



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**November 10, 2019**  
**Thirty-second**  
**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

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| Mon. (11 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 7:00 pm                                     | ~Prayer Vigil~<br><i>Bernard Matsalla</i> |
| Tues. (12 <sup>th</sup> ):  | 10:00 am                                    | ~Funeral Mass~<br><i>Bernard Matsalla</i> |
|                             | 7:00 pm                                     | +Nell Hanewich                            |
| Wed. (13 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 10:30 am                                    | ASPEN VILLA<br>Special Intentions         |
|                             | <b>6:00 pm</b>                              | K of C/CWL Deceased Members               |
| Thurs. (14 <sup>th</sup> ): | 9:30 am                                     | +Ivan Walder                              |
|                             | 2:30 pm                                     | LAKESIDE MANOR<br>Special Intentions      |
|                             | <b>6:30 pm</b>                              | +Irene Cherneski                          |
| Fri. (15 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                     | +Heyden Houle                             |
| Sat. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:30 am                                     | +Merv Todos                               |
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|                             | 5:00 pm                                     | Special Intentions                        |
| Sun. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):   | <b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |   |
|                             | 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)

The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each 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

### CONTACT US

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

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| Pastor.....                      | Fr. Louis Kim Nguyen | 306.782.0323 | <a href="mailto:louiskimnguyen@yahoo.com">louiskimnguyen@yahoo.com</a> |
|                                  |                      | 306.621.8068 |  |
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| Caretaker.....                   | Mario Guerra         |              |  |



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Lord, I am grateful for the promise of eternal life. Help me to live as a child of the resurrection.

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

## Catechism of the Catholic Church: Christ's Resurrection and Ours

992 God revealed the resurrection of the dead to his people progressively. Hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead established itself as a consequence intrinsic to faith in God as creator of the whole man, soul and body. The creator of heaven and earth is also the one who faithfully maintains his covenant with Abraham and his posterity. It was in this double perspective that faith in the resurrection came to be expressed.

According to the Catechism, our belief in the resurrection is based upon a faith relationship with God as creator. Reflecting on the beauty and mystery of creation, we ask if there is more to life, if there is something beyond the grave. Will not God who loves us now with his good gifts care for us in the afterlife?

But there is a better reason. God intervenes in our affairs with a definite purpose. He has a plan for us that includes life after death. As a God who makes history, he marked the center point of all human affairs in the resurrection of his Son.

As Jesus pointed out in his response to the Sadducees, Yahweh is the "Living God." He desires living beings to worship him and return his love. He has shown us the door through death to a new life. As long as we worship him, we can be assured that he will not abandon us. He wants us to live, forever!

*What have you been taught about the resurrection of the dead? What importance does this belief have in your life?*

How do we know there is life after death? We know through Scripture and the tradition of the Church. But more important than these, through God's dynamic presence, he communicates the love and compassion of his will. We can trust God in all things, including the greatest challenge life gives us, death. If he lives, so shall we, for his love transcends all things, even death itself.

*Whom would you like to see in the next life? How would you like to see raised up and share in God's love? Pray for those people this week.*

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Loving God, have mercy on your people, and open our hearts to peace and love.

Reward all who have died for our country, and grant that Canada and all nations may continue to work for justice and peace.

Help us to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour and our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 11 - November 15, 2019



|        | Sacred Heart                                      | St. Alphonsus | St. Mary | St. Michael | St. Paul | St. Theodore |
|--------|---|---------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Mon.   | Remembrance Day – No School                       |               |          |             |          |              |
| Tues.  | No School   |               |          |             |          |              |
| Wed.   |   |               |          |             |          |              |
| Thurs. |   |               |          |             |          |              |
| Fri.   | •Sr Boys Vball<br>Regional Playoffs<br>(Melville) |               |          |             |          |              |

**"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

To register for **Baptism Classes**,  
please contact the Parish Office @ 306.782.2449



We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community  
those who were baptized  
recently at St. Gerard:

Carter Borden

May this child and his family  
experience joy and new life.

## YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS (YA/T) Choir

Are you 13 to 21-ish? Do you like to sing? Or  
do you play an instrument and like to sing?

The next rehearsal is Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7pm.

For more information or to request music  
please contact [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca) or  
AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048

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## News from the CWL



Nov. 13

Deceased Members Mass & Supper

Nov. 14

General Meeting

Nov. 16/17

CWL Membership Drive

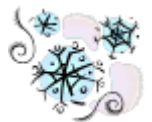
& 23/24

**2020 CWL Memberships** will be available at the General Meeting and after each Mass the last two weekends in November.

**Call for Nominations** Would you consider serving on the St. Gerard CWL executive? We are a supportive, informed group of catholic women caring for our local, national and global community with the help of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Positions to fill: President-elect/Membership, Community Life, and Legislation & Resolutions.



