



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**August 25, 2019**  
**Twenty-first 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. (26 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (27 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+Victoria Derworiz
Wed. (28 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Craig Pierce
	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		Special Intentions
Thurs. (29 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Beth Werner
Fri. (30 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Pauline Malinowski
Sat. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	Mary Ryhorski
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	7:00 pm	+Irene Cherneski
Sun. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	<b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### 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)

### CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you came to offer the gift of salvation to all people. Help me embrace all people with a loving and compassionate heart.

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



# Three Keys to Forgiveness

By Fr. Paul Boudreau

Forgiveness is hard. The pain of a broken heart, abuse, or betrayal hangs on. Each day we recall that someone we cared about did us wrong. We're supposed to forgive, but where do we start? How can I forgive somebody who cut me so deeply that, years later, I still feel the pain as if it happened yesterday?

## Key No. 1: Pray

Janet came to me with a problem. Monica, a co-worker, was saying terrible things about her to other coworkers. Every workday, Janet would see Monica and know that she was saying nasty things. Janet wasn't in a position to talk to her boss about this, and Monica wouldn't give her the time of day. She felt helpless and didn't know what to do.

So I suggested that Janet give Monica a blessing whenever she saw her or recalled her cruelties. I said, "Just whisper to yourself: 'God, bless Monica.' It's as easy as saying, 'God, damn Monica.' Just change one word!"

It made a big difference. Janet began saying that simple prayer dozens of times daily, and things started to improve. Gradually Monica lost interest in putting her down.

What happened is that prayer began to heal Janet's own heart. The more she blessed her tormentor, the more she was able to really mean it. Not only did it heal her heart, it began to heal the distance between her and Monica.

## Key No. 2: Be Forgiven

If you really want to forgive, start by being forgiven. A quick run to church for the sacrament of reconciliation does wonders for the soul. It doesn't have to be much: "Father, I'm carrying bitterness toward someone. I need to be forgiven."

When we consider all that God has forgiven in our lives, it adds up. The deeper we search into the darkness of our own sins, the deeper goes the forgiveness. I look at my history and realize I've been forgiven so much. This ocean of forgiveness in me begins to overflow into the lives of others who need my forgiveness.

Forgiveness, like the Sunday liturgy, is an experience in which we are called to participate fully and actively. When asking for forgiveness becomes a living reality in my life, something that's happening to me continually, I'm on my way to experiencing the healing that forgiving others can bring.

## Key No. 3: Profess Forgiveness

Miguel's father was abusive. Growing up, Miguel endured daily onslaughts of ridicule and humiliation. Once he was older and free from his father, he still carried a load of hurt. His father's words were never far from his thoughts.

Miguel's wife, Lucy, told him that he had to forgive his father. She gave Miguel a pad of sticky notes. On each note she wrote, "I forgive you," and stuck them throughout their house. Miguel took some to work and put them up in his work area.

A thousand times a day, prompted by Lucy's notes, Miguel said, "I forgive you." Over many months, Miguel's harsh feelings for his father began to subside. He never said it directly to his father; the man would not have received it. But Miguel's daily expressions of forgiveness progressed from pretense to reality. In time, he really forgave his father.

It's hard to forgive, but it's harder not to. The toxin of bitterness poisons the heart. Forgiveness heals. From the cross, Jesus forgave his crucifiers. It worked for him. So use these keys and unlock for yourself the healing way of forgiveness.



## 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm to prepare for the Saturday, August 31<sup>st</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)



### 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 28<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup> **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](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.



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Remembering One's Roots

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Remember where you come from." I recall thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in Sunday's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Remember where you come from."

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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!)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
FATHER LOUIS!



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VILLAGES	TEACHING	NARROW
DOOR	SUCCEED	MASTER
HOUSE	STREETS	WEEPING
GRINDING	TEETH	EAST

## 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!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (26<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting & Garage Sale Meeting
- Fri. (30<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal-7pm Mass **NEW!**

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Discipline"

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

Isaiah tells us that people from every foreign land will be brought to Jerusalem by every means possible - camels, mules, carts, chariots, and the like. Some of these foreigners will be given the honour of priesthood. This is a surprise to Jews who are taught to avoid Gentiles. Jesus has a similar surprise for us - some people assumed to be rejected will be accepted, and some people expecting to be accepted will be rejected.

How can we improve our chances of admission through this narrow door? By heeding the gentle discipline that God gives us.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Life's problems can be seen as challenges that help you to grow well and to learn important skills. As God's creatures are imperfect, so we need to help one another toward a final perfection that is a gift from God.

- What difficulty or crisis in your life has taught you a lot? Do you think you have grown from dealing with it? How?

Discipline from parents and teachers and coaches is often not desired, yet it is usually given because of love.

- What do you think motivates parents and teachers and coaches? Why do they do the things they do for you? What is their purpose as they attempt to give you discipline?
- How have you benefited from the discipline and influence of parents, teachers, or coaches? Have other adults in your life helped you become a more mature individual? Who are they and what influence have they had?

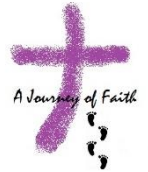
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



**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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