



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**October 21, 2018**  
**Twenty-ninth 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

Sun.	(21 <sup>st</sup> ):	7:00 pm	<i>Vigil Prayer – Grace Walsh</i>
Mon.	(22 <sup>nd</sup> ):	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass-Grace Walsh</i>
		7:00 pm	<i>Vigil Prayer – Eileen Griffith</i>
Tues.	(23 <sup>rd</sup> ):	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass-Eileen Griffith</i>
		7:00 pm	+Stella Konjolka
Wed.	(24 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (NORTH)
			+Viola Molnar
		7:00 pm	+Florence Kruger
Thurs.	(25 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Ellen MacKenzie
Fri.	(26 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Donna Prout
Sat.	(27 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:30 am	Special Intentions

7:00 pm Special Intentions

Sun. (28<sup>th</sup>): **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Mass for the People  
11:00 am Special Intentions

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

### 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

### CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I'm grateful for your gift of humility. Give me a humble heart so I may imitate your compassionate ways with all people.

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

# OCTOBER IS REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH

in the Archdiocese of Regina

## Reverence for Life - Choose Life: For the Elderly, the Sick and the Dying

### Prayer to Guide Us:

- Pray the Stations of the Cross – imagine yourself in the narrative, pay attention to how you feel <https://youtu.be/Cw1ZXdBtCug>
- Read these Bible passages and reflect on them: Rom 14:7-9, John 6:37-40, 1Thes 4:13-18, Ps 27, Ps 116

### Actions to Move Us:

- Volunteer in your local hospital/care facility, by taking Eucharist, assisting with liturgies, and prayer
- Become informed on end of life issues <https://www.findingthegifts.ca/>



**PROP**

*Propagation of the Faith*

## OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

**Today, on World Mission Sunday,** we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people

who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps:

- People in remote villages, towns and cities, through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests;
- Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers;
- To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;
- Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer your prayers for the work of the church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

October 22 - October 26, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	•Girls Soccer vs SHHS				•Curling practice begins	
Tues.				•Gr 7F Pickle Ball	•Girls Vball vs Columbia •Boys Vball @ Columbia	
Wed.						
Thurs.				•Perogy Hot Lunch		
Fri.	•Boys Soccer @ North Battleford •Girls Provincial Soccer @ Regina •Sr Boys Vball @ Hepburn •Sr Girls Vball @ Langenburg	•Spirit Day – Twin Day		•Rider Pride Day		

**"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 will be  
**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** in the Parish Hall.

To register for the Baptism Preparation session,  
please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



## News from the CWL



YORKTON/MELVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
CWL REGIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

ST. GERARD'S YORKTON

*"Inspired by the Spirit women respond to God's call"  
"We can make a difference"*

**Please register by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**

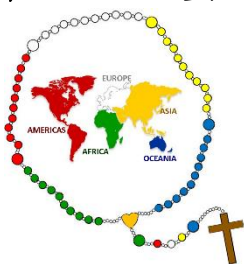
Facilitators - Deanna Pellatt & Christine Shuya  
Cost - \$10.00 (lunch included)

Registration forms are available in the Welcome Area, or  
call Rosella 306.782.7042 or Linda 306.783.3924

## HOUR OF GLOBAL PRAYER & ROSARY

*"Youth Praying for Youth"*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM



Refreshments & fellowship to follow.  
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

~ Submitted by the Liturgical Committee ~



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Oct. 20/21 Membership Drive  
Oct 23 Knights lead the rosary @ 5:30pm  
Oct. 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
Oct. 26 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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina



### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$53,209

Be Joyful  
in Hope

Today the gospel invites us to achieve greatness, not by material gain or influence or power over others, but by the awareness of our lowliness to which we depend on God for everything. What we have are God's gifts and are meant to serve the needs of others. Only through service to others can we truly reach the greatness that the Kingdom of God requires. In giving to the Archdiocesan Appeal, we join the many souls in their best effort to reach the greatness of life of which all are called to achieve.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

### \*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*

Commencing November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 the Sunday anticipated Mass (currently **Saturday evening** at 7:00 pm) will be celebrated at **5:00 pm.**



# Bringing Home the Word

## Jesus' Idea of True Greatness

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We might forgive James and John for their ambition. They had, after all, been with Jesus since the beginning. They had seen him heal the ill, cast out demons, and preach about repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Surely Jesus had a power that no one else had. And surely he would give it away to those who asked for it. James and John make a mistake. They thought power and greatness have to do with position.

