



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday
of Easter

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. (13 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (14 th):	10:45 am	ST THEODORE SCHOOL Special Intentions +Ray & +Effie Hardy
	7:00 pm	+Noreen Dubois
Wed. (15 th):	9:00 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
	10:30 am	+Merv Todos
Thurs. (16 th):	9:00 am	+Claire Eastwood
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING +James Baumgartner
Fri. (17 th):	9:00 am	+Willy Lyon
Sat. (18 th):	9:00 am	Mary Puchala
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	7:00 pm	+Mike Diakuw
Sun. (19 th):		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	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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Risen Lord, your resurrection gives me hope and the promise of new life. Open my heart to embrace and share your vision of love and peace with all people.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Catechism Theme: Four Marks of the Church (CCC 866-869)

In the gospel, Jesus stressed the unity he has with his Father and with his followers. This unity manifests itself in the four marks of the Church, those qualities that define the Church. The four marks are: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

How is the Church "one?" The Church is one because it has one Lord, it has only one faith, it is formed in one Baptism, it comes together as one Body, it is given life by one and the same Spirit, and it shares one hope for the future. (866)

How is the Church "holy?" The Church is holy because God the Father called people together to form the Church, God the Son gave his life up for the Church and is one with the Church in the sacraments, and God the Holy Spirit gives the Church life. The Church is a home for sinners who wish to come closer to God. (867)

How is the Church "catholic?" The word "catholic" means "for everyone at all times." The Church is catholic because it serves everyone and at all times. The Church has the complete faith. And the Church is the true way to heaven. (868)

How is the Church "apostolic?" The faith and power come from Christ, the Pope in union with the bishops and the Church has the power to teach faith and morals infallibly (i.e., without error). (869)

Have you ever reflected on the bond that unites you with other Christians? Which of the four marks are involved in that bond?

God is the cause of our community. He sent his Son into the world to call us, to embrace us, to unite us. He makes us one with his Son. He sanctifies us with his Spirit. He gifts us with a full faith and the power to reach out to others, no matter who they are. He sends us out the same way he sent out the apostles, to spend the Good News to others.

As we reach out to the Father, do we reach out to others, to become one with them? How can we share our unity with them?

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

May 13 - May 17, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Division Track Meet	•CTCS Division Track Meet	•Division Track & Field Day	•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •CTCS Division Track Meet	•CTCS Track & Field Meet Gr. 4-8
Tues.	•Nurse Practitioner					
Wed.		•Band Trip to Moose Jaw •AMPO Meeting @ St. Mary School	•Gr. 4 Swimming •Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•Moose Jaw Band Festival •AMPO Staff & Parent Meeting @ St. Mary School	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•AMPO Parent Meeting @ St. Mary School
Thurs.		•Gr. 5 Rosary-making	•Gr. 5 Rosary-making	•Gr. 3 Bicycle Safety Clinic		
Fri.		•Bicycle Safety	•Gr. 3/4 Bike Rodeo			

"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 Preparation Session is
Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the
next Baptism Preparation Session. 306.782.2449

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

God our creator,

We come before You and lift up in prayer all
mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and
mothers to be who gave the gift of life.

We give you thanks for their presence, talents
and gifts which they share in our church,
society and world.

May all mothers know of Your
loving and gentle presence and
may they always turn towards
You in times of joy, sorrow and
glory.

We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.



*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina
will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the
Ordination of*

**DEACON PARKER LOVE
DEACON ANTHONY TRAN PHUNG
DEACON VAN CHINH VU**

To the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

**Friday, June 14, 2019
7:00 pm
Holy Rosary Cathedral**

A reception will follow



News from the CWL



The CWL theme for 2019 - 2020 is **Care for our Common Home** which comes from the Holy Father's 2015 Encyclical **Laudato Si'**. We care for our Common Home by being faithful stewards of creation. It is called Climate Action in modern day terminology. This April, Canadian faith leaders posted an 8-minute video echoing this same call. Watch 'For the Love of Creation' on YouTube.



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 15 Afternoon Bingo
May 24 Evening Bingo
May 25 Articles for "The Word" due

*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

"Listening to the Gospel as a Family"

In our information age much of the news we hear is often negative. Now we have to contend with not only bad news but fake news. What we really need is good news. Our loving encounter with Jesus, the God-Man is truly good news that sets us free and brings us joy. Pope Francis tells us that "the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" and when "we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" (Evangelii Gaudium, 1 & 8). Let us experience God's love for us by taking time to listen to the gospel as a family so that we may share with others the joy of the gospel. Please visit: www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-andworld/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/5041-2019-national-week-for-lifeand-the-family

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA



RELIC VENERATION

Saturday, June 1 Holy Rosary Cathedral
11am – 9pm 2104 Garnet Street, Regina

Sunday, June 2 Miller High School
7:45am – 11:45am 1027 College Avenue, Regina

A Mass in honour of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday, June 1st (Holy Rosary Cathedral).



Bringing Home the Word

Our Life-giving Water

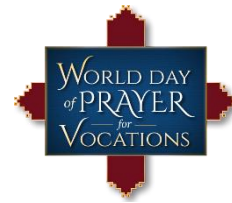
By Mary Katharine Deeley

I love the sound water makes when it is moving in a fast-flowing stream or curling up to the shore in waves. I am mesmerized particularly by waterfalls, small or large. My husband, who enjoys photography as a hobby, has taken pictures of many of the falls we have visited, and they decorate my office as a constant reminder of the power and beauty of God seen through all creation. I even have a crucifix that was designed to show the living water flowing from Christ—a waterfall tumbling down and over the foot of the cross. It is, for me anyway, one of the most powerful images of God that I can imagine.

Throughout the Easter season, the Scriptures present us with stories of resurrection and life. The preaching of the apostles, the abundance of fish caught in a net, the stirring of hearts in those who see and hear Jesus—they all show what it is like to live in “risen time,” in full knowledge and endless presence of the Lord. Today Jesus talks about God’s closeness, power, and promise. The Father has given the sheep to Jesus and no one can take them away.

But in the reading from Revelation we have a clearer picture of our life with God: “The Lamb...will...lead them to springs of life-giving water.” In Jesus’ desert environment, this was a powerful image. In our world today it remains compelling. Jesus is the Living Water that brings life to our souls. Whether it flows as a gentle stream, restless wave, or waterfall from the throne of God, it is his gift to us.

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Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations.

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

Let’s get together and Build Community!

The St. Gerard Parish Pictorial Directory has arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the Pictorial Directory (or submitted a photo), please pick up your **personalized** envelope on the table in the Welcome Area.

Photo directories are available for sale at the Parish Office during regular office hours (while supplies last). Cost: \$15.00 (cash or cheque payable to “St. Gerard Church”).

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (13th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (14th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
(Meeting Room B)
- Fri. (17th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA
(Meeting Room B)
- Sat. (18th): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, June 6th
3pm to 6pm

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

YOUTH REFLECTION

"God Will Wipe Away Every Tear"

This Week...

Paul and his company were not discouraged when the religious authorities stirred up persecution against them. They were joyful for the followers they gained. Jesus promises eternal life to those who follow him. John's vision is one of comfort - the followers have no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears.

For Your Reflection

What are some of the sufferings you have seen or experienced in your life that have brought you to tears? How are things you cry about today different from the things you cried about as a child?

God promises to end all our suffering and wipe away all our tears. How does that promise help a person who is homeless, with no job, no family, no food, and no hope? How does our Christian community respond to such a person? Are we doing enough? Why or why not?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 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

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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