



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 3, 2019

Fourth 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. (4 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (5 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA Rev. Basil Chomos +Anne Halarewich 7:00 pm
Wed. (6 th):	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES +Hilda Padar 6:30 pm
Thurs. (7 th):	9:30 am 2:30 pm	+Florence Kruger +Alain Decorby LAKESIDE MANOR +Rose Hickie
Fri. (8 th):	10:00 am	- Funeral - <i>Raymond Halarewich</i>
Sat. (9 th):	9:30 am	+Alex Herchuk
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	5:00 pm	+Mary Diakuw
Sun. (10 th):	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm

 **Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion** every Tuesday evening at 6pm

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, your love never fails. Help me to embrace life with gratitude and love and joyfully welcome all people into my heart.

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

From the Chair of Pastoral Council

On November 28, 2018 the St. Gerard Pastoral Council unanimously passed the following two motions:

- 1 That the meal rates for funeral lunches and Hall rentals be set in accordance with the recommendations by the Hall Committee.
- 2 That effective January 1, 2019 St. Gerard's Parish Hall, except for existing bookings, will no longer be available to the general public for rent or catering unless used for functions as an extension of the Church.

After each Mass during the weekend of February 23 and 24, Brian Kruger (Finance Council Chairperson), Lorne Wanner (Hall Committee Chairperson), Ernie Bobowski (Pastoral Council Chairperson), and Father Louis will be in the Parish Hall to answer any questions that parishioners may have.

- Submitted by Ernie Bobowski, Pastoral Council Chairperson



Where Jesus' Love is Cool

St. Michaels Winter Camp
Madge Lake – Duck Mountain Provincial Park
February 18th-23rd, 2019

Come experience God's love as we blaze through cross-country trails, explore Duck Mountain, and have many winter adventures.

For Youth Age 10-15
Register at register@stmichaelscamp.com
Registration deadline – February 8th



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News February 4 - February 8, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•Gr.6-8 Downhill Ski Trip	•Welcome to French Week! "Feed Your Brain"		
Tues.		•Dream Broker Art Session		•Gr. 4 Swim Day	•Bball vs St. Alphonsus •SCC Meeting	
Wed.		•Gr. 4 Swimming				
Thurs.	•Catch the Spirit Day @ SHHS for Gr. 8 •Catch the Spirit Day Parent Information/Registration Evening @ SHHS @ 7pm					
Fri.		•Gr. 4 Swimming		•French Carnival		

"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

The next Baptism Preparation session will be **TODAY @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO SUNDAY MASS** celebrated on Saturday, February 16 OR Sunday, February 17.

There will be a **LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION SERVICE** at **11:00 am on Sunday, February 17**.

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND FEBRUARY 17TH

Are you ministering to the Sick/Homebound on Sunday, February 17th? **Please come to the church at 10:00 am** to receive the consecrated hosts (note that there will not be a 9am Mass on Sunday, February 17th).

Starting in Lent..... Bible Study!

Beginning March 11th there will be Bible Study at 7pm each Monday evening. For more information, please speak with Father Louis.

Centering Prayer

the last Thursday of each month at 7pm
Lower Level (please use east entrance)

God of purpose, you have called us into being from the moment of conception, weaving your plan for the world with a particular plan for each of our lives. Give us courage to protect the lives of the unborn, and to honour the dignity and calling of each person for all the days of their lives, especially those we find difficult to love. Amen.



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love will continue **EVERY** Monday and Tuesday until further notice! If you would like to take part in this wonderful sewing project, join us! Bring your own bag lunch and lots of enthusiasm and the seamstresses will find a task for you, even if you don't sew! We begin at 9:00 am.

Members mark Wednesday, February 6th on your calendar as the day of our next monthly meeting. The evening begins with Mass at 6:30 with installation of new members, followed by the meeting. This year's budget will be reviewed at this time. New members who have not received their CWL pin are invited to attend. Please call Paulette to confirm your attendance 306.782.7923. Also, if you haven't paid your 2019 membership, please do so. Fees are \$30.00 and have to be submitted to the National office a.s.a.p.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 5	Evening Bingo
Feb. 6	Executive Meeting
Feb. 10	Sunday Brunch
Feb. 13	General Meeting
Feb. 14	Semi-annual Audit due
Feb. 18	Family Fun and Fishing Day

The Knights of Columbus would like to inform everyone that we are now planning our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We invite everyone to provide suggestions on activities you would like to see during this event. Please come to our General meeting where we will be discussing this celebration.

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

An Invitation to join the Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus – become an online member today. www.kofc.org/joinus Benefits: monthly Columbia Catholic magazine, free accidental death benefits, insurance and other financial products, scholarships for your children, faith formation, charitable service, and much more.

For more information, "Google" Knights of Columbus-An Invitation-Video

Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, February 10th. 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 \$25.00



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Moving Toward a Transformation Love

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In my work as a pastoral associate, I frequently speak with couples preparing for marriage. They often ask for suggestions about readings and desire to have something a little unconventional. When I ask what they mean, they will say something like, "We've heard that love reading so many times, and some of the Gospel readings we have heard aren't what we want to say." I ask them what they think love is and, after a pause, they begin to tell me what they believe about love. It usually includes words like patient, humble, wanting the good of the other. We look at the reading from Corinthians again and they suddenly understand why so many choose it. It is one of the more beautiful descriptions of love that we have, and the love Paul describes is grounded in the Lord—God's love for us and the love we must have for each other.

I think the ending of the passage is of greatest importance to marriage and the Christian life. Marriage is a process of becoming known. We "put aside childish things," (1 Corinthians 12:11) like unrealistic notions of romantic love, and work at loving a real person. Spouses begin their marriage knowing each other only partially but grow in understanding with each passing day. That wisdom leads to unity and transforms the spouses. This movement mirrors our life with God. We know very little as baptized infants and children. But as we pray, worship, and serve, we come to know God more until we meet him face to face and our lives are one with his.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, **FEBRUARY 7TH**
3pm to 6pm

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



Valentine Tea and Bake Sale at St. Andrew's United Church, 29 Smith Street East, Yorkton Saturday, February 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome.



Ash Wednesday is coming! (March 6th)

*"Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the Gospel."*

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



BOOK TALK

Tuesday, February 5th @ 7:30 pm
Meeting Room B

You're invited to come and to discuss some of the spiritual materials you've been reading, and to get recommendations about other works and authors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (3rd): 12:00 pm- Children's Liturgy Leaders Mtg.
2:00 pm- Baptism Prep. Session (Hall)
- Mon. (4th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (5th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Book Talk (Meeting Room B)
7:30 pm- Survey Committee Mtg (Hall)
- Wed. (6th): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:00 pm- K of C Executive Meeting
- Fri. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room A)
- Sat. (9th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep. (Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Greatest of These is Love"

This Week...

Love is the most important virtue there is. Without love, nothing matters. With love, everything matters. Love brings courage, support, strength, and even miracles. Jeremiah could do anything, because he was assured of God's love. Jesus could do very little when he felt no love from the people.

For Your Reflection

Love empowered Jeremiah. Lack of love stopped Jesus in his tracks.

When has love empowered you to do something you didn't think you could do?

Saint Paul was writing about love. His words in First Corinthians are almost poetic.

What modern song do you think captures the essence of what love is all about? How so?

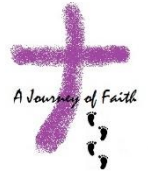
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A*, 2008, Saint Mary's Press



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

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