



St. Gerard

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday
of Lent

Roman Catholic Parish

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. (9 th):	12:05 pm	+Peter Rumancik
Tues. (10 th):		NO MASS
Wed. (11 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA
		+Henry Shumay
	6:30 pm	Joe & Agnes Swejda
Thurs. (12 th):	9:30 am	+Claude Slogocki
Fri. (13 th):	9:30 am	+Smith Family
Sat. (14 th):	9:30 am	Dan & Brenda Dierker

5:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (15th): **Third Sunday of Lent**

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

The Stations of the Cross Devotion
is prayed Friday at 7pm during Lent.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed Friday at 2pm

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

The deadline for the March 15 bulletin **AND**
the March 22 bulletin is Wednesday, March 11 at 12 noon.

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, open my ears to hear your invitation to listen to your Son in the Word of God and my heart to discern what it means to be your humble servant.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney



**ENCOUNTERING
AMAZING GRACE**

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
 Thursday & Friday evening, Saturday morning
 Please phone 306.782.2449 **before March 13**
 to arrange.

2020 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Kevin McGee,
 Vicar General of the Diocese of Saskatoon

Thursday, March 19 – Sunday, March 22
 St. Gerard Church

I ONCE WAS LOST (Thursday)

6pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 7pm - Mass, followed by talk

BUT NOW I'M FOUND (Friday)

6pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 7pm - Mass, followed by talk

I ONCE WAS BLIND (Saturday am)

9:30am Mass, followed by talk

BUT NOW I SEE (Saturday pm)

4pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5pm Mass (Homily)

(Sunday)

9am Mass (Homily)
 11am Mass (Homily)

After each session, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to visit with Fr. McGee.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
 March 9 - March 13, 2020



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Gr. 6 Curling	•Lenten Assembly •Book Fair begins	
Tues.	•Armed Forces display		•Penitential Service followed by confessions		•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.				•Gr. 4 Swim Day •Gr. 6 Curling •Gr. 8 Immunizations	•Gr. 8 X-country Ski Trip	•Care Home Visit
Thurs.				•Concours d'art oratoire		
Fri.	•Sr Boys & Sr Girls Bball Regional Playoffs			•Stations of the Cross		

"Praise you, Lord, for the blessing of learning."
 ~Catholic Prayers for Every Day and All Day~

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

Led by:

- Feb. 28 Knights of Columbus
- Mar. 6 CWL
- Mar. 13 CTTCs Staff
- Mar. 20 (No devotion – Parish Mission)
- Mar. 27 Youth Connect
- Apr. 3 Parish Council



Lenten Lunch



Mondays during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass

Free-will offering to:

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Camp Inc.
Box 128
Kamsack, SK S0A 1S0

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

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DYING HEALED SEMINAR

Learn more about end of life issues, the power of human presence and the meaning of human suffering.

Saturday, March 28th

10:30am – 4:00pm

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
(Golden Agers Room)

Sign up for LifeCanada's – the Dying Healed program today and join many others across Canada to support those who are vulnerable or socially isolated. The simple act of attending to people in your community or at home who might be lonely, sick or suffering can bring spiritual healing and restore their sense of dignity.

Registration: Elizabeth Zahayko 306.783.6232
Sonia Starling 306.783.0952
Registration Deadline: March 21st
Cost: \$15.00
(Lunch provided; donations gratefully accepted)

Sponsored by St. Mary's UCWLC



News from the CWL



The next CWL meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 following the 6:30pm Mass.

2020 Memberships (\$30) are due now and can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

2020 Executive and Standing Committee Chairs

Spiritual Advisor	Father Louis
President	Paulette Cooper
President Elect/ Organization & Membership	<i>Vacant</i>
Recording Secretary	Della Faul
Treasurer	Mary Bybliw
Past-President, Archives	Linda Maddaford
Spiritual Development	Deanna Pellatt & Christine Shuya
Christian Family Life	Rosemarie Todos & Lorraine Slogocki
Communications	Stephanie Flaman
Community Life	<i>Vacant</i>
Health & Education	<i>Vacant</i>
Legislation & Resolutions	Jody Chupa
Parish Council Representative	Paulette Cooper



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Mar. 11 Afternoon Bingo
- Mar. 11 General Meeting
- Mar. 14-15 Membership Drive
- Mar. 17 Marian Prayer Program at 6pm
- Mar. 18 Special Needs Lunch
- Mar. 23 Evening Bingo

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or houle_r@yahoo.fr
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca*

Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi Visits Archdiocese of Regina

We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi to the Archdiocese of Regina for a pastoral visit, at the invitation of Archbishop Don. As the Papal Nuncio to Canada, Archbishop Luigi will visit the Archdiocese from Tuesday, March 10th to Thursday, March 12th to unite and encourage us all in our shared mission as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina are invited and encouraged to join Archbishop Luigi and Archbishop Donald at any or all of the following public events:

Tuesday, March 10 - 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral – Mass and Reception

Thursday, March 11 - 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish – Prayer Service in support of victims of clergy sexual abuse



Bringing Home the Word

The Glory We are Called To
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Raphael's greatest painting, *The Transfiguration*, depicts today's Gospel account. Raphael loved this painting so much he never sold it. He hung the painting over his bed, and at his death he turned to look at it.

The transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of the glory we are all called to even when that glory is hidden. When God called Abraham, it was to make of him a great nation and to give him glory. But Abraham had to leave what he had and enter into the unknown to receive what was promised. We, too, need to set out and leave our expectations if we ever hope to enter the mysteries of faith and discover the reward we are searching for. Setting out and leaving behind are like little "deaths" that prepare us for the glory of salvation.

The Father revealed Jesus' glory to his three closest apostles so their faith would survive the cross. God didn't want them to become disillusioned or frightened by his suffering and death. A voice came down from heaven and confirmed Jesus as the Son to assure the apostles that even if he didn't seem like the Messiah in his human nature, he most certainly was.

It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. So do we.

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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, April 2nd

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

This Lent, give from the heart.

Share
Lent 2020



Development
and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

For our
COMMON
HOME



Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod

Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "*We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.*" Development and Peace's partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. Let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people.

Watch Yesica's testimony at:

www.devp.org/campaign/yesica

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (8th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room)
- Mon. (9th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)
9:00 am- CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room)
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting
(Meeting Room B)
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (10th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
9:00 am CWL Quilting Bee
(CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (11th): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
7:00 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Thurs. (12th): 7:00 pm- Annual General Meeting
(Meeting Rooms A & B)
- Fri. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:45 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (14th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
- Sun. (15th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group #2
(CWL Room)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Abraham (Abram) and Sarah's (Sarai's) Journey"

This Week...

God calls us to journey. Sometimes we arrive at a beautiful mountaintop, seeing miraculous visions. Other times, we never seem to arrive. We seem to journey on and on with no destination, nor order, no plan. We journey because we trust God, and God calls us to a holy calling.

For Your Reflection

- Abram and Sarai had to leave the land of their parents and travel to an unknown destination, trusting only God's sense of direction. How would you feel if you had to go on an unknown journey? What would you be most afraid of? What would you be sure to bring? What could convince you to make such an unknown journey?
- God told Abram and Sarai that their names would be made great, and that they would be a blessing. God actually tells that to all of us. When does it seem easiest to believe that about yourself? When does it seem most difficult to believe it?

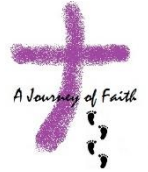
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2004



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 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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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