



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 4, 2018

Fifth 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. (5 th):	9:30 am-	Allan Pilon
Tues. (6 th):	9:30 am-	+Norbert Soyka
Wed. (7 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		David Ryhorski
	2:30 pm-	GLADSTONE SR. RES.
		+Colette Scott
	6:30 pm-	+Louise Szumutku
Thurs. (8 th):	9:30 am-	+Kuruvilla Kalathikattil
	2:30 pm-	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Christian Arvay
Fri. (9 th):	9:30 am-	+Wally Keryluk
Sat. (10 th):	10:00am-	+Joseph Wandzura
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	7:00 pm-	+Mary Diakuw
Sun. (11 th):	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	+Doreen Sereda
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion is the first Friday of the month at 10am. Come and spend an hour with the Lord!

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

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Lord, you hear the cry of the poor. Hear my cry for inner peace and happiness.

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



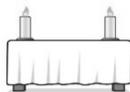
The Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina
will install

Father Louis Kim Nguyen

as Pastor of St. Gerard Parish
at the 11:00 am Mass on

Sunday, February 11, 2018

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



**To celebrate the Installation of Father Louis,
AND to welcome new families to St. Gerard Church**

there will be a
POTLUCK LUNCH
to follow the 11am Mass.

Please bring your favourite dish to share with others.
(Allergy alert!!! Please do not bring a dish with fish, fish products, or seafood. Thanks!)

Please attend!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit!

Catholic Education Matters Fund Raising Campaign

Click [HERE](#) to donate online.

For more information contact Barb Mackesey: 306.783.8787 or barb.mackesey@cttcs.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
February 5 - February 9, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •French Week begins •House League Colour Day •Gr. 4 Swimming 		
Tues.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Boys Bball @ St. Alphonsus •SCC Meeting 	
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 				
Thurs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7&8 Valentine Day Dance @ St. Mary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 7&8 CTTCS Valentine Day Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHHS French Immersion students visit •Girls & Boys Bball @ Home •Four School 7&8 Dance @ St. Mary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Boys & Girls Bball @ Columbia 	
Fri.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gr. 4 Swimming 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PJ/Stuffy Day •French Carnival in pm 		

"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

GUC Session #3 – February 11th @ 6:30 pm



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love!

The CWL meets to quilt each Monday and Tuesday from after the 9:30am Mass to 3:30 pm, until the end of February.

Please bring a bag lunch, a sewing machine, scissors and a ripper.

Even if you can't sew there are tasks for you, so please come and be part of this project.

We'd be "sew" happy for you to join us!

February 5	Executive Meeting
February 7	General Meeting



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Session #2 – TONIGHT @ 6:30pm

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Led by:

Feb. 16	Knights of Columbus
Feb. 23	CWL
Mar. 2	Catholic School Teachers
Mar. 9	Parish Council
Mar. 16	Stewardship Committee
Mar. 23	Altar Servers



News from the Knights of Columbus



February 4	Parish family brunch
February 7	Executive/director meeting at 7pm
February 9	Evening bingo

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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

God is always with us. Jesus assures us that when we take up our crosses and follow Him, He is with us. He is with us always, until the end of time; in times of great joy and in times of struggle. We are called to gratitude for His presence in our lives, called to be grateful for all that God gives us. Our response is our service. We are called to change the world/situations/circumstances with our giftedness...daily...in small ways – always. It is important to reflect and identify the gifts God has given us and then look for ways to serve Him and others by truly making use of these gifts.

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

Gatekeepers are needed!

Duties to include opening and/or closing the church prior to Mass Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning. See Father Louis if you can serve in this capacity.



Ash Wednesday is coming!

(February 14th)

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

Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart and prayer.

The weekdays of Lent are a time of penance for the Church around the world.



Feast of the Holy Child of Jesus Celebration

Thank you to all who helped in one way or another to make the "Filipino Lunch Buffet for a Cause" a great success. Proceeds were donated to St. Gerard Church and presented last Sunday, January 28th to Parish Council. God bless.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

You are Not Alone

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Illness, depression, and misfortune can make us feel alone and afraid. We wonder whether anyone can understand what we're going through or help us.

The first five chapters of Mark's Gospel give us several healing stories in which Jesus, by touch or word, restores individuals to wholeness. He casts out demons. He cures the sick, like Simon's mother-in-law. The stories confirm what our faith tells us – that God's healing power is for all people and that good news lifts us and gives us joy.