## Annual CWL Christmas Banquet Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>



Mass at 5:00 pm

Supper at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

CWL members and guest may purchase tickets:

• Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at the General Meeting

• Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> after Mass

• Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> after Mass



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 13

Deceased Members Mass & Supper  
starting at 6pm

Nov. 13

First Degree – St. Gerard

Nov. 17

Second & Third Degree (St. Mary@ 1pm)

Nov. 23

“Keep Christ in Christmas” signs at 9am

**Mental Health calendars** are now available. Cost: \$40  
Phone/text Wayne at 306.783.7380 or email  
[wex13@sasktel.net](mailto:wex13@sasktel.net) to purchase.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call  
Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr)  
More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



In addition to donation cards, the Archdiocese of Regina has also provided parishioners with a brochure that contains a list of the ministries and organizations that are supported through your gifts to the Archbishop's Appeal. You are invited to take time this week to select a few of those organizations and remember them in your personal prayers. Reflect on the men, women and young people with nothing but joy and hope in their hearts helping run these programs and those who are served by their efforts. Please consider how you might honor their efforts and their needs through your support of the Archbishop's Appeal.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA WEEKLY

Sign up now at [www.archregina.sk.ca/news](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/news)

For assistance in signing up contact:

[communications@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:communications@archregina.sk.ca) or 306.352.1651  
ext. 237



# Bringing Home the Word

## Imagining Life after Death

By Mary Katharine Deeley

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about life after death with the simple phrase, "we shall be changed" (15:51-52). In the Nicene Creed, we "look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This is the hope of our faith: even in death, our communion with God cannot be severed. But what will life after death be like?

That's the question that the Sadducees had trouble answering. It's important to know that the concept of resurrection was a fairly recent development in Jesus' time. The idea was disputed. The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection; the Pharisees did. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up with their question about multiple marriages. They clung to the notion that life after death would be exactly like life on earth. Thus, the practical issues would present insurmountable problems. Jesus was not fooled. He tells them that when God raises us up, we will come fully into our identities as children of God.

God has revealed much about life after death since then. We know we will stand before God when we die and face his judgment and mercy. We know we will be able to turn our backs on God (hell) or turn toward him (heaven). We know that for many, purification (purgatory) will be part of that process. Afterward, our loving union with God will remain eternally. Perhaps that truth will inspire greater faith, hope, and witness here and now.

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## •PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Cabbage rolls             | \$25 ( 5 dozen)    |
| Buckwheat cabbage rolls   | \$20 (2 1/2 dozen) |
| Potato & onion perogies   | \$35 ( 10 dozen)   |
| Potato & cheddar perogies | \$40 ( 10 dozen)   |

## THIS IS AN INVITATION TO ALL MEN OF ST. GERARD PARISH



to consider joining the St. Gerard Men's Choir!

Do you like to sing? The first rehearsal is Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 am.

For more information and to sign-up please contact:

Francis at 306.782.1762 or the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.



Are you looking for resources to help you to prepare for Sunday Mass? Look no further!

Check out our website:

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) and click on the "Bringing Home the Word" icon on the home page.

You will find reflections, prayers, daily Mass readings, and inspiring words of Pope Francis.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (11<sup>th</sup>): *Parish Office closed until 1pm Tuesday*  
7:00 pm- Bible Study  
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (12<sup>th</sup>): **9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)**  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg  
(Meeting Room B)
- Wed. (13<sup>th</sup>): **9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)**  
7:00 pm- KofC/CWL +Members Supper
- Thurs. (14<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Centering Prayer  
(Meeting Room A)  
7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. (15<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
6:00 pm- Buddies Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA Group 1  
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
- Sat. (16<sup>th</sup>): 4:30pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
- Sun. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2  
(CWL Room – Lower Level)

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Make Progress, Speed On, and Triumph"**

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

We are called to pray and work so that the word of Jesus makes progress. Our strength and courage for proclaiming the word comes from our belief in the Resurrection, and in our reward for every good work and good word. On this earth the seven murdered brothers and their mother looked foolish, but they believed God would surely restore them to life. They believed that God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

#### **For Your Reflection**

We are urged to pray that the message of Jesus *makes progress*. This phrase, "makes progress," is translated many different ways in different Bibles. The New Jerusalem Bible says "spread quickly." The Good News Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say "spread rapidly." The Carmelite translation says "speed on and triumph." It is urgent that we race on and get this message of Jesus out to everyone.

We are being told, "Hurry up! Get going! Get the message of Jesus out there! Get everyone talking about Jesus! Don't waste any more time! This is important stuff! High priority!"

- What is the message of Jesus? How would you explain it to someone?
- Do you live your life with this urgency to get out the message of Jesus? Why or why not?
- What is the most pressing matter in your life right now? What is your most urgent need or issue? Where does the message of Jesus fit in with all this?

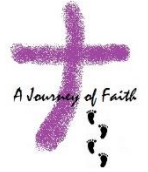
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



**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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## 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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