



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

July 28, 2019

Seventeenth 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

<b>Mon. (29<sup>th</sup>):</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral – Irene Cherneski</b>
Tues. (30 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+Bill O'Boyle
Wed. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Peggy Becker
Thurs. ( 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	Denis & Marianne Dierker
Fri. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Adeline Grona
Sat. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Raymond Neumeier

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5:00 pm GOOD SPIRIT LAKE  
Special Intentions  
7:00 pm +Willy Lyon

### Sun. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

*We pray for families who, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."*

### 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, you came to offer God's forgiveness to all people. Help me forgive my brothers and sisters from the heart.

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



## Becoming Catholic: Chrysteile's Journey

*By Jamie Taylor and Chrysteile Murphy*

Chrysteile Murphy's journey to the Catholic Church underscores the unique nature of each individual's quest for God.

Chrysteile's parents, sixties free spirits, felt she should decide about God herself. In her search for God, she explored many different faiths. None answered her questions. Some just added to her confusion.

Chrysteile's initial exposure to Catholicism was negative. An acquaintance's ill-formed understanding of the sacrament of reconciliation—"do anything you want to and go to confession"—didn't sit well with her. Questions remained—all of which would be answered when she walked through the doors of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa.

Chrysteile's deep yearning to learn all she could about God and Christ found a home in this beautiful church with welcoming priests and loving parishioners. Her parish experience differed from anything she'd been told about Christianity. Yet she craved more.

### **Dirty Hair, Clean Soul**

One Sunday during Mass, it was announced that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) would start soon. With sweet anticipation, Chrysteile came each week to hear the topic of discussion and be enriched by it.

Chrysteile had an awakening during the RCIA process at Sacred Heart. She and her fellow candidates and catechumens learned Church history and the richness of the sacraments. At the Easter Vigil, Chrysteile experienced the greatest joy in her spiritual life: Her own baptism.

Chrysteile still recalls the immense anticipation and, all at once, a great peace. The water was cold, but that was irrelevant to her. God's redemptive love flowed over Chrysteile, and she was washed clean of sin.

"When Fr. George anointed us with the chrism oil, confirmed us, and we were sealed with the Holy Spirit, I was humbled," Chrysteile recalled. "No words can describe the emotions that fill you up during this entire process." She didn't wash her hair for four days! The fragrance of the chrism oil reminded her of this experience, so she held onto it as long as possible.

Belonging to the Catholic Church was an important choice for Chrysteile. Her faith in God and Christ took root and flourished there. "There is nothing like coming together as one body in Christ at Mass on Sunday and to experience the great love that is the Eucharist," she said.

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## 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.



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*



### 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!



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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



August 7 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](http://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.

### 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!



# Bringing Home the Word

## The Five Prayers

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I tell my students there are five prayers: Please; Thank you; I'm sorry; Wow; and Yes, I will. The words change but, in essence, every prayer implies one or more of these attitudes: petition, thanksgiving, contrition, praise, and obedience. In his book *Man's Quest for God*, Abraham Joshua Heschel says prayer is "the invitation to God to intervene in our lives." God does— sometimes to our surprise, sometimes in ways we can't imagine, but always in a way that changes us.

Jesus knew this when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In it, we hear words of praise and petition. We hear contrition: "Forgive us...as we forgive..." (11:4). We hear obedience: "thy kingdom come..." and "thy will be done..." (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10). Jesus goes on to say that when we pray, God will send his Spirit to guide us and give us what we need: "our daily bread..." (11:3). No wonder the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for everyone.

In our prayer, we have to remember that there is often a difference between what we need and what we desire. In the movie *Shadowlands*, C. S. Lewis is depicted reflecting on the nature of prayer as his wife is dying. Asked why he prayed, he responds, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me." That's the power of the Spirit—to change our hearts until all our prayers become wow (praise) and yes (obedience).

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## PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**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](mailto:davehudy@hotmail.com) or 306.728.5525

Register: [www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org](http://www.stphilomenawalkingpilgrimage.org)

**Over 1000 Pilgrims**

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

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

**August 15th**

<p><b>Vigil of Mary's Assumption</b></p> <p>2:45 pm: Chaplet 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament</p>	<p><b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></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 &amp; Aged. * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles</p> <p>*Like Rama Grotto on Facebook &amp; Twitter</p> <p>** Visit: <a href="http://www.RamaShrine.ca">www.RamaShrine.ca</a></p>
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## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (29<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study (*Lower Level*)  
Tues. (30<sup>th</sup>): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
Sat. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Ask and You Will Receive"**

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

Faith in prayer is stressed in these readings. Abraham is persistent, and he manages to persuade Yahweh to not destroy the cities for the sake of even ten innocent people. Paul tells us that our faith is what will raise us to new life. Jesus is observed praying and, in response to his disciples' request, teaches them how to pray, emphasizing persistence.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus teaches us to ask, to seek, and to knock. If we do, we are promised that we shall receive, we shall find, and doors will be opened for us.

- Does this mean that prayers are a type of magic and that all we have to do is pray and we can control the outcome of the world? If not, what do you think it means?

Jesus teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive all who do us wrong."

- Is there anyone who has done you wrong whom you cannot forgive? What gets in the way of your forgiveness?
- If all our sins are forgiven anyway, why should we even try to resist temptation? Why not just continue to sin if we can always be forgiven? What would Jesus say to that proposition?

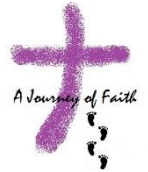
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



**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.*

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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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