



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 7, 2018

The Solemnity of the
Epiphany of the Lord

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. (8 th):	9:30 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
	11:00 am-	SACRED HEART HIGH
		+Christian Arvay
Tues. (9 th):	9:30 am-	Orest & Bernice Machushek
Wed. (10 th):	10:30 am-	ASPEN VILLA
		+Valeria Woloschuk
	2:30 pm-	GLADSTONE SENIORS RES.
		+Tony Spykerman
Thurs. (11 th):	9:30 am-	+Don Schellenburg
	10:30 am-	ST. MARY SCHOOL
		+George David Plews
	2:30 pm-	LAKE SIDE MANOR
		+Eilish Hill
Fri. (12 th):	9:30 am-	+Mildred Nagy
Sat. (13 th):	10:00am-	+Darla Giannoulis
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	7:00 pm-	+Rita Demontigny
Sun. (14 th):	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	Lewis & Gloria Lozinski
	11:00 am-	Mass for the People

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

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, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

- From Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas - Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Catechism Theme: The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy: Part II

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the pagan nations. And it points to Israel's place as the source of God's revelation. The Magi came to seek the newly born King, the one who would be a light to the nations. Their encounter foreshadowed the evangelization success Christianity would have among pagan people who hungered for God's truth. Their encounter also acknowledged Israel as God's chosen people. They would be the source of God's blessing, a living fountain of God's revelation for all people. In the feast of the Epiphany, we rejoice in the worship of the first seekers. And we are reminded to honor God's people who gave us the great gift of Jesus, our Lord.

When have you searched for the Lord? When has that search encountered road blocks or deception or wrong turns? How has God kept you on track?

As we look back on the story of the Epiphany, let us remember who called, guided, and revealed himself to the Magi: God. The story was God-driven from the first verse. Let us not forget God himself calls us from the surface experience of daily living to seek something higher, something better. He is the one who turns us from those who expect experience into those who receive grace, pure gift, at every turn. In God, we find someone to give our hearts, our minds, and our lives to. We find the goal of our quest.

How has God called you this week? How has God graced you this week? How can you pass your call and your grace along to others?

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HEY YOUTH!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer in our parish? Need Christian Service hours? Want to be involved with helping out your parish family?

We are looking for helpers to babysit during Sacrament Preparation classes (held on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm). Volunteers would need to complete a Criminal Record check prior to helping. Please call Laurie at (306) 620-8715 to sign up!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News January 8 - January 12, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Christmas Mass @ 11am					
Tues.					•SCC Mtg @ 7:15pm	
Wed.						
Thurs.			•Christmas Mass @ 10:45am		•Epiphany Celebration @ 12:30pm	
Fri.						

"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 session will be held Sunday, January 28th @ 6:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office to register – 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #1 – TONIGHT @ 6:30 pm



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Session #1 – Sunday, January 14th @ 6:30pm

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While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance!

Included in your \$25.00 membership is a subscription to The Canadian League, which will keep you informed of League business and projects, and in contact with other members across Canada.

We will be collecting membership fees after masses on Jan. 20th and 21st, or you may renew by placing a cheque in the collection basket made payable to St. Gerard CWL, labelled envelopes are on a table in the Welcome Area. If you have any questions please contact Linda Maddaford at 306-783-3924.



News from the Knights of Columbus



January 8	Evening bingo @ 5pm
January 10	General Meeting @ 7:30pm Admission degree
January 13	Take down <i>Keep Christ in Christmas</i> signs @ 9am
January 14	Parish Brunch

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ENCOUNTER THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONS

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, Jan. 20

RESURRECTION PARISH, 3155 WINDSOR PK RD, REGINA

10:00 am: Mass (with Archbishop Donald Bolen)

11:00 am-4:00 pm: Veneration

7:00 pm-10:00 pm: Official Relic Event

(Talk, Testimonies, and Veneration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at various times during the day.



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News from the CWL



CWL Membership Fees - Time for Renewal

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the united voice of all Catholic women. An invitation is extended to all women to become a member of the League. By doing so you will be:

- supporting the efforts of members across Canada who are diligently working to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
- part of the largest organization of Catholic women in Canada with a tradition of service to others as expressed in its motto "For God and Canada."
- The League contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad.

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Bringing Home the Word

Come See the Christ Child

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Mary Chapin Carpenter's wonderful Christmas carol "Come Darkness, Come Light" calls all people, regardless of their situation or where they are in their faith, to come see the Christ Child. All are welcome to see that love has come to earth and to bring whatever they have to the Child who waits for them in a manger.

Whenever I hear this song, I'm moved to tears by its simplicity. For reasons of which I'm not entirely sure, I'm reminded of the beginning section of John's Gospel, which lays out so beautifully the coming of Christ to earth. "Through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race," John narrates. Later he tells us, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

What is our response? Do we come as the song invites us? Do we hold back, afraid that it's too late for us? Do we listen to the siren songs of other gods, who whisper that they have the key to our happiness?

Today's readings are an invitation to know ourselves as children of God, to know the hope of his call to us, and to know that this light cannot be overcome by any darkness the world has to offer.

The rush of the holidays is behind us, and a new year has begun. We have a little breathing space. In our liturgical calendar, though, the Christmas season is still with us.

There is still time to come, by whatever means we're able, and give our lives over to Christ.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (7th): 6:30 pm- GUC Session #1
- Mon. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg.
- Wed. (10th): 10:00 am- "Un-decorating" the church
7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (11th): 5:30 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal
- Fri. (12th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (13th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. (14th): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation Session

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

JANUARY 18-25

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power

(Exodus 15:6)

CELEBRATE

a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians

REFLECT

on scripture together

PARTICIPATE

in jointly-organized ecumenical services

SHARE

fellowship

THE RESOURCES FOR THE 2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY AN ECUMENICAL TEAM FROM THE CARIBBEAN, WHO CHOSE THE SONG OF MOSES AND MIRIAM (EX 15:1-21) - A SONG OF TRIUMPH OVER OPPRESSION - AS THE MOTIF FOR THE YEAR.

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 THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
LE CONSEIL CANADIEN DES ÉGLISES

 Prairie Centre for
Ecumenism



What is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

Every year between January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to:

- celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians
- reflect on scripture together
- participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services
- share fellowship

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance with the Roman Catholic Church. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For over 40 years, the Canadian Council of Churches and its partners, the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, have supported this ecumenical event in Canada.

The resources for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by an ecumenical team from the Caribbean, whose members represent various churches and religious organizations.)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Following the Star"

This Week...

Isaiah foretold that nations would gather to follow the light and offer gifts. The story of the Magi has glamour, danger, and courage. It is a story of accepting the journey to an unknown place; following the star because of faith. And it is a story of Gentiles coming to visit Jews, bringing gifts, and being welcomed.

For Your Reflection

The astrologers in the Magi story went through quite a journey in search of the baby Jesus. They obviously believed in him and had faith in the star.

- Have you ever "followed a star"? Have you ever gone after a dream or an ideal you believed in? Are you still going after it? What gives you the energy to keep going? How do you know it is worth it?

The gifts brought by the Magi have significance. *Gold* is a symbol of wealth and fidelity. *Frankincense* is burned to purify the atmosphere by releasing an aromatic and pleasing smell. For centuries, Native Americans have burned holy smoke in order to bless and purify themselves, and monks have watched incense rise to the sky as a symbol of their prayers ascending to God. *Myrrh* is a kind of resin or oil used for anointing and embalming. It is a symbol of comfort and soothing (who doesn't enjoy a rubdown?) but it is also foreshadowing of death.

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, 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.

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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