



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

NEW!

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (5 th):	9:30 am	Rita Hilbig
Tues. (6 th):	7:00 pm	+Suzanne Elaszuk
Wed. (7 th):	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES
		Special Intentions
	6:30 pm	+Ellen MacKenzie
Thurs. (8 th):	2:30 pm	LAKESIDE MANOR
		+Donna Prout
	7:00 pm	<i>Parish Memorial Mass</i>
Fri. (9 th):	9:30 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
Sat. (10 th):	9:30 am	+Brian Shumay

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

NEW!

5:00 pm +Joelle Bisschop-Lucas

Sun. (11th): **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am +Carlito Espino Sr. &

+Elena Espino

11:00 am Mass for the People

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 2pm



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your love and guidance.
Show me how to love you, myself, and my
neighbours genuinely and generously.

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

A Note from Your Pastor.....



On Friday, October 26th youth of our parish led the Hour of Global Prayer – “*Youth Praying for Youth*”. In addition to sharing reflections, young people led the rosary prayer, lit candles, and accompanied the congregation in song.

I am so impressed by their prayerfulness, attentiveness, and participation. It was a beautiful Prayer Service!

I would like to acknowledge the following youth from the Youth Choir, Youth Connect, and Altar Servers who were exceptional leaders: Hannah, Hillary, Condy, Keisha, Enoch, Karehl, Janelle, Maria, Gabriel, Michael, Bea, Mary, Isa, Maxine, Keiffer, Sebastien, KC, Riley and Juliana, as well as the children from the sacrament preparation classes who participated. May God bless all of you!

Rev. Louis Nguyen



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Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, **at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.**

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 the Parish Office as soon as possible, as RCIA classes commence Friday, December 7th at 7pm.

Please consider this BILLET REQUEST for members of NET (National Evangelization Team) who will be leading the Grade 8 Faith Retreat on November 14th at St. Gerard's Parish. Team members, aged 18 to 29, will arrive the evening of Tuesday, November 13th and will require billets for two nights – November 13th and 14th. They will require breakfast the mornings of November 14th and 15th, supper on November 14th, and a bagged lunch for their travel day on November 15th. If you are able to billet TWO males or TWO females or would like more information, please contact Deanna Pellatt at 306-783-8787 (office) or 306-621-3859 (call/text) or email deanna.pellatt@cttcs.ca



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

November 5 - November 9, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Teddy Bear Clinic •SCC Meeting		•Gr. 3 Soccer Clinic		
Tues.	•Parent grad meeting	•Remembrance Day Service @ 11am			•Girls Vball @ Dr. Brass	
Wed.			•Remembrance Day Service @ 1pm		•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown	
Thurs.	•Remembrance Day Ceremony			•Gr. 4&7 to Harvest Showdown	•Boys Vball @ St. Alphonsus	
Fri.		•Harvest Showdown (Gr. 4&7)	•Harvest Showdown	•Red/Black/White Day •Remembrance Day Service @ 10:30am	•Remembrance Day Service @ 1:30pm	

“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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 22nd @ 7pm

History presented by Ernie Bobowski

Video by Father Thomas Keating

Video by Cynthia Bourgeault

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 pm

The annual Memorial Mass is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Gerard during the past year, as well as for the deceased loved ones of our St. Gerard's Family who may have celebrated the funeral elsewhere during the past year.

If you did not celebrate your loved one's funeral at St. Gerard, and you would like them to be included in the Annual Memorial Mass, please stop by the Parish Office with a copy of their funeral service bulletin.

The Mass will include a reading of the names of all those we are remembering. Family of the deceased will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

Coffee and fellowship to follow

On November 3rd & 4th, 2018 please welcome Deacon Stan Kroetsch who will speak about **CHALICE** – a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries.

The website is www.chalice.ca



News from the CWL



Nov. 5
Nov. 7

CWL Executive Meeting
Mass at 6:30pm followed by General Meeting. Please plan to attend.

Remember, the CWL Christmas Social is on Wednesday, December 5! Details to follow!



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 7
Nov. 11
Nov. 14
Nov. 18

Council Executive & General Meeting
Remembrance Day
Mass for Deceased Members
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



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

Be Joyful
in Hope

On this 5th Week of our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign, Jesus reminds us that our love of God is reflected most profoundly by the love and service which we extend to our neighbour. By our support of the Archdiocesan Appeal, we will enable the various pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese to continue extending the love of God to those in need. Your gift will ensure that the sick, and the elderly receive quality pastoral care, that our youth will find support and care in the midst of their struggles, and that our outreach to the poor at home and abroad may continue to bring the love of God to others.

