



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 17, 2019
Thirty-third 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

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (18 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (19 th):	7:00 pm	+Len & +Eleanor Loster
Wed. (20 th):		Red Wednesday
	9:30 am	For Persecuted Christians
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Claude Slogocki
Thurs. (21 st):		The Presentation of
		the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9:30 am	+Joan Stricker
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		Special Intentions
Fri. (22 nd):	9:30 am	+Veronica Yeroschak
Sat. (23 rd):	9:30 am	Special Intentions
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	5:00 pm	+John Jason Himpe
Sun. (24 th):		Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
		King of the Universe
	9:00 am	+Bozsik Family
	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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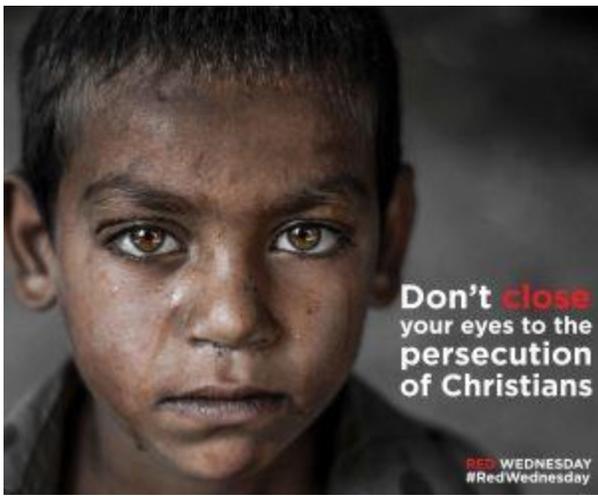
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Lord, I am grateful for your command to love. Help me to persevere in loving and serving all people.

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



RED WEDNESDAY (20 November 2019)

Red Wednesday is the day dedicated to raising awareness about the persecution of Christians and praying for the men, women, and children for whom this is a reality.

Persecution is defined as “a program or campaign to exterminate, drive away, or subjugate people based on their membership in a religious, ethnic, social, or racial group”. It would be tempting to imagine that such actions no longer occur today. However, sometimes a particular idea can push persons or groups to fanaticism, leading to campaigns to “exterminate, drive away, or subjugate”

those who do not share these ideals. This fanaticism can take on religious, political, or ethnic expressions. In the news today there is no shortage of such events. Faced with this exclusivist way of thinking, religious freedom is suppressed.

This statement is addressed to the Catholic faithful in Canada who, owing to the relative lack of religious persecution in our country, may not be concerned with this phenomenon. In the short space of this statement, we will outline several different types of persecution that affect not only our Christian brothers and sisters in other countries, but also our own religious reality here in Canada.

(Excerpt from “In His Name: Statement on the Persecution of Christians”, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops *Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace*, 2019)

To read the entire document, follow this link: <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/>

For more information: <https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/>

At St. Gerard Church, the 9:30am Mass on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 will be offered for the intentions of Persecuted Christians around the world.



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News November 18 - November 22, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•Curling		
Tues.				•3/4E Anti-bullying Presentation		
Wed.			•Gr. 4/5 to SIGN for National Child Day	•Gr. 5E/5F to National Child Day exhibit	•Gr. 4 to SIGN for National Child Day	
Thurs.				•Boys & Girls Club presentation to Gr. 2&3		
Fri.	•Sr Boys Vball Provincial Playoffs (N. Battleford)		•Progress reports	•Fr. 7F/8F presentation •Progress reports	•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

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

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 15th @ 7pm.

For more information or to request music please contact office@stgerard.ca or AnnaLissa @ 306.818.0048

YOUTH



CHOIR

ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12? DO YOU LOVE TO SING? ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD AT MASS?

Parents, if your children are interested in joining the St. Gerard Youth Choir please contact Jenny Baraoidan at 306.620.2848.



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 23rd 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.



News from the CWL



Mark Your Calendar!! It's that time again!! For what you ask?? It's time to renew your 2020 C.W.L. Memberships. Membership fees are still \$30.00. You can renew them before or after Mass on Saturday, November 23rd and also before and after both Masses on Sunday, November 24th. They will also be available at the Christmas Social on Saturday, November 20th.



