



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 11, 2018

Thirty-second
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. (12 th):	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving <i>Prayer Vigil – Amy Hoven</i>
Tues. (13 th):	7:00 pm	+Stella Konjolka
Wed. (14 th):	10:30 am	ASPEN VILLA Fran Meehan
	6:00 pm	+Members of K of C
Thurs. (15 th):	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Merv & Rosemarie Todos YORKTON CROSSING +Herb Desroches
Fri. (16 th):	9:30 am	+Bill Oliver
Sat. (17 th):	9:30 am	Rosemarie Glowa

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** +Florence Kruger

Sun. (18 th):	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	+Rose Hickie

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 abundant gifts. Open my hands and heart that I may give my all in sharing your peace and love with the world.

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

A Note from Your Pastor.....

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

I would like to invite you to think and to discern about joining one of the choirs who sing and lead the people at our weekend celebrations.

We are a big parish, and every weekend we have three Masses. However, as I see in each Mass on the weekend, we have only a few people who sing in the choir and help people to sing and to praise God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church cites St. Augustine: “He who sings, prays twice.” When you sing, you praise God and glorify God – but you also help others to praise God and to glorify God.

Each of us have different gifts and talents that God has given us. Therefore, I encourage you to share and use your gifts to serve and to help people celebrate the Mystery of Faith at weekend Mass, especially in the Music Ministry (at funerals as well).

If you are willing to join a choir, please come and talk to me, or to any musicians in our parish. We will help you to know what you have to do and how to serve the Lord in song.

I also encourage you to save your time so you can come for practice. It is very important for all choirs to rehearse once a week in order to be well-prepared before weekend Masses.

I would love to see the number of people in the choirs increase. Please remember: **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Rev. Louis Nguyen

P.S. The choir who ministers Saturday evening rehearses at **4:30pm** until March 31st, and then at **6:30pm** from April 1st to October 31st. The choir who ministers Sunday at 9am rehearses at **5pm** Tuesdays. Please check the bulletin for rehearsal times for the choir who ministers Sunday at 11am.



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 12 - November 16, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	NO SCHOOL					
Tues.		•City-wide Vball Tourney			•Volleyball Tournament	
Wed.		•City-wide Vball Tourney	•Gr. 8 NET Retreat		•Gr. 8 NET Retreat	
Thurs.			•Yoga Session		•Volleyball Tournament	
Fri.		•Student Progress reports	•Student Progress reports		•Progress reports	•Student progress reports

“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

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR TEENS (SPT)

Youth who are in 7th through 12th grade, and who have not previously received some or any of the Sacraments, are encouraged to register as soon as possible for SPT.

Weekly classes for teens will begin after Christmas, with the reception of the sacraments to take place in the late spring.

A \$50.00 fee is required to partially cover materials (but no teen will be turned away for financial reasons).

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

The SPT Catechist is Ophelia Adane.



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. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

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.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Classes start Friday, December 7th at 7pm.

The RCIA Catechist is Father Louis.



News from the CWL



It's time to renew your 2019 Membership. We will have a membership drive Saturday, Nov. 17 & Sunday, Nov. 18 at all Masses, and again the following weekend on Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25 at all Masses. Membership fees are \$30.00.

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Nov. 14 Mass for Deceased Members @ 6pm with supper to follow
- Nov. 18 Admissions Degree – No General Mtg. Parish Brunch
- Nov. 19-23 Church Kneeler Replacement Project Volunteers needed! Details next week.
- Nov. 24 Put up "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs @ 9am
- Nov. 25 Articles for "The Word" due
- Nov. 28 Afternoon 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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

Be Joyful
in Hope

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 honour their efforts and their needs through your support of the Archbishop's Appeal.

An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Thursday, November 22nd @ 7pm

History presented by Ernie Bobowski
Video by Father Thomas Keating
Video by Cynthia Bourgeault



Bringing Home the Word

What Shall We Give?

By Janel Esker

When my husband and I were first married, we didn't have much money. I took the bus to work, and he ate peanut butter-and-honey sandwiches nearly every day. Chunky soup with rice was frequently on our dinner menu. Like many young couples, we struggled to make ends meet. One result of that experience was that we became very careful about how we spent money. Could we afford lunch at a restaurant once a month? How would we save for the future or budget for a growing family?

Also of concern was the amount we would donate to our church. Clearly, large contributions were out of the question, but because income and expenses often varied, we even avoided pledging a set amount per week. Instead, we agreed to give something every week—as much as we thought we could afford. Some weeks it was a dollar; in weeks of plenty or good fortune, we gave a little more. Our children took great pride in putting whatever amount we had in the basket each Sunday.

Our finances are much less stressful these days. Our careers and income have been blessed, and we still support our church, serve the poor, pay our ministers a living wage, and strive to make our parish a welcoming place for all. But whenever I read this Gospel passage I wonder, "Are we simply giving out of our surplus, or are we pushing ourselves to let go of some of our desires and dreams to help others in our midst?" We all should ask ourselves this question weekly, as my family did years ago.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•

Tell all your friends and neighbours!!

Perogies & cabbage rolls are available for sale the **FIRST THURSDAY** (while supplies last).

**The next sale date is
Thursday, December 6th
from 3pm to 6pm.**

Let's get together and Build Community!

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 PARISH LIFE PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS NOVEMBER 30 AT 12 NOON

OPTIONS PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

This year St. Gerard Church raised \$3,430.57 with the baby bottle campaign. The total from all the participating churches was \$35,733.83. Since 2009, St. Gerard Parishioners have donated \$36,988.42. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to Isabel Burant and Rose Marchinko for the many baby blankets they made for the centre.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support and prayers for the centre. God bless.

- Submitted by Jackie Guy on behalf of OptionS Pregnancy (Regina)

Remembrance Day

November 11



Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

- ORDO, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Ottawa, Ontario

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (12th): *Parish Office Closed*
- Tues. (13th): 5:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)
7:30 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg
- Fri. (16th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. (17th): 4:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (5pm Mass)
- Sun. (18th): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Preparation

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Generosity"

This Week...

Two widows are the heroes of today's readings. It is a widow whom Elijah befriends and blesses with abundance. She didn't have any extra oil or flour, but she gave all she had to Elijah because she had faith in his words. It is a widow who gives all the money she has that shames the contributions of the richest ones. She gives because she has faith. In contrast, Jesus criticizes the hypocritical ones who claim to be holy, yet who act in the most unholy ways. Jesus knows how they will fare at the Second Coming.

For Your Reflection

Centuries ago a widow was a very helpless person. In those days men controlled the family wealth and property, and women received any status they had from the men who were their husbands. Bad luck was a sign of sinfulness, so when a woman was widowed, she had no one to take care of her, and society looked down on her. Yet in both the first reading and the Gospel, we are asked to imitate the faithful actions of a widow.

- Jesus often asks us to look at the outcasts of society in order to imitate their ways. What are some characteristics of today's social outcasts that we need to imitate? How would imitating them make the world a better place?
- Jesus often asks us to see through the hypocrisy of the wealthy. They act proud and important, but many of their personal habits are not what we want to imitate. What are some characteristics of today's rich and famous that we wouldn't want to imitate? What kind of lifestyles do some well-known athletes, rock stars, and actors lead? What would Jesus say about these people?
- On most teenagers' bedroom walls and locker doors, you will find posters of whom? What characteristics of these people are admired by teenagers? Why? What would Jesus say about the choices made by most teenagers? What do you say about them? How are you prepared to respond to this situation?
- Do you ever contribute money or time to a cause you believe in? If not, why not? If so, what do you do? How has it affected your life? How has it made the world a better place for anyone?
- Some people think "I'm only one person so I can't really help." What response could you give to that excuse? What would Jesus say about that?



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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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