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

Ordination of Ricardo Escalante

to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

On Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 3125 - 13th Avenue
A reception will follow, everyone is welcome!



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Falling in Love with God

By Janel Esker

At the staff meetings of a religious institution I once worked for, we took turns leading an opening prayer. Many of us prepared prayers with detailed language, noting the day's feast or particular intentions drawn from the day's headlines. However, the only prayer I remember was led by a laywoman who began by saying, "God, we love you." I don't remember the rest of the prayer, but I've never forgotten her basic but profound beginning: "God, we love you."

We ask God for a lot of things, we probably do plenty of complaining to God, and we do a good amount of thanking God. But how much time do we spend loving God?

Jesus upholds the centrality of loving God in his answer to the scribe in today's Gospel. Instead of naming one of the 613 commandments of the Judaic Law as the "first," he quotes the central Jewish prayer, the Shema, and its injunction to love God with our whole being. This, for Jesus, is the most essential commandment.

When was the last time you prayed, "God, I love you"? Loving God is different than loving a person you can actually see, touch, and hear—yet it's so fundamental to the spiritual life. Maybe, like couples who have been married a long time, we just assume God knows we love him. "We've been together so long we don't even need to say it anymore."

But even long-married couples renew their marriage vows and fall in love all over again. God is always reaching out in love to us, and Jesus challenges us today to recommit ourselves to God.

Can we continue to fall in love with God?

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****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Commencing November 3rd, 2018 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently Saturday evening at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at 5:00 pm

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

Tell all your friends and neighbours!!

Perogies & cabbage rolls are available for sale the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month **from 1pm to 4pm** (while supplies last).

The next sale date is Thursday, December 6th.

Let's get together and Build Community!

The photo appointments for the St. Gerard Directory are now complete. **Did you miss an opportunity to have your photo taken? Don't worry!**

The **FIRST FORTY families, couples or singles** who submit their own photo to the Parish Office may also be included in the directory for a fee of \$14.00.

Note the following specifications regarding the photos:

1. Must be a hard copy picture of 4"x6" maximum, or
2. A digital photo with a file size of at least 1MB.

If the photo has a copyright, a letter from the photographer permitting us to use the photo must be submitted at the same time as the photo and payment.

Vertical photos are suggested, and close-ups/head shots are to be avoided.

When submitting your photo to the Parish Office, please note the following: Last Name, Father, Mother, children oldest to youngest

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF PARISH LIFE SINCE FATHER LOUIS' ARRIVAL IN AUGUST 2017?

Please email to the Parish Office. Parish Life photos may be included in the Directory as well.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 9 AT 12 NOON

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (4th): 2:00 pm- Baptism Preparation Session
6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #4
- Mon. (5th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (6th): 5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
- Fri. (9th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Commandments"

This Week...

This first reading is the Shema, the most treasured prayer of the Jewish tradition. You will find it on the doorpost of many Jewish homes. It means "Hear, O Israel!" In the reading it announces the great commandment of love. Jesus, our one high priest, shows us that love is more important than anything. Loving yourself, loving your neighbour, and loving God are connected. Loving your neighbour comes more easily when you can love yourself, and loving God is most easily expressed by loving your neighbour. Jesus and this scribe both appreciate each other's insights on love; it is obvious in the warmth of their conversation.

For Your Reflection

Jesus tells us that loving God completely, loving our neighbours, and loving ourselves are our highest commandments.

- How are all the other commandments based on these?
- Is it ever all right (not sinful) to do something wrong, if no one will ever know about it and no one will ever be hurt by it? How does committing a sin - even a secret sin that is never caught - hurt you?

Every time you make a selfish decision, you teach yourself to be selfish. Every time you lie, you teach yourself to be dishonest. Every time you make a considerate decision, you teach yourself to be caring. Every time you make a moral choice, you teach yourself to have integrity. Every time you do the right thing, you feel more confident, you like yourself more, and you respect yourself more.

- If everyone understood these concepts, how would it change the world?
- Is it possible to know and understand these concepts, but to ignore them? What kind of decision would it be to ignore them? Why would someone do that?
- Whom do you respect? Why do you respect him or her?
- Do you respect yourself? Why or why not?

Jesus and this scribe seem to like each other. They affirm each other's words. It's hard to tell who's the teacher and who's the learner.

- Do you know a teacher who has a similar relationship with you? What is that relationship like?



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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.



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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 or check the website:

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