



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth  
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

Mon. (16 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Tues. (17 <sup>th</sup> ):	7:00 pm	+Mike Babiuk
Wed. (18 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Ron Tessier
	10:30 am	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		Special Intentions
Thurs. (19 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Pauline Malinowski
	2:30 pm	YORKTON CROSSING
		Special Intentions
Fri. (20 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+George Biblow
Sat. (21 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Jody Churko
	1:30 pm	<i>Wozniak-Airth Wedding</i>
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	7:00 pm	+Alan & +Aileen Hayward
Sun. (22 <sup>nd</sup> ):	<b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	+Bruce Wonchulanko
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

### 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



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

### CONTACT US

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

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Lord, I am grateful for your gentle, guiding ways.  
Save me from losing myself in the things of the world.  
Help me to find my way to your heart of goodness.

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



**What is CFC-FFL?** Couples for Christ – Foundation for Family and Life is an evangelistic and missionary community committed to helping families become empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strive for holiness of life, committing to renew the temporal order through work with the poor, for justice, and for life. This community was formed in 1981 and has been given Vatican recognition. And in 2015, Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan granted permission for the Live Christ Share Christ Movement of CFC-FFL to exist in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Regina. At St. Gerard we have a very active CFC-FFL community. For more information, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.

Couples for Christ - Foundation for Family and Life Chapter (CFC-FFL)  
in Yorkton Saskatchewan is holding a

### Christian Life Seminar

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30am - 4:30pm

St. Gerard Parish Church (Lower Level)

*All married couples are invited to attend.*

If you are interested, please contact Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239.



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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 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 THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The next session of RCIA classes will commence in the very near future!



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

September 16 - September 20, 2019



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys)	
Tues.			•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Boys/Girls)	
Wed.			•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip		•Gr. 7 Canoe Trip (Girls)	
Thurs.	•Football vs Melville					
Fri.	•Girls' Soccer Home Tourney				•CTCS X-Country Meet @ Logan Flats	

**"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

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

Do you have a child/children who are entering Grade 2 in September? Do you have children or youth who are older than Grade 2 but they have not received **First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Eucharist?**

There will be a Parent Information Meeting and Registration Night on **TONIGHT at 6:30 pm.**

## HEY TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS!

Here's an opportunity for you to minister with other teens/young adults! The group currently consists of a pianist, wind & brass musicians, and a guitarist, all who love to praise the Lord in song!

Singers & other musicians most welcome!

For more information or to request music please contact the Parish Office [office@dstgerard.ca](mailto:office@dstgerard.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.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 20 Afternoon bingo  
Sept. 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
Sept. 29 Fifth Sunday Rosary before 9am Mass

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Rejean Houle @ 306.641.5430 or 306.783.6767 or [houle\\_r@yahoo.fr](mailto:houle_r@yahoo.fr). More info.: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## SACRISTANS & GATE KEEPERS NEEDED

Sacristans and Gate Keepers (open and close the church) are needed for the Saturday night Mass. If you would like to serve in either of these ministries, please call Yvonne at 306.782.1055 or Carol at 306.782.1762

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### Archdiocese of Regina Weekly Report

Sign up now at [www.archregina.sk.ca/news](http://www.archregina.sk.ca/news) The week's top local stories, parish and diocesan events, and national and international news of Catholic interest delivered to your in-box every Friday.

## The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program "Sharing the Joy of the Gospel!"

Our mission is to provide you with a renewed missionary zeal fueled by the joy of the Gospel! One weekend per month from October until June, Catholics who want to know, love and serve Christ more deeply come together at Campion College in Regina. During this three-year program you will:

- + Become more deeply aware of God's personal love and activity in your life.
- + Encounter Jesus Christ, discover his plan of sheer goodness for you and deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church.
- + Discover how to more intentionally integrate your faith in daily life in service to Christ.
- + Be given the Spiritual and Formation tools you need to follow Christ's commission to "Go, make disciples of all nations".

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information or to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)



# Bringing Home the Word

## Are We "Older Sons"?

By Mary Katharine Deeley

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his younger kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the elder son in all of us. We want to be rewarded, and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's account in Exodus was written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we see that his love was so powerful that the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written

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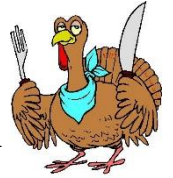
## PARISH FUNDRAISER

The next fundraising day is  
**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**3pm to 6pm**

Cabbage rolls \$25 ( 5 dozen bag)  
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)  
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST GERARD PARISH

### ANNUAL FALL FOWL SUPPER




SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
4:30pm – 6:30pm

Many helping hands needed!  
Sign up today!



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## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (15<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- Sacrament Parent Meeting  
*(Lower level)*
- Mon. (16<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (dough)  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:15 pm- Buddies Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm- Bible Study *(Lower level)*
- Tues. (17<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (pinching)  
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
- Wed. (18<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
- Fri. (20<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
5:30 pm- Wedding rehearsal  
7:00 pm- YA/T Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm- RCIA *(Meeting Room B)*
- Sat. (21<sup>st</sup>): 6:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Searching for a Lost Coin"

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

No one is unimportant. God cares about everyone. God does not abandon the sinning Israelites; Paul is given grace and mercy; and God will chase after us with love like that of a shepherd who goes after a lost sheep, a loving parent who goes after a lost child, and a woman who goes after a lost coin in her home.

#### **For Your Reflection**

The woman searching for the lost coin is an image of God - the One who loves us, sees us as precious, knows we are lost, and searches for us until we are found.

- When have you felt "lost"? When have you felt far away from God? Do you feel that way now? If so, what is it like? How does it affect your life? If not, what happened to bring you back to God?

The woman searching for the lost coin can also be an image of us - one who sees a friend who is in trouble, or lost, who knows that the friend is precious, and who goes after that friend in the hope of being supportive until that friend can come around.

- When have you been that kind of support for a friend or a family member? What happened?

The woman searching for the lost coin can also be an image of a friend or parent searching for us when we are in a "lost" period of our life.

Lots of problems can bring us down so that we become depressed; develop unhealthy attitudes, behaviours, or addictions; and start to mess up our life.

- When have you needed some kind of special help or support during a "lost" time in your life? When you were the lost coin, who searched high and low looking for you, trying to bring you back?

The woman in the parable looked diligently until she found that lost coin.

- If you had ten silver pieces and one was missing, how much time would you spend looking for that one piece?

- What was the most valuable item you have ever lost? How long did you search for it? Did you ever find it? What did you do to celebrate?



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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.

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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.*

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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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