them. Ebed-melech was obviously kind and courageous.

- Do you have such a loyal friend who might help you out if you were unjustly punished? Has such a thing ever happened to you? What was the outcome?

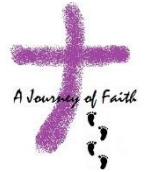
- We never hear a word about Jeremiah's words or feelings or thoughts. He is silent throughout this whole ordeal. What do you think he felt or thought or said? What do you think he did in that well? Do you think he prayed or cried or screamed out loud? What would you do?



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