We are so like them. We often think that people are great if they have abundant wealth or prestigious titles.

We consider them powerful if they have higher or several degrees, or if the world judges them to be attractive. And the world tells us this is so. But Jesus has a different message. Greatness has nothing to do with wealth or education. Sitting at the right and left hand of Jesus does not depend on appearance, position, or accomplishments. Rather, greatness comes from being willing to empty yourself for the sake of others. Our power lies in being the least among our neighbors.

Jesus challenges us in this reading. He dares us to let go of our ideas of greatness and to become servants of all. He invites us to "do the lesser things" with no strings attached or expectation of reward. (*Ministry* comes from the Latin *minus/minor* and Greek *meion*, meaning "less, smaller.") We must serve in love out of love for him. This week, look for little things you can do for others, giving thanks to God for this invitation.

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## A Word from Pope Francis ....

We are not called to serve merely in order to receive a reward, but rather to imitate God, who made himself a servant for our love. Nor are we called to serve only now and again, but to live in serving. Service is thus a way of life; indeed, it recapitulates the entire Christian way of life.

—Homily, October 2, 2016

At the Welcome Supper held for the Johar family on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Bilal spoke on behalf of his family - parents Berhan & Nuria and his sisters Nada & Besma. This is his thank you address to St. Gerard's Parish:

"Dear ladies and gentlemen, first thank you for organizing this wonderful day. I am excited to be in front of you and give a little speech about my family. As it is known we came here about 3 months back from Saudi Arabia and we were sponsored and helped by (your) church who did their best to let us get to Canada and be part of this community. Regardless our religion, background and nationality they stood beside us from the beginning until the end. We thank you a lot for each and every effort that you made for the sake of us and we can't express the joy that we feel at the moment. At the end we promise to make you people proud of us by using the education and work opportunities properly. Thank you again, and again, and again from each person in this family."

~ Submitted by the Refugee Committee ~

### •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, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **PEROGY BEE** Date change **October 23-25 @ 9am**

Can you make empanadas? Gyoza? Samosa? Pastelles? Pasties? Fara? Banh bot loc? If so (or not 😊), come and give perogy-making a try!

**Pinching begins Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am** in the Parish Hall. Lots of good conversation and fun! Plus, you will be sharing your time and talent! Perogies are a great St. Gerard fundraiser!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (21<sup>st</sup>): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep #3 (lower level)
- Mon. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Community Life Committee Mtg
- Tues. (23<sup>rd</sup>): 7:30 pm- Choir Rehearsal (9am Mass)  
7:30 pm- Finance Council Meeting
- Wed. (24<sup>th</sup>): 5:30 pm- Buddies Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
- Fri. (26<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. (28<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Tri-sacrament Prep #4

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Seeking Status in the Reign of God"

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

James and John ask an unusual request of Jesus - they want places of honour and high status beside Jesus when he comes into his glory. Jesus tells them that the path to glory leads through great suffering, and like Isaiah's suffering servant, he will suffer for the love of many. Jesus spells out the fate of many of the believers - the martyrs who end up doing the same thing Jesus did - suffering and dying for love. In this way Jesus understands our most profound sufferings and pain.

#### **For Your Reflection**

James and John each want to be the "main man" for Jesus. Clearly, they are trying to be "teacher's pets."

- Have you ever tried to become someone's favourite? What was the outcome?

As you can imagine, the others are upset that James and John are trying to make secret deals on the side in order to outrank the rest of the Apostles.

- Have you ever felt slighted by someone else's success at outranking you and becoming the favourite?

Jesus is onto their little scheme. He knows what they are attempting, and he tells them that wanting such high status is going to cost them.

- Do you think their scheme worked? Do you think Jesus favoured them above the rest?
- Do you think they learned their lesson? What did they learn?
- What do you think the other Apostles learned from this situation?
- What do you think you need to learn from this situation?



**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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## 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](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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