



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 2, 2020

The Feast of the
Presentation
of the Lord

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. (3 rd):		NO MASS
Tues. (4 th):	7:00 pm	Eugene Kuemper
Wed. (5 th):	9:30 am	+Claude Slogocki
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES
		+Pat Gunn
Thurs. (6 th):	9:30 am	+Veronica Yeroschak
Fri. (7 th):	9:30 am	+Frances Vandenameele
Sat. (8 th):	11:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass – Rose Broda</i>

5:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (9th): **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People
11:00 am Special Intentions



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you dwell in the depth of my being. May your Spirit help me to seek and to know you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength.

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



On February 2, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This feast is also known as Candlemas. The Law of Moses instructed parents to present their firstborn son in the Temple forty days after birth. Mary and Joseph, filled with the joy of following God's law, brought Jesus to Jerusalem.

The Gospel mentions two important individuals who recognized Jesus at that time: Simeon and Anna. Simeon was a just and devout old man who, moved by the Holy Spirit, took Jesus in his arms and blessed him, saying that he was the light that would shine upon the nations. There was also a woman named Anna, who served God by fasting and praying. Even though Simeon and Ana were very old, both were full of life because their lives were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were docile to the Spirit's action and sensitive to its call.

During this encounter, Simeon and Anna received the gift of being face to face with God's Promised One. Their patience and faith were finally rewarded.

Loving God, let us be docile and sensitive to your Word and help us grow in faith and patience while we wait for your coming. Amen.

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WINTER CAMP 2020



ST. MICHAEL'S AT MADGE LAKE FEBRUARY 17-22

Tobogganing, Downhill skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Skating,
Snow Shoeing and Ice Fishing all in one week!

Ages 9-15; Cost: \$250.

Please go to <http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register> to print the form and email it to: stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net or mail the completed form to: St. Michael's Camp, Box 128, Kamsack, Saskatchewan, S0A 1S0. Look forward to seeing you there!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 3 - February 7, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Inservice Day					
Tues.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •French as a Second Language Week •SCC Meeting 		
Wed.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming •Bball home games 	•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Thurs.						
Fri.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sr Boys Bball @ Lumsden •Sr Girls Bball @ Swan River •Jr Girls & Boys Home Tourney 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Winter Carnival •SHHS visit Gr. 8s •CDAA Jr. Curling District Playoffs 	•Bball vs MC Knoll	

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

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

Ministries – February 8/9			
	5pm	9am	11am
Welcomer	Brian K.	Maita K.	Rose M.
Lectors	Ernie B. Quinn H.	Tammie L. Linda M.	Vanessa A. Jenny B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Catherine D. Greg D. Rick D. Scott H. Rejean H.	Angela B. Wayne E. Della F. Henry K. Alfred L.	Bri B. Grace B. Dwight G. Adeline M. Larry M.
Hospitality	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
Altar Servers	Khyille F. Karehl F. Gabriel R.	Cole R. Mary W. Sarah L.	Michael M. Beatrice M. Isabella M.

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.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is **Sunday, February 9th at 2:00 pm** (Lower level – please use east entrance).

Please contact the Parish Office to register: 306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca



First Reconciliation Retreat and Celebration of the Sacrament

Saturday, February 15th 10am – 3pm

Please pray for our children and their parents as they journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



Congratulations to
**Prudence Achtymichuk
Sarah Douhaniuk
Garry Fletcher**

who were received into

**Full Communion
with the Catholic Church**

and to

Chad Achtymichuk

who received the
Gift of the Holy Spirit
through

Confirmation



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, February 12. Mass is at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow.

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.

St. Gerard CWL

Perogy & Sausage Dinner *Plus Dessert*

Sunday, February 9, 2020
12:15pm @ St. Gerard Hall

Family	\$25	Adult	\$10
Ages 6-12	\$5	5 and under	Free

Proceeds to Parkland Right to Life



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 5 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*

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg is seeking a Director of the Pastoral Services Department. The Director's primary responsibility will be to support and coordinate the staff of the Pastoral Services Department with particular focus on how they, as a team, can assist with the implementation of the pastoral proposals of the recent Archdiocesan Synod. Applications are accepted until February 28, 2020. The full listing is found on the Archdiocesan website:

www.archwinnipeg.ca/employment.html



Bringing Home the Word

The Fulfillment of Our Hopes
By Mary Katherine Deeley

Parents who bring a new baby home bring also their hopes and dreams for the child. At the very least, we hope the child will be happy and healthy and will have a life that is better than ours. From there, we may harbor a secret hope that the child might create the cure for some disease, write a prize-winning novel, or bring peace to the world.

I did all of those things, and I also prayed I wouldn't mess things up too badly. That was a secret hope I didn't share with our children until they were much older and it already seemed I hadn't done too much damage.

I can only imagine what Mary and Joseph thought when they brought Jesus to the Temple. Even though the angel Gabriel had revealed their son's identity, did they look at him and see the refiner's fire of Malachi's prophecy?

It's possible, but I think they saw him more as their beloved child. The angel Gabriel told Mary that her son would "be great...[and] the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), but did she know everything that meant? That's hard to see when your child is an infant in your arms.

What we know is this: Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, and two people who had been waiting all their lives for a sign from God took that child into their arms and into their hearts and saw in him the answer to their prayers and the fulfillment of their hopes.

In that moment, Mary and Joseph could simply hold their breath and pray for the grace and strength to raise this child of God—and to hold their own hope out to him.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

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

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, February 6th

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

2020 GIVING PROGRAM

PLEASE pick up your box of collection envelopes (or PAG special collection envelopes) from the table in the Welcome Area. Thank you! If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2020, **please complete a Parish Registration Form**, located on the large table in the Welcome Area and place in the collection basket (or drop by the Parish Office – we'd love to see you!)

Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 15
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Church
29 Smith St. E., Yorkton, SK
Admission \$5.00. All welcome.

Valentine Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 15
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
201 4th Avenue, Canora, SK
Admission \$5.00. Everyone Welcome

THE WEEK AHEAD

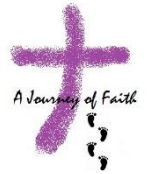
- Sun. (2nd): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room)
12:00 pm- Share Lent Workshop
(Meeting Room A & B)
- Mon. (3rd): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room)
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (4th): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room)
- Wed. (5th): 7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
- Thurs. (6th): 3:00 pm- Perogy & Cabbage Roll
Fundraiser
- Fri (7th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1
(CWL Room)
- Sat. (8th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal - 5pm Mass
- Sun. (9th): 2:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
(Lower Level)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)



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