Annual CWL Christmas Banquet Saturday, November 30th



Mass at 5:00 pm Supper to follow

Cost: \$10.00 per person

CWL members and guest may purchase tickets:

Nov. 23rd/24th after Mass

or by calling Linda 306.783.3924 or Paulette 306.782.7923



News from the Knights of Columbus



Nov. 17	Second & Third Degree (St. Mary@ 1pm)
Nov. 23	"Keep Christ in Christmas" signs at 9am
Nov. 25	Articles for "The Word" due
Nov. 29	Afternoon Bingo
Dec. 1	Parish Brunch
Dec. 4	Executive & General Meeting

Mental Health calendars are now available. Cost: \$40
Phone/text Wayne at 306.783.7380 or email 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
More info.: www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



As our Archbishop's Appeal draws to a close, we would like to take this time to thank all those who have contributed to the ongoing mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Regina. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution, as donations will be accepted at the Parish Office until 4pm Friday, December 27th. Any donation, large or small, will assist our Archdiocese in continuing Christ's mission of imbuing hope to everyone born out of God's Mercy through the sharing of Gods' Word.

St. Gerard Parish Goal:	\$54,998
Donations to date:	\$24,290
Percentage of goal to date:	44%

If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, there are forms available in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.



Bringing Home the Word

Our Leader through Strife

By Mary Katharine Deeley

As we come to the close of the Church year, our readings turn more and more to the end times. These words are not easy to hear. Certainly, when we think about the persecution of Christians, the civil wars that seem far too frequent, and the number of people, nations, and even religious groups who claim to have the sole answer to everyone's problems, we can find a striking resemblance to Jesus' description of the coming days.

What our world is undergoing is not new. In every age people have been persecuted, wars have been fought, natural disasters have occurred, and many have claimed to be saviors. Jesus admits this openly and still tells us not to despair. He promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble. It's tempting to follow the charismatic speakers and powerful leaders who claim to have the truth or single solution to our human limitations and vulnerabilities. Jesus urges us not to do that, but to look to him alone for what we need.

Our imperfect and passing world will always have places and times of great suffering and strife. Jesus doesn't promise to take it all away; he promises to lead us through it. God will never abandon us and will provide more than a temporary fix. If we doubt that, we have only to look to Jesus' death and resurrection to see that he was willing to take the worst the world had to offer in order to offer us the very best.

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•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is
Thursday, December 5th
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)

St. Gerard's Giving Tree Campaign



begins Saturday, November 23rd!

Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than 90 individuals and households received need items.

The needs of families and individuals will be printed on each tree ornament. If you can commit, please take an ornament and provide an item for someone in need. Thank you!



Please support the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign



Volunteers are needed! If you can manage a kettle site for 2 hours in a warm and central location on Monday, November 25th, please leave your name at the Parish Office by Friday, November 22nd.

There will be 5 locations, with 2 hour shifts between 10am and 6pm.



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

Check out our website:

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. (18th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- Bible Study
(Lower Level)
- Tues. (19th): 5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Fri. (22nd): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA Group 1
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
- Sat. (23rd): 10:15 am- Men's Choir rehearsal
4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
- Sun. (24th): 9:30 am- RCIA Group 2
(CWL Room – Lower Level)
5:00 pm- Sacrament Preparation
(Main Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Day Will Come"

This Week...

The end of the world is a popular thing to discuss - in our day (especially as we come to the end of a millennium), in the time of the Christian Testament, and in the time of the Hebrew Scriptures. Lo, the day is coming when justice will be done, when one stone will not be left upon another. But it probably won't be tomorrow, so let's not quit our jobs to stay home and wait it out. And when it does come, although it will be filled with catastrophe, ultimately we will all be saved.

For Your Reflection

Every so often, some famous person or group comes along to predict the exact day of the end of the world. Everyone gets excited, lots of news coverage is aired, and a lot of conversation is stirred up. Why not? It's an exciting possibility. People like talking about it: What might it be like? How will we know if it's coming? Is it possible to read the signs? While it happens while we are still alive?

- Do such questions and conversations bore you or interest you? Do they cause you any concern? How so?
- Have you heard any specific predictions lately about the end of the world? Do you put much stock in such predictions? Why or why not?

Very often, when people get nervous about "the end of the world," it's because there is a lot of fear of death and final judgment. But actually, the odds are not very high that tomorrow will be the last day of the world. The odds, however, are very high that tomorrow will be the last day of *someone's* life.

That's because many people die every day. We never know when it will be our turn. When it happens to someone we love, it is tragic, and often sudden and shocking even though we know that, sooner or later, it happens to us all.

Instead of worrying about living the last day of the world, why not begin to appreciate life and those we love as if every day could be our last? (or their last?)

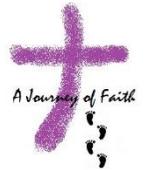
- How is your life different when you try to do that? How would your life be different if everyone tried to do that?



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.

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