



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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. (17 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (18 th):	7:00 pm	Chen Wie Chi
Wed. (19 th):	9:30 am	+Helen Dixon
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Julius Kormos
Thurs. (20 th):	9:30 am	+Franciszek & +Janina Paslawski
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Emil Polegi
Fri. (21 st):	9:30 am	+Rose Broda
Sat. (22 nd):	9:30 am	Joe & Agnes Swejda
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	5:00 pm	Rick & Chris Dubois
Sun. (23 rd):	Seventh 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 Tuesday.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

CONTACT US

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

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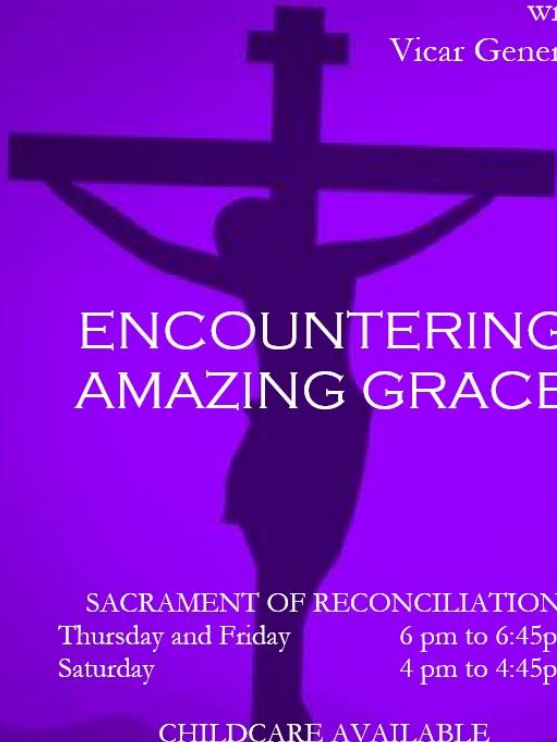


Lord, you reveal the mercy of God in the world. Forgive me for the times I've hurt others out of anger and resentment.

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

2020 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Kevin McGee,
Vicar General of the Diocese of Saskatoon



ENCOUNTERING AMAZING GRACE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday and Friday 6 pm to 6:45pm
Saturday 4 pm to 4:45pm

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
(Please phone 306.782.2449 before March 17 to arrange)
Thursday & Friday evening
Saturday morning

1. I ONCE WAS LOST

Mass followed by talk
Thurs., 3/19 @ 7 pm

2. BUT NOW I'M FOUND

Mass followed by talk
Fri., 3/20 @ 7 pm

3. I ONCE WAS BLIND

Mass followed by talk
Sat. 3/21 @ 9:30 am

4. BUT NOW I SEE

Homily
Sat. 3/21 @ 5 pm Mass
Sun. 3/22 @ 9 am & 11 am Mass

After each session, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to visit with Fr. McGee.

ST. GERARD CHURCH, 125 3RD AVE N, YORKTON



**The countdown to Lent is on. Ash Wednesday is coming!
How are you going to prepare?**

Create a prayer space in your home – A small table with a purple cloth and a cross or candle is all you need. Let it be a quick reminder to raise a prayer of thanks and praise.

Set out on a journey – We do not always journey in a straight line. Real spiritual growth often takes a more meandering path.

Spend time with the Blessed Sacrament – We all would benefit from some extra time spent at church in God's presence before the tabernacle, adoring and contemplating the gift of God's own self to us. This Eucharistic Adoration, like the celebration of the Eucharist, is a way to praise and thank God with our prayers and with our lives.

Journey through Lent with the Saints! Please pick up a copy today! Limited quantities are available in the Welcome Area. Also available are Lent Reflections for teens and a daily activity for children.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
February 17 - February 21, 2020 - February Break



"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."
~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

Ministries – February 22/23			
	5pm	9am	11am
Welcomer	Quinn H.	Shirley P.	Vanessa A.
Lectors	Darren H. Riley O.	Bea M. Adeline O.	Khylle F. Eloisa G.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernie B. Greg D. Rick D. Scott H. Gerry Y.	Rejean H. Clara K. Henry K. Alfred L. Jerome N.	Jenny B. Bri B. Grace B. Lorraine S. Yvonne T.
Hospitality	Team 1	Team 1	Team 1
Altar Servers	Georgina A. Gabriel R.	Sarah L. Cole R. Mary W.	Michael M. Vanessa A. Jessica A. Eathan P.

If you are unable to serve in your ministry, please find a replacement. All ministers are to be in the sacristy at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass. Thank you.



St. Gerard

Marriage Preparation Winter Session

The Marriage Prep program will begin Tues, Mar 3 with a brief meet and greet after 7:00 pm evening Mass to pick up course materials and assign reading for next week's session. We will meet in the CWL Room, lower level (East door access). Please contact the parish office to register and meet with Father before the course begins.