But for those touched by the loneliness of infirmity of mind, body, or spirit, the stories alone might not be enough. Instead, the fervent prayer of the psalmist might be our grace: "The LORD... [heals] the broken-hearted" (Psalm 147:2-3). Or, our peace might rest in the simple knowledge of two often-overlooked lines from the Gospels: "They brought him many who were possessed by demons" (Matthew 8:16), and, "The whole town was gathered at the door" (Mark 1:33).

Simply put, everyone came, and no one was alone. **No matter what our condition, we are not alone. Christ is there in our pain and suffering to give us the grace to endure.** We're not always cured by human standards, but Christ helps us find wholeness no matter what we suffer – and in him we find our peace and our joy.

Isaiah told us that the name given to the Messiah was Emmanuel, which means "God with us."

In Christ, we see the evidence that God's promise has come true.

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (Lower Hall)

VALENTINE TEA & BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 10th
2 pm to 4 pm

Admission: \$5.00

Everyone welcome!

YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

Come and be a part of making a difference!

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email hannelle_23@hotmail.com

World Day of Prayer Bible Studies

"All God's creation is very good!" (Genesis 1:31).

The **World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women** of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. This year, the people of Suriname, South America, want to raise awareness about climate change and caring for the environment.

As a prelude to the World Day of Prayer there will be two bible studies focusing on our role as Christians in the world of God. **Wednesday, February 7 and February 21 at 7:00pm, St. Andrew's United Church Upper Hall.** Please use the street level entrance on Smith Street. There is an elevator for those who have difficulty with stairs. You are encouraged to bring your bible with you. All are welcome.

****Perogy Bee****

Mon. Feb. 5	9:00 am	Preparing: dough, potatoes, onions
Tues. Feb. 6	9:00 am	Pinching
Wed. Feb. 7	9:00 am	Bagging

Note: 373 dozen perogies were made last week! Thank you to our volunteers!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. (4 th):	6:30 pm-	First Reconciliation Session
Mon. (5 th):	9:00 am-	Perogy Bee (Preparing)
	10:00 pm-	CWL Quilting
	4:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal
	5:30 pm-	Buddies Choir rehearsal
	7:00 pm-	CWL Executive Meeting
Tues. (6 th):	9:00 am-	Perogy Bee (Pinching)
	10:00 pm-	CWL Quilting
	7:00 pm-	Choir rehearsal - 9am Mass
Wed. (7 th):	9:00 am-	Perogy Bee (Bagging)
	7:00 pm-	CWL General Meeting
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Thurs. (8 th):	7:00 pm-	Choir rehearsal – 11am Mass
Fri. (9 th):	4:00 pm-	Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (10 th):	6:15 pm-	Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
Sun. (11 th):	6:30 pm-	GUC Session

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Getting Well"

This Week...

Job, Paul, and Jesus all speak of their daily work experiences and what they are called to do. Job is unhappy because of all his suffering, and he sees his days as drudgery. Paul is almost a workaholic, focused on doing whatever it takes to spread the Gospel. Jesus cures the fever of Simon's mother-in-law, and her immediate response is to get up and serve them. Jesus escapes all the crowds early the next morning by finding a lonely place to pray, and from there he urges his followers to press on with him to other villages and continue their work.

For Your Reflection

In this Gospel story, Jesus sees his work as involving three areas: curing, teaching, and praying.

- Not only did Jesus cure the fever of Simon's mother-in-law but he cured many other ill people who came looking for him at her door. Obviously we can't cure sicknesses as Jesus did, but we can be a healing presence for someone going through a difficult time or a personal struggle. When and how have you done that for someone?

- Jesus wanted to travel to other villages to preach and teach. Are you a good student? Are you willing to listen and learn? Do you want to become more educated? How so? Obviously you can't be a certified teacher yet, but you can teach others by the example of your life. What can others learn from you by watching the way you live?

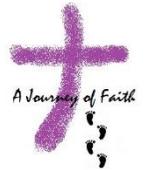
- Jesus escaped the crowds to pray. Do you ever need quiet time, away from noise and activity, so that you can make sense of the world? If so, how does that time help you? If not, how might that kind of time help you?



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 our city 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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