



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday  
of Advent

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (10 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Grace Walsh
Tues. (11 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA +Hilda Padar
Wed. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Thurs. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Marcel & Mona Meloch LAKESIDE MANOR John Monka
Fri. (14 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	+Maureen Quigley
Sat. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	Special Intentions

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	5:00 pm	+Eileen Griffith
Sun. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Special Intentions

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



### Penitential Service

Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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

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

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Lord, you are always patient with me and do great things for me. Teach me to be more patient in life and grateful for all that has been given to me.

- From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*,  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

# *"Enter into Joy"*

*An Advent Mini-retreat*

*Friday, December 14, 2018*

*at 7:00 pm*

*St. Gerard Church*



*Featuring:*

*St. Gerard Youth Choir*

*St. Paul School Choir*

*St. Gerard Youth Musicians*

*Youth Connect*

*St. Gerard Adult Choirs and Musicians*



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News December 10 - December 14, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Band & Choir Christmas Concert	•Advent Celebration	•Advent Service	•Advent Celebration •8F at Spin Class	•Advent Celebration	
Tues.	•Band & Choir Christmas Concert		•Family Christmas Program	•SCC Meeting		
Wed.				•7/8 E at Spin class •Gr. 8 Full Band		
Thurs.		•SCC Family Perogy Lunch		•Christmas Concert at 1pm & 7pm		
Fri.			•Sr. Band performance	•PJ Day •SHHS Christmas Band Concert in the Gloria Hayden Centre	•Gr. 1 sings at Allan Bay Manor •St. Paul Choir sings at St. Gerard Parish @ 7pm	

**"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."**

Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



## News from the CWL



The 2019 CWL Memberships are now due. The fee is \$30.00. You can put your cheque or cash in an envelope marked "CWL" and drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

Also, if you are looking for a gift for your mother, daughter, granddaughter, (or friend), why not consider a CWL Gift Membership? For more info. contact Paulette 306.782.7923

CWL Newsletter – Pick up your copy today! Available in the Welcome Area.



## Penitential Service (St. Gerard Church)

Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

With the celebration of Reconciliation (in sacrament and in Penance celebrations), our Advent practices allow us to be closer to Christ and to improve our life.

The one-half hour Penitential Service will be celebrated communally with individual absolution (Form B) to follow. Several priests will be in attendance.

A huge thank you to the Youth Connect members that came to help clean the church last Saturday.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place after the morning Mass on Monday, December 10.

Submitted by the Liturgical Committee



## News from the Knights of Columbus



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| Dec. 9  | Sunday Brunch  |
| Dec. 12 | Christmas Family Social<br>No Charge. You and your family are all invited. The event starts at 5pm. The meal will be served at 6:30pm. Phone or text Wayne at 306.783.7380 or email <a href="mailto:wex13@sasktel.net">wex13@sasktel.net</a> to confirm your attendance. |
| Dec. 17 | Evening Bingo  |
| Dec. 22 | Articles for "The Word" due  |

*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)*

### Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$20.00

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING AND LAND FOR SALE BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese is selling the building and land at 1855 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North, Regina, SK. Sealed Bids or Sealed Offers to Purchase will be accepted up until Tuesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. an Information Package is available at the Archdiocese Office, 445 Broad St north, Regina, is on the Archdiocese website [www.archregina.sk.ca](http://www.archregina.sk.ca), or by contacting Garry Oledzki, [oledzki@sasktel.net](mailto:oledzki@sasktel.net) or 306-585-1816. The Property is being sold "As Is. Where Is." and the Archdiocese reserves the right to accept or reject any Sealed Offer or Sealed Bid. We thank all interested parties.



## Come Celebrate Simbang Gabi

Traditionally, Christmas Day in the Philippines is ushered in by the nine-day masses that start on the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup> or on the dawn of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Known as the Misa de Gallo (Rooster's Mass) in the traditional Spanish, these masses are also more popularly known as Simbang Gabi, or "Night Mass". People firmly break the silence of the night and the routine of their lives so as to truly express their faith to God as they anticipate the Christmas joy.

At St. Gerard Church, the Simbang Gabi novena masses will be celebrated:

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| Saturday, Dec. 15                  | – 7:00pm  |
| Sunday, Dec. 16 to Friday, Dec. 21 | – 5:30pm  |
| Saturday, Dec. 22                  | – 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, Dec. 23                    | – 5:30pm  |



# Bringing Home the Word

**Get Ready to Invite Jesus In**

*By Mary Katharine Deeley*

One of the most memorable questions I have ever been asked came during a conversation with a spiritual director. During my marriage-preparation retreat, he asked about the upcoming wedding. I told him about all the preparations and how I felt I was on top of things. He gently asked, "I know you're prepared, but are you ready?" It was the first time I really thought about the difference. We were certainly prepared. The flowers had been ordered, the ceremony set, and the caterer knew exactly what we wanted. We were in control. But being ready for the great unknown of marriage, a lifelong vocation, was another thing altogether. Being ready suggested that we won't always be in control and that, no matter what happens, we were in it for life and would face whatever comes together.

The prophet Isaiah describes the one (John the Baptist) who prepares the way of the Lord. He will do this by preaching to and baptizing those who come to him. The preparation for the coming Messiah is in his hands. He poses the question, "Are you ready for the one who is to come?" Thinking beyond our religious practices and Christmas preparations, what does that really mean for us? Maybe this year it means looking into our own hearts for the longing for Christ. Perhaps we'll make room for him in our busy lives and our busier thoughts. We might even stop our preparations long enough to remember just who is coming and invite him in. Are you ready?

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**The deadline for the Giving Tree is Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that the gifts can be sorted and delivered to Safe Haven, Salvation Army, Shelwin House, Yorkton Transitional Homes, White Spruce Provincial Training Center, Independent Living, and Geriatric Resource and Intervention.

## •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

The next sale date is Thursday, Dec.13<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm.

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

## Have you celebrated your 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2018?

Couples who celebrated a Jubilee Anniversary and who register their anniversary with the Parish Office by December 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a special blessing at Sunday Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 11am).

Phone 306.782.2449 or stop by the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday, 8am-noon and 1pm-4pm.



## Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

### Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 pm      10:00 pm  
(incense)

### Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

10:00 am

### Dec. 31 - Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:00 pm

### Jan. 1 - The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

10:00 am

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 2:00 pm- Youth Musicians rehearsal  
6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Preparation (Main Hall)
- Mon. (10<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Decorating the church  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (11<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
- Wed. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- **Cabbage Roll Bee**  
5:00 pm- K of C Christmas Party
- Fri. (14<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Advent Mini-retreat
- Sat. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (5pm Mass)

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **“Thankfulness for Partnership”**

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

Saint Paul is beside himself with joy and thankfulness for the partnership of the wonderful people who help him spread the good news of the gospel message. Such people as Saint Paul are filled with joy and light; they are aware of the gift of salvation from our God. Such people will affect the world with peace and joy, beauty and justice.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Saint Paul is so thankful for his friends who are his “partners” in spreading the Gospel.

- Who are your partners in life? Do you have a best friend or a group of friends that partner you and one another through life's ups and downs? Describe such a friend. Are you thankful for this special friendship? How do you show your thankfulness?
- Are you a thankful person in general? Do you write a lot of thank-you notes? Do you always remember to say thank you when you are given something? Do you often consider all the things you have to be thankful for? How can you improve in this area?
- What do you think it means to be a partner in spreading the Gospel? What would Gospel-spreading partners do?

Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*- St. Mary's Press, 2004

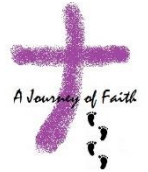




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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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