Live Christ, Share Christ Seminar

Saturday, February 29th
12:30pm – 5pm
St. Gerard Main Hall

Hosted by Missionary Families of Christ

For more information, please contact Jenny Baraoidan 306.620.2848

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News from the CWL

Memberships for 2020 are now due. The fee is \$30 (cash or cheque made payable to St. Gerard C.W.L.), and can be put in an envelope marked C.W.L. and dropped into the collection basket or left at the parish office. Receipts are in the grey box marked 'C.W.L. Receipts' on the glass table in the welcome area.

Our general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with the exception of April which is changed to the first Wednesday. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 11.

Please call Paulette (306.782.7923) if you have a change in address, phone number, or would like your email address added to receive emails regarding upcoming dates and events.

News from the Knights of Columbus

- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
- Feb. 28 Evening Bingo
- Feb. 28 Knights lead Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 1 Sunday Brunch
- Mar. 4 Executive Meeting

The 2019-2020 Roster is available for pickup in the Welcome Area for K of C members/widows of members

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment Weekend

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered with the Sask Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation to create the Sask Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment. The proceeds from this Endowment will be disbursed on an annual basis equally to each seminarian throughout all Saskatchewan Dioceses and Eparchy to help defray the \$33,000.00 per year it costs to educate each Seminarian.

The annual provincial campaign for the Endowment will take place during the weekend of Feb. 29th to Mar. 1st.

Please view our website at:
www.saskkofcfoundation.com

for further details and to make a contribution. The Bishops, Priests, Knights of Columbus and Catholic faithful thank you in advance for your generous support of the education and development of Seminarians through prayer and financial assistance.



Bringing Home the Word

St. Maximilian's Choices
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1941 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before.

The boy born Rajmund Kolbe in 1894 was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother's grief, Rajmund went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked the child which one he would like. He chose them both. Given the religious name Maximilian as a novitiate, the man who offered his own life at a concentration camp so a man with a wife and children could live would be called “a martyr of charity” by the Pope who canonized him, St. John Paul II.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

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Baptised Jesus, you whisper over each of us the words your Father spoke over you: “This is my Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” May we be people who hear you speaking this over us, who believe it, and who proclaim it over all your people wherever we find them. Amen.

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

**The First Thursday of Every Month
from 3pm to 6pm**

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, March 5th

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

ST. GERARD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Nominations are now open for the following positions (and terms):

Vice-chairperson	3 years
Religious Education	3 years
Family & Social	2 years
Ecumenical	3 years
Properties	2 years
Secretary	3 years
Public Relations	2 years
Youth	3 years
Stewardship	3 years

Nominations forms are available in this week's bulletin, on the large table in the Welcome Area, and at the Parish Office. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Father Louis or stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the St. Gerard Constitution & Bylaws.

The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 pm in Meeting Rooms A & B. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	(16 th):	9:30 am- RCIA Group #2 (CWL Room)
Mon.	(17 th):	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm- Bible Study (Lower Level)
Tues.	(18 th):	5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal – 9am Mass
Fri.	(21 st):	7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1 (CWL Room)
Sat.	(22 nd):	4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal - 5pm Mass
Sun.	(23 rd):	9:30 am- RCIA Group #2 (CWL Room) 5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation (Main Hall)

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Dealing with Feelings"

This Week...

God's ways are mysterious. God's decision to give us free choice seems mysterious, because we can choose evil as well as good. Jesus warns us not only to avoid murder but also to avoid anger, not only to avoid adultery but also to avoid lustful thoughts, not only to avoid false swearing but also to avoid all swearing. Good thoughts will lead to good actions and good habits.

For Your Reflection

The Gospel reading urges us not to use abusive language and not to remain angry with our brothers and sisters.

- Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, how do you get along? Do you ever exchange angry words? How do you reconcile?
- How about your parents or guardians - how do you get along with them? What happens after angry words?
- How about your friends - do you ever exchange angry words with them? How do you reconcile?
- Are your tolerance level and your apology style with your friends different from those with your brothers and sisters or with your parents or guardians? If so, how do they differ?

A lot of rage and violence are expressed in songs on the radio and in movies and TV shows. Many teenagers prefer to claim that watching violent shows or listening to violent songs has no connection to the violence in our world, but many others know better.

- What parallel do you see between the amount of violence and rage in the media and the amount of violence in the real world? What is the connection?
- What do you know of "copycat crimes" that have occurred because someone is imitating an act seen on television, in the movies, or in the news?
- How is Jesus' warning to avoid not only murder but even anger related to the level of violence in today's world?

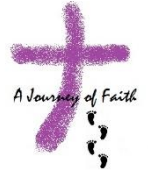
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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.

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

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