



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 2, 2018

Twenty-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

Mon. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass-Rose Hickie</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Vigil-Hilda Padar</i>
Tues. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):	10:00 am	<i>Funeral Mass-Hilda Padar</i>
Wed. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Bienvenido Bacalso
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES
		+Viola Molnar
Thurs. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Mary Balint
Fri. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am	+Henri Nobert
	10:45 am	ST MARY SCHOOL
		+Rose Donovan
Sat. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	10:00 am	+Doreen Sereda
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	7:00 pm	Special Intentions
Sun. ( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):	<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

**Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion** is every Tuesday at 6pm, followed by Mass at 7pm.

### 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

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

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Lord, you come from the heart of the Trinity. Give me a pure heart, that I may reflect goodness and love.

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

## Let's get together and Build Community!

Would you like to connect names with faces? Would you like a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations? Would you like to be a part of creating memories at St. Gerard Church?

We need **EVERYONE** to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete!

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER** there will be an opportunity for you to schedule a photography session for you and your family. Photos will be taken by a professional photographer during the week of **OCTOBER 22 - 27**. The sessions will take place at St. Gerard Church.

There is **NO COST** to have your family portrait taken for the directory. However, there will be an opportunity for you to select portrait packages from the professional photographer if you wish.

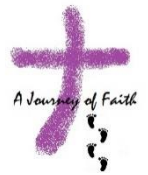
**For more information, or to book an appointment, contact  
Colleen at 306.783.8164**



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## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News September 3 - September 7, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	Labour Day					
Tues.	First Day of School					
Wed.						
Thurs.						
Fri.			10:45am Opening School Mass			

**"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*

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*

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

If your child has not received the sacraments of **Confirmation, First Eucharist, or First Reconciliation**, please register after Mass the weekends of September 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>.

**For those who have already received First Communion**, a First Reconciliation Program begins Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!

## YOUTH CHOIR



**ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?**

**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?**

**ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD?**

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining the Youth Choir who rehearses weekly and ministers monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please email [youthchoir@stgerard.ca](mailto:youthchoir@stgerard.ca)

**New to the parish??**

**WELCOME !!!**



Please complete a new parishioner form (green) and place in the collection basket at mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

**Has your contact information changed??**

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can keep our database current. Thanks!!!



## News from the CWL



The CWL Gigantic Garage Sale happens September 6 & 7! Please plan to attend! Bring a friend and come shop for treasures! But in the meantime, can you help us with the following?

**Garden Produce** Can you spare any garden produce to feed the multitude of hungry workers helping to set up for the garage sale? If so, please drop off produce on Monday from 9am 'til 2pm.

**Large items for the Garage Sale** can be dropped off on Monday from 9am 'til pm and Tuesday from 9am 'til 1pm.

**Pies, pies, pies!** Your donations of pies will be most appreciated for the garage sale. Pies can be dropped off on Wednesday from 2pm 'til 4pm and Thursday morning. Thank you!

It's the sale you wait for!

## St. Gerard's CWL Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 8pm  
Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - 9am to noon

Something for everyone!  
Household, clothing, books, jewellery,  
toys, holiday items and more!

Coffee & Pie Special - \$3.00 - All day, each day!

Everyone is welcome!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Sept. 5 Executive Meeting  
Sept. 7 Afternoon Bingo  
Sept. 9 Parish Brunch  
Sept. 12 General Meeting  
Sept. 16 Evening 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)*

The Eparchy of Saskatoon, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre, have an Adult Faith Formation Program once a month at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church. *Please see the poster on the bulletin board for details.*

**The Annual Fall Supper is September 30<sup>th</sup>!**



Watch the bulletin for details in the coming weeks!



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Genuinely Model God's Love

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Our English word *hypocrite* comes from a Greek word that is pronounced almost the same. The Greeks often used the word to describe acting, but its root meaning is closer to this: "One who pretends or acts under a mask." We might describe such a person as two-faced.

There are several places in the Gospels where Jesus calls the Pharisees hypocrites because they say one thing and do another. Their actions appear to be part of a show so that others will think that they are good and holy. Jesus cuts to the heart of the matter when he points out that clinging to the letter of the law is not what makes someone holy. Rather, it is the person with a pure heart free of greed, malice, envy, and evil of all kinds who is closer to God.

Jesus has the Old Testament Scriptures on his side. Psalm 15 lays out a wonderful description of the ones who will dwell with God forever in heaven. First and foremost, they are not hypocrites. Rather, they have integrity of heart and speak the truth (15:2). They "never defame a neighbor" (15:3). They practice what they preach and do it for the greater glory of God.

We all have moments when we act better (or sometimes worse) than we are because we want to appear differently to others. The challenge for us today is to be genuine, to let the love of God become the model for how we love. Then we will have no need to worry about whether we are following the law. Our own actions will tell us so.

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## YOUTH CONNECT

(For Youth in Grades 5 to 12)

***Come and be a part of making a difference!***

Regular gatherings are held each month. Watch the bulletin for dates and times! Call Melinda Sevilla, Youth Committee Chairperson (Coordinator) at 1.306.562.7480 or email [hannelle\\_23@hotmail.com](mailto:hannelle_23@hotmail.com)

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22*

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

## VOLUNTEER HALL EVENT COORDINATORS WANTED

If you would like to volunteer to coordinate one of our Hall events, please contact Father Louis or leave your name at the Parish Office. If you are unsure and would like more details, we can talk about it. Training provided and all procedures will be reviewed and outlined.

## HALL COOKS WANTED

Paid per event. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

*Submitted by the St. Gerard Church Personnel Committee*

## Birthday Celebration of our Blessed Mother Mary

Organized by the St. Gerard Parish Youth Ministry

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Theme: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."*

- 10:00 am Holy Mass
- 10:30 am Living Rosary
- 11:00 am Fun Games
- 12 noon Potluck (Open to all parishioners who wish to participate)
- 1:00 pm Variety (Youth Connect Group)  
*Recognition of the youths' contributions to the Parish.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): Parish Office Closed until 1pm Tuesday
- Wed. ( 5<sup>th</sup>): 7:30 pm- K of C Exec. Meeting
- Thurs. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Garage Sale 'til 8pm
- Fri. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- CWL Garage Sale 'til noon  
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- Youth Connect event
- Sun. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- First Reconciliation #1

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Purity of Heart"

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

Moses wants the people to blend the spirit of the law with the letter of the law. Following the Commandments is important because of the effect it will have on the people. They will be better people because of the choices they make. Jesus makes a distinction between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. Those who criticize him are far more concerned with the letter of the law - following the cleansing rituals in order to remain ritually clean. Jesus is more concerned with the spirit of the law - doing those things that are virtuous and avoiding those things that are sinful. Anything else is hypocrisy. We cannot become "unclean" from anything we touch or eat. Our cleanliness (or uncleanness) comes from the inside. James emphasizes a similar point. Acting on the word makes all the difference. We know we are doing what God wants when we take action, and not when we merely hear about the action we ought to be taking.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus emphasizes the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticizing him emphasize the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming "ritually unclean."

- How much time, money and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like - just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?
- As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?
- How much energy of effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?

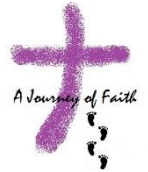
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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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 our city 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)

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY** offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

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