



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

April 1, 2018

The Resurrection of the Lord

Established December 11, 1904

### LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 7:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE

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| Mon. ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> ):   |           | NO MASS              |
| Tues. ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> ):  | 9:00 am-  | Judy Lowe            |
| Wed. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 2:30 pm-  | GLADSTONE SENIOR RES |
|                             |           | +Paul Lazurko        |
|                             | 6:30 pm-  | +Adella Nayko        |
| Thurs. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ): | 9:00 am-  | +Doreen Sereda       |
| Fri. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 9:00 am-  | +Wally Huska         |
| Sat. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):   | 10:00 am- | +Jenna Hunt          |

7:00 pm- Special Intentions

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| Sun. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ): | <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> |                     |
|                           | 9:00 am-                       | Special Intentions  |
|                           | 11:00 am-                      | Mass for the People |

*The Divine Mercy Devotion is prayed each Friday at 1pm.*



### 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



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Lord, your resurrection pierces the darkness of doubt and fear. May the power of your resurrection help me to deepen my love for you and all people.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## EASTER GREETINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP DONALD BOLEN



On this crisp and beautiful day in Holy Week 2018, the new St. Joseph's church in Balgonie, surrounded by the wonderful hoarfrost on the trees, stands where the previous St. Joseph's church stood. That church burned down in February, 2002. The corpus - the body of Jesus - on this cross, was in that fire, and it ended up in the heap of rubble left behind. In sorting through that rubble, someone came upon the cross, and seeing that it wasn't completely destroyed, put it in the parish garage, where it stayed for several years, till the pastor mentioned it to a fine wood sculptor, Maurille Hammond, of Shaunavon. Maurille was brought in to see the cross. The cross itself was almost completely destroyed, but the corpus, while charred and covered with soot, was actually in pretty good shape; amazing, considering that it was made of wood, and everything around it was reduced to ashes. Maurille's skilled hands gently removed the soot, going gently in order not to break anything. He treated the wood, restored the damaged corpus, and after it was attached to a new cross, it was ready to give back to the church in Balgonie, where it now hangs once again.

It happened that I was on a 30 day retreat in Shaunavon at the time when Maurille had just finished restoring the cross, and I was allowed to bring it into the place where I was staying, so had the privilege of spending many hours praying in the presence of this cross. It spoke to me powerfully of my own wounds, and the way Jesus' love, revealed most profoundly on the cross, brought healing.

A while back, Pope Francis caught the attention of the church and the world when he wrote, "I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." The fact is, we are a church that is bruised and hurting, even when we don't go out onto the streets, because it is who we are.

St Paul invites us to speak of the Church as the Body of Christ. Well, the body of the Jesus that is the church is no less scarred than this corpus. We are a wounded lot, and because of those wounds, at times we also wound others. Friends, we do well to approach the momentous celebrations of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, with a profound gratitude for the way in which the Lord has entered into human brokenness and sin, proclaiming God's mercy, and binding our wounds, forgiving our sins. We do well to stand in awe at the way that God enters into the very darkest places of human existence, where evil and ignorance, arrogance and fear, have taken hold, and stands alongside us and all who are wounded, there in the rubble of our lives.

It is of boundless importance that the resurrection happens there: bringing hope where hope had been vanquished, bringing forgiveness where it was not deserved or expected, bringing forth life from the tomb, so that Jesus can draw and hold us to himself with a bond of love so tight that it can never be undone. From the ashes, Christ promises to bring us to life too, to bind our wounds, to restore us and make us whole. And he sends us forth as his disciples to bring that hope to others, and through our presence and our actions, to help heal the wounds of our suffering brothers and sisters, in his name. This Easter, let us welcome the crucified and risen Jesus into our lives with joy, and let us give ourselves fully to his great work of transforming and restoring a wounded world longing for a mercy which can rise even from the ashes.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

Please speak with Father Louis, or contact the Parish Office to register for the next preparation session for Baptism.

