



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 21, 2019
Sixteenth 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. (22 nd):		NO MASS
Tues. (23 rd):	7:00 pm	+Peggy Becker
Wed. (24 th):	9:00 am	+Raymond Halarewich
	10:00 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
		+Albert Kaczur
Thurs. (25 th):	9:00 am	+Bill O'Boyle
Fri. (26 th):	9:00 am	+Madeleine Colbow
Sat. (27 th):	9:00 am	+Karl-Heinz Cattelaens
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	5:00 pm	GOOD SPIRIT LAKE
		CANCELLED
	7:00 pm	+Ron Tessier
Sun. (28 th):	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, you teach us to love and welcome strangers. Remove the fear that keeps me from accepting and loving people with backgrounds different from mine.

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

St. Gerard Parish
Income Statement January 1 to June 30, 2019

REVENUE		Hall:	
Collections	135,882	Wages, Salaries, etc.	10,834
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	5,226	Catering	8,279
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	7,609	Administrative Expenses	<u>915</u>
Catering	<u>21,284</u>	Total Hall	20,028
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	170,002	Rectory	5,282
Building Fund Donations	5,339	Family & Social	261
Refugee Family Donations	<u>100</u>	Ecumenical	28
TOTAL REVENUE	175,441	Liturgy	3,720
EXPENSES		Stewardship (no expense)	0
Pastoral	739	Religious Education	1,474
Parish Office	11,607	Social Justice	892
Diocesan Assessments	18,040	Youth	1,112
Pastor/Office Wages, Salaries, etc.	64,044	Community Life	94
Building:		Public Relations (no expense)	0
Sask Energy	4,078	Pastoral & Finance Council	971
Sask Power	8,750	Refugee Family Committee (net)	15,764
Water	1,354	Cemetery Expense (no expense)	<u>0</u>
Property Taxes	6,554	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	190,903
Insurance	10,929		
Parking Lot	4,071	NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(\$15,462)</u>
Garbage/recycling	1,468		
Repairs & maintenance	<u>9,644</u>		
Total Building	46,848	<i>Approved by Parish Finance Council</i>	



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE



Farewell to the Johar family who will be moving to Regina in July. Thank you to all who participated in supporting our refugee family from Eritrea.



Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify the Parish Office.

We like to keep our records current, and to be able to mail the charitable donation receipt to the correct address at the end of the year. Thanks!

**New to the parish??
WELCOME !!!**



Please complete a New Parishioner Form (green) and place in the collection basket at mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation



News from the CWL



Donations of household items and clothing for the Fall CWL Garage Sale may be left outside of the CWL room (lower level, east door) during regular office hours. Please hold larger items until Sept 2nd.

Summer Reading: back issues of The League magazine may be found on the national website at:

<https://cwl.ca/category/media/the-canadian-league/>



News from the Knights of Columbus



July 21
August 7

Afternoon Bingo
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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Archdiocese of Regina Leadership Camp for teens focuses on faith, fun, and community building and leadership skills.

This year's camp runs from August 13-17 for those ENTERING grades 9-12 and August 18-20 for those ENTERING grades 7-9.

Our theme this year is "LOL" and we will most definitely be purposeful about "LAUGHING" Out Loud, but will also look at how we are called to "LOVE" Out Loud and "LIVE" Out Loud.

To register or for more information: <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youth-summer-camps> or call Michelle OR Braden at 306-352-1651.

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T	E	S	U	O	H	F	L	E	R	HOUSE	SISTER	MARY
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We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Olivia Arzanan Georgia Maier
Theodore Okorie Hubert Sevilla

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Do you have a child/children who are entering Grade 2 in September? Do you have children or youth who are older than Grade 2 but they have not received **First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Eucharist?**

Mark your calendars!

There will be a Parent Information Meeting and Registration Night on **Sunday, September 15th at 6:30 pm.**

You may pre-register your child by stopping by the Parish Office this summer during regular office hours.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS continue to be a priority over the summer months. Please consider helping those less fortunate. Non-perishable food items may be left in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area.

