



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 19, 2018

**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. (20 th):	9:30 am	Funeral Mass for John Kolodziejski
Tues. (21 st):		NO MASS
Wed. (22 nd):		NO MASS
Thurs. (23 rd):	7:00 pm	+John Nagy
Fri. (24 th):	9:00 am	+Alex Puchala
Sat. (25 th):	9:30 am	+Mary Balint

	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL +Donna Prout
	7:00 pm	Jeanne Champigny

Sun. (26 th):	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	+Maggie Chartier
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is every Tuesday 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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you reveal the wisdom of God in the hearts of all people. Help me teach others by example the wisdom of your love, forgiveness, and peace.

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

The Body of Community



When we gather around the table and break the bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says: "As there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, 1997, *Bread for the Journey*, San Francisco: Harper

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

REFUGEE COMMITTEE NEEDS ASSISTANCE! CAN YOU HELP?

There is a need for volunteers to help with transportation. If you can donate your time to drive refugee family members to appointments or for shopping, etc. please call Lorne Wanner at 306-641-7838.

Do you have surplus garden produce? Donations would be much appreciated and can be dropped off at Rita and Con Rodney's house at 142 Caldwell Drive.

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 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



CWL executive meeting Aug. 27 (upstairs) & general meeting/last garage sale meeting Aug. 29 (upstairs).

CWL sisters: your help with garage sale is most welcome and appreciated. If you can help call Linda at 783-3924 or Rosella at 782-7042



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) 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."

INVITATION!

Couples for Christ

**Foundation for Family & Life Chapter (Yorkton)
Christian Life Seminar**

**St. Gerard Parish Church in Lower Level
Saturday, August 25, 2018**

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**All married couples are invited to join
If you are interested, please register & contact
Ferdie Molo at 306-620-2239**

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!



We're All on the Same Team

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

Being Catholic is a team effort. God's dreams for the world are too great for any of us to accomplish on our own. But we don't have to do it alone. We have the support of the saints.

When we use the title *saint* we usually think of men and women of exceptional holiness. But being a saint isn't the exception; it's the rule. We are *all* called to be saints.

As members of Christ's body we are in communion with the other members of that body, living and dead; we participate in the communion of saints. Sainthood (holiness) is the essential element of Catholic identity!

The saints, living and dead, offer us encouragement and support. We celebrate each Eucharist in union with the local Church—the living saints—and in union with Mary, Joseph her husband, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, and John. We celebrate in the fellowship of Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, and Cecelia “on whose constant intercession we rely for help.” Saints of the present and past surround us. They intercede for us, praying to God on our behalf.

God's message of “I love you” has been heard in every age and country. Throughout the liturgical year we celebrate the memory of saints from every continent and era to show how God has been at work in human lives. This great diversity reminds us that while Jesus' invitation to “follow me” remains constant, each of us must work out the details of how the Holy Spirit is active in the circumstances of our particular situations.

God's Instruments

When we celebrate the feasts of the saints, we are often amazed by their extraordinary achievements and sacrifices. But in recalling their memory we don't celebrate what *they* accomplished. Rather we rejoice at the wonderful things God accomplished through them. Our attention and prayers are always directed to God. It is God's strengths and gifts that we see reflected in the lives of these holy people.

We learn this Catholic focus on God from the greatest example of God's holiness shining forth in humanity: Mary. Jesus' mother proclaims, “My soul magnifies *the Lord*, and my spirit rejoices *in God*.” If anyone could brag about having done wonderful things for God, it would be Mary. But she has us look to the Mighty One who “has done great things for me.”

Mary, Our Model

Like Mary, we bear Christ in our bodies through baptism and Eucharist. We bring forth Christ to the world by our word and example. Mary's virginity points us to single-minded devotion to the will of God. Her sinlessness is a model for the Church, a reminder that we are to be God's holy people, God's saints. Mary's assumption into heaven foretells our own destiny as Church. Where she is, we one day hope to be.

In Mary we see a perfect example of how God acts. It is as though God depends on our cooperation for the salvation of the world. God waited for Mary's consent, Mary's “let it be with me according to your word,” to take flesh and come among us. Mary is the model of all holiness, for the essence of holiness is saying yes to God's will as we hear and understand it.

The communion of saints is integral to our Catholic identity. Being Catholic is a team effort. With Mary and all the saints on our team, we can be certain that God's dreams for the world will ultimately be accomplished.

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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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (20th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (21st): 7:30 pm- Choir rehearsal - 9am Mass
Wed. (22nd): 7:00 pm- Fall Supper Planning Mtg
Fri. (24th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (25th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal - 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Bread and Wine, the Flesh and Blood of Jesus"

This Week...

Foolishness and ignorance will get us nowhere. The Proverbs urge us to eat and drink from the table of wisdom; Paul encourages us to be thoughtful and not to act like a fool. It takes faith and wisdom to understand Jesus' difficult words. This is the third Sunday with a Gospel passage about Jesus as the bread of life. The people listening to Jesus are still having a hard time believing and comprehending what he says.

For Your Reflection

When Jesus speaks of being the bread of life from heaven, the people listening probably don't understand what he is talking about. At least we understand what he did at the Last Supper, and how his real presence comes to us in the form of bread and wine at Mass.

- If you could ask Jesus to explain the sacrament of the Eucharist in terms that a teenager could relate to, what do you think Jesus would tell you?

- What is it like for you to go to Mass? Do you find Mass to be a spiritual experience and an important form of community prayer in your life? Why or why not?

- If you could give special training to priests on how to help the community celebrate Mass in a way that would involve and engage young people, what suggestions or advice would you give?

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

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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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