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

GUC Session #8 – April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm



## News from the CWL



Attention CWL members! **The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Regina Diocesan Convention is being held at St. Gerard's on April 29 – 30, 2018.** Can you be part of it? Members are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship & information. Our council will pay the \$20.00 registration fee for our members attending the convention. Members will only have to pay \$30.00 for the banquet and \$15.00 for the lunch on Monday. **Deadline for registration is April 9.** If you have any questions call Carol Deters @ 306.782.1762

April 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 6:30pm followed by General Meeting



## News from the Knights of Columbus



*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

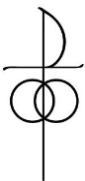
### Public Workshop on Eucharistic Agreement

April 27 & 28, 2018

One of the least known achievements of the ecumenical movement is the consensus on the doctrine of the Eucharist. Join the dialogue with Rev. Claude Schroeder and Dr. Brett Salkeld on Friday evening, April 27 as they explore the Anglican-Roman Catholic agreements. Then, on Saturday, April 28 we will break open the bilateral agreements as well as the World Council of Churches' seminal text Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry. What is the significance of the agreements reached? What does this mean for inter-church families and ecumenical shared ministries? Further details to follow. Contact Nick Jesson, 306.352.1651 ext. 220 or email [jesson@ecumenism.net](mailto:jesson@ecumenism.net)

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Divine Mercy Conference** will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg St. & 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, SK. Program begins at 12:30 pm, with a welcome presentation, confessions, and talks by Very Rev. James Owolagba and Shirley Oleskiw. Followed by Adoration, Prayers, Benediction, and concluding Mass at 3:05pm.

The 2017 donation receipts are available for pickup in the Parish Office during regular office hours.



## Are you planning a marriage in 2018? Congratulations!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements to meet with Father Louis.



## "All Choirs Rehearsal"

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Saskatchewan Pro Life Association

is holding their Annual Conference in Prince Albert on April 13 & 14. Registration is now open here:

[www.saskprolife.com/convention](http://www.saskprolife.com/convention)

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# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## **Transformed by Christ**

By Mary Katharine Deeley

We've all been waiting for this. For six weeks we've focused on letting go of our treasure to help others, taking in a little less food, and reaching out to God a little more, all so that we might in some small way prepare for this day—the greatest celebration of our Church year.

So now, after the alleluias have been sung, the baptismal vows repeated, and the Easter lamb or ham eaten, it's time to ask ourselves, "What was all that preparation for? How have I changed?"

When I was young, I gave up candy or little treats for Lent, but after Easter I happily went back to eating candy and carried on as before. As a young adult, I began using Lent to correct bad habits. I had a little more success keeping those at bay after Easter but, I confess, I didn't see myself as transformed.

"How have I drawn closer to Christ through this Lent? How will I show forth the glory of his resurrection in my life? How will I do these things?" These are good questions for all of us to ask as this Easter winds down.

Once they realized what had happened, the early Christians couldn't keep it to themselves. They preached about Jesus' death and resurrection wherever they went, witnessed to the change he'd made in their lives, and tried to live differently. They invited others to join them. Jesus calls us to do no less.

How have Lent and Easter and the memory of Christ's death and resurrection changed you? How will you live out that change?

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

- Mon. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): *Parish Office Closed*
- Wed. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- CWL General Meeting
- Fri. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. ( 7<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm-Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass
- Sun. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- GUC Session

## **BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY**

*Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission*

Use your gifts for one another with every grace to build community.

The gifts of God will include people in our lives, situations in our lives, and particular characteristics such as compassion and understanding. There are three levels of gifts:

1. The ultimate gift of Christ.
2. Basic gifts – each one of us can be a gift to others.
3. Particular gifts that help us to identify the needs in the parish and ways to meet them.

1 Peter 4.8-11 says: *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

## **Break Open the Tomb**

Lord of Easter's Promise,  
I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life, that I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.

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## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"The Folded Linen Cloths"**

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

To believe that Jesus rose from the dead is to believe in something that never happened before. Minds have to adjust to seeing things differently. Old ways of thinking have to be thrown out and new ways of thinking brought in. The Resurrection happened, Jesus is the Messiah, and the only remaining trace of death is the folded linen cloths left in the tomb.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The napkin and linen cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this "death business" for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to now the sufferings of death again.

- Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way?

Obviously Mary, Peter, and the other disciples were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

- Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004

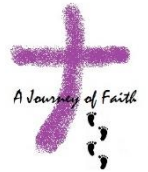




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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 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)

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