- Submitted by the St. Gerard Social Justice Committee



Bringing Home the Word

Choosing "the Better Part"

By Mary Katharine Deeley

During the holidays, my husband and I invite relatives, friends, and students who can't return home to share our meal and find welcome in a special time. We enjoy cooking for a crowd, and our guests often bring something to share, adding to the bounty. Beforehand, we clean and dust, making sure the house is presentable. Our preparations are anything but relaxed. On the day itself, my husband usually cooks the meal while I offer drinks and conversation. The event couldn't succeed without either of our roles.

In the first reading, Abraham put wife Sarah and the servants to work to provide the feast while he waited on the guests. To his (and his wife's) surprise, the strangers asked where Sarah was and promised her a son. In this moment, we see that Abraham isn't the only important person in the story. God's blessing came mainly to the one in the kitchen, in the background.

When Jesus visits the sisters of Bethany, Martha remains in the kitchen like Sarah. In her anxiety, did she believe God's favor would come only to those who toil? Jesus reminds her there also is blessing in sitting with the guest; he even calls this "the better part."

There is pride and vanity in assuming we can achieve favor and blessing through our works. When we start to think we know where, when, how, and to whom God will come, it's good to return to the word, which reminds us that favor and blessing come according to God's choosing and often to our surprise.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, August 8th 1st
3pm to 6pm

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

St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

August 11 – 14, 2019

From Yorkton, SK

to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK

Come on a pilgrimage to somewhere special to your faith. As a pilgrim, you will have time to pray by leaving behind the everyday concerns from back home and spending time in the presence of God. If you are looking for peace or healing, this is a good time to do it. You may become closer to God.

For more information contact Dave and Bev Hudy at davehudy@hotmail.com or 306.728.5525

Register: www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org

St. Anthony's
78th Pilgrimage
August 14th & 15th

August 14th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Rama, Sk.

August 15th

<p>Vigil of Mary's Assumption</p> <p>2:45 pm: Chapelet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)</p> <p>3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross</p> <p>4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)</p> <p>6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.</p> <p>8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Main Celebrant - Archbishop Don Bolen</p> <p>**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)</p> <p>9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)</p> <p>10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite ~ Very Rev. Joakim Rac</p> <p>11:45 am: Final Mass: Main Celebrant ~ Archbishop Don Bolen. Anointing of the Sick & Aged. * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles</p> <p>*Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter</p> <p>** Visit: www.RamaShrine.ca</p>
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (22nd): 7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)
Tues. (23rd): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Sat. (27th): 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Martha and Mary"

This Week...

Hospitality is very important. Abraham is hospitable to three strangers, and then receives the marvellous news that he will have a son with his wife, Sarah. Jesus visits Martha and Mary and, in their different ways, they both attend to the needs of hospitality. Good and effective ministry, which Paul speaks of, involves the element of hospitality.

For Your Reflection

Martha and Mary are often seen as symbols for a balance of hospitality. Martha represents the tasks of preparation - cleaning house, cooking food, setting out the dishes and cups, and the like. Mary represents the personal care of the visitor - listening, paying attention, spending quality time in conversation. Both are important.

- If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the house was a total mess and no food was prepared, but the person cleared the junk off the sofa so you both would have a place to sit and visit, how would you feel?
- If you were invited to someone's home for dinner and the gourmet meal was so complicated that you were completely ignored until dinner was on the table, how would you feel?

Some people are the "perfect blend" of the Martha-Mary examples of hospitality, but others fall off to one side or the other, being more talkers than housekeepers, or being more housekeepers than talkers.

- When you have people over, do you tend to be more of a talker or more of a housekeeper? Or do you think you have a good balance, having all the preparations done ahead of time so that the focus for your attention is your guest?
- Do you know anyone who has a perfect balance?

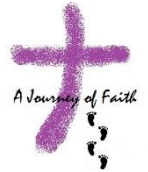
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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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For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca