



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 12, 2020

The Feast of the  
Baptism  
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. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Tues. (14 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Wed. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Thurs. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Fri. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS
Sat. (18 <sup>th</sup> ):	NO MASS

5:00 pm Denis Dierker

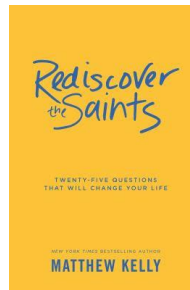
Sun. (19<sup>th</sup>): **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

### A Gift from Your Parish

Have you picked up a copy of "Rediscover the Saints"?

Limited quantities are available in the Welcome Area. One per family please!



### 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, unblock the ears of my heart that I may hear your comforting voice of love, compassion, and peace.

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



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God’s love in Jesus.

At St. Gerard, we have several catechumens who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this April.

**These catechumens will be introduced to our parish at the 11am Mass on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord.**

The spiritual journey of faith for adults wishing to become Christians is a gradual process. After the initial period of inquiry and study those wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil begin a more intensive preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. This period of preparation begins with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Candidates assemble publicly for the first time to “declare their intention to the church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church” [para 41]

“From this time on the Church embraces the catechumens as its own with a mother’s love and concern. Joined to the Church, the catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of liturgical celebrations.” [para 47]

*- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [from The Roman Ritual revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by authority of Pope Paul VI*



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

### January 13 - January 17, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Girls & boys Bball vs St. Al's	
Tues.	•Jr Girls Bball vs Yorkdale		•Blessing of the Water Service	•SCC Meeting @ 7pm	•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.	•Jr Girls Bball @ Canora •Jr Boys Ball vs MCS			•Gr. 4 Swimming		
Thurs.					•Curling students attend Grand Slam	
Fri.	•Sr Boys Bball @ Regina •Sr Girls Bball Home Tourney •Jr. Girls Bball @ MCS					
Sat.	•Sr Boys Bball @ Regina •Sr Girls Bball Home Tourney •Jr. Girls Bball @ MCS					

**“Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning.”**

~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

Ministries – January 18/19			
	5pm	9am	11am
<b>Welcomer</b>	Shirley P.	Lorne W.	Laura A.
<b>Lectors</b>	Debbie H. Keith H.	Paulette C. Flora D.	Dwight G. Deanna P.
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Catherine D. Greg D. Rick D. Scott H. Dolores L.	Wayne E. Rejean H. Clara K. Henry K. Alfred L.	Adeline M. Larry M. Angela O. Joe P. Maxine P.
<b>Hospitality</b>	Team 3	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Karehl F. Khylle F. Madeline B.	Rylan F. Joey Z. Jorja Z.	Beatrice M. Isabelle M. Harvey V. Hannelle S.

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.



### Taking Down the Christmas Decorations

January 15 at 10am  
Need many helping hands!



### St. Gerard Marriage Preparation Course

(Winter Session or Fall Session)

Congratulations on your engagement!

If you are planning to marry in the Catholic Church in the next year you are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course. The St. Gerard Marriage Preparation Course is open to all engaged couples regardless of where their marriage will be celebrated. Please contact the Parish Office to enroll. A registration fee is required.

### Share Lent Campaign Workshop Development and Peace's Share Lent Campaign

This Winter, Development and Peace continues journeying with the Catholic Church, our partners, and the indigenous people in the Amazonia in the protection of the largest rainforest on earth from commercial exploitation.

Please join us with D&P for a deeper discussion on the effects of the damages to the Amazon rainforest on Indigenous Peoples and on the Global Ecosystem, and on D&P's responses on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 3pm at St. Gerard Parish.

RSVP to [mbell.lsha@housingauthoritysk.com](mailto:mbell.lsha@housingauthoritysk.com)



### News from the CWL



Membership Renewal- fees are \$30 and are due by Jan 31st. Please make cheque payable to St. Gerard CWL. Any change in contact information this year? Please contact Paulette 306.782.7923 so we can keep our records up to date.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 15 Evening Bingo  
Jan. 15 General Meeting  
Jan. 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
Jan. 25-26 White Ribbon Campaign  
Jan. 31 Fraternal survey due

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr)  
More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

### The Knights of Columbus "WHITE RIBBON" CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus "White Ribbon" campaign will be held the weekend of January 25-26. The White Ribbon campaign protests abuse towards women and children, and is all the more powerful because men began the campaign to send the message that abuse will not be tolerated. Your support of the White Ribbon Campaign and wearing a white ribbon speaks out for wives, sisters, mothers, daughters.

Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds go to Shelwin House.

### Dying Healed Workshop St. Henry's Parish – Melville, SK

Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1  
Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m. (followed by Mass)  
and  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Self-register at:

[www.lifecanada.org/dying\\_healed\\_-\\_melville\\_sk](http://www.lifecanada.org/dying_healed_-_melville_sk)

OR contact Amanda at:

306.352.1651 or [atrainor@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:atrainor@archregina.sk.ca)

Cost \$30 but Melville Social Justice Committee are subsidizing the cost by \$5 per person so individuals will have to pay \$25. This cost includes refreshments, lunch on the Saturday and the workbook.

**Deadline to register is Monday January 27.**



# Bringing Home the Word

## Signal of a New Beginning

By Mary Katherine Deeley

In the sacrament of baptism, we stress that the person is no longer bound by original sin; rather, despite still retaining the wounds caused by original sin, he or she becomes free to live as a child of God, embracing the will of God through discipleship in Jesus Christ. We're free to live not as the world dictates but as those who know, love, and serve God in this world and look forward to being with him in the next.

Adults who go through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults have time to reflect on the conversion necessary for such transformation, but for many of us, the significance of our baptism as infants gets lost in the long years between childhood and adulthood. We stop being mindful of the power of grace and the necessity of turning our lives over to God regardless of the work we do or the community we belong to.

We may have wondered why Jesus presented himself for baptism. Wasn't he God, born without sin? Of course, the answer is yes. But Jesus came to his baptism as a public witness of the need to turn over our lives to God. Like us in all things, Jesus approached John for the ritual washing that signaled a new beginning. It was a sign for us and a wonderful way to mark the beginning of his ministry.

Matthew records that he heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son." In baptism, God welcomes all of us as beloved children. Out of gratitude and praise, we, in turn, follow Jesus. And so we submit our lives to God—proclaiming justice, doing good, and loving God and others as we love ourselves.

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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 6<sup>th</sup>**

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


## 2020 GIVING PROGRAM

The 2020 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes are in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2019.

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.

Also, **Pre-authorized Givers** may pick up their **personalized Special Collection envelopes** from the table in the Welcome Area.

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E	M	S	I	T	P	A	B	A	S	DOVE	VOICE	SON
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (12<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2  
(CWL Room)
- Mon. (13<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
(CWL Room)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (14<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee  
(CWL Room)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (15<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Taking down Christmas decorations  
7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer  
(Meeting Room A)
- Fri. (17<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA Group #1  
(CWL Room)
- Sat. (18<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
- Sun. (19<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2  
(CWL Room)  
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation  
(Main Hall)

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Baptized in the Spirit of God"**

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

John the Baptizer is preaching a baptism for repentance. But John announces that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. In John's time people came forward, were brought into the river to be immersed with the water, and then they were helped out. It was more than a shower - it was an underwater journey. Each person entered the death of not being able to breathe. Each person emerged into the new breath and cleanliness of refreshing, full life.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Try to imagine what it would be like on a hot and dry day to go to the river and be baptized by John the Baptizer. Try to imagine being drenched with water as you make a new commitment to life without sin. Then imagine seeing Jesus, the one John has been preaching about. He gets baptized himself, and the skies open up and a dove alights on him, and you hear the voice of God announce pleasure with what Jesus has done.

- What would you do next? How is your life different when you take that experience seriously? How is your life different now because of your baptism?
- Being drenched with water would be most appealing when we are hot, dry, or dirty. Recall a particular time that you looked forward to the cooling, cleansing experience of being drenched with water.

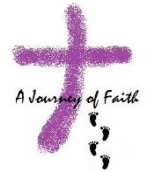
*Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, St. Mary's Press, 2004*



**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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