

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 5:00 pm (Good Spirit Lake Hall) & 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2016

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (25th): 7:00 pm- *Vigil Prayers for Gladys Molnar*
Tues. (26th): 9:00 am- +Madeleine Colbow
11:00 am- *Funeral Mass for Gladys Molnar*
Wed. (27th): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
+Ivy Mayer
7:00 pm- +Karl-Heinz Cattelaens
Thurs. (28th): 9:00 am- +Helen Nagy
Fri. (29th): 9:00 am- +Edward Yeroschak
Sat. (30th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Marion Novakowski

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall
+Adeline Kolodziejak
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Marjorie Gunn

Sun. (31st): *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am- Mass for the People
11:00 am- +Stanley Brazeau

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Aspen Villa: Joan Cartwright
Hospital: Ernie Bobowski
Nursing Home: Claudette Tessier & Angela Ostapovich
Triplex: Flora Duffy & Darlene Jakubowski

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, Art Scherr, MaryAnn Scherr

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (25th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Tues. (26th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
Fri. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (30th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!



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

O
Jesus,
your father
stands at the door
waiting for us to knock,

never sleeping,
always seeking ways to dote on us,
to fill us with good things.

So we ask, and
know we will receive;
seek and know we will find;
knock and know you
will open your
doorway
to us.

Help us persist
and receive.
Amen.



What is the MISERICORDIAE VULTUS??

It is the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, written by Pope Francis. Over the next several weeks excerpts of this 17-page document will be highlighted in the bulletin.

“To all who read this letter grace, mercy, and peace.”

- Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

23. There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God’s most important attributes. Israel was the first to receive this revelation which continues in history as the source of an inexhaustible richness meant to be shared with all mankind. As we have seen, the pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, because they narrate the works that the Lord performed in favour of his people at the most trying moments of their history. Among the privileged names that Islam attributes to the Creator are “Merciful and Kind”. This invocation is often on the lips of faithful Muslims who feel themselves accompanied and sustained by mercy in their daily weakness. They too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open.

I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

Catechism Theme: The "Our Father" and its focus upon Jesus (2774, 2798-99)

Why is the Our Father called the "Lord's Prayer?" The Our Father is not simply called the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his followers, the Our Father tells us how Jesus prayed and how Jesus lived. Jesus called God "Father." He actively worked for the coming of God's kingdom. He lived a simple life and depended upon God for his daily needs. He preached forgiveness and he forgave people. He fought against evil, even to the point of death. What Jesus prayed, he lived. His prayer sums up the Gospel. (2774)

The words "Our Father" describe our relationship with God. God is our Father and we are his children. But, we did not earn the right to be called children of God on our own; Jesus, God's only Son, came into the world to earn that privilege for us and to show us the way. When we believe in Jesus, we join with him and his relationship with the Father. When we call God our Father, we also recognize our relationship with his Son. (2798, 2799)

How many times have you fully reflected on the Lord's Prayer? What insights did you gain?

"As we pray, so we believe." This old theological insight is as true today as it was when Jesus taught his followers the Our Father. The prayer focuses our sights on things greater than daily concerns. It sets our sights on the Kingdom.

But questions remain. Do we dare allow the Our Father to change us as we repeat the words? Do we allow the prayer to make us citizens of the Kingdom in the making? If we dare, we can. Ask God!

This week ask God for personal needs, but remember to ask for his will, his intentions. Ask for his presence in your life.



SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN GRADE 2 AND OLDER

The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist preparation program will be offered at St. Gerard later this year. You may pre-register your child/ren by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449



Congratulations to

Andrew Baranosky & Laura Von Bargaen

who were married at St. Gerard on July 23rd.

*May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.*



HEY PARENTS!!

DO YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND **PUBLIC** SCHOOL??
ARE THEY **HOME-SCHOOLED**?



Please phone the office today to register for the parish-based home religion program, offered by St. Gerard's at no cost to you! Materials will be ordered in the next few weeks, so **call 306.782.2449 THIS WEEK!!**

Our ministries and parish initiatives continue throughout the summer. As you plan vacations, please remember the needs of your spiritual home. For information on how to establish automated parish gifts, please call the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. **Pre-Authorized Giving** forms are available on the glass table in the Welcome Area.



News from the CWL



The **CWL Newsletter** is available in the pamphlet rack in the Welcome Area.



News from the Knights of Columbus



July 25

Evening Bingo

August 11

Council 5182 vs 2031 at Deer Park Golf Course. 1pm tee off. Supper & prizes to follow. To register reply to saints94@hotmail.com or 306.621.4290

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Brian @ 306.730.7083 or 306.730.7017 after 5pm (or leave a message).

Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th & 15th
Rama, Saskatchewan

This annual event contains 2 days of prayer, mass in Polish, Ukrainian & English, music by the Yorkton Filipino Choir and Rama's Choir, along with an evening vigil, candlelight procession, rosary and adoration. Two full days with 1000+ Catholics from across Canada! See poster on the bulletin board for more info. Or www.ramashrine.com

THE KAPOSVAR PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
Sunday August 21st

3 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Esterhazy

Noon – 1pm Individual Stations of the Cross
1:30 – 2pm Rosary in the Church
2:00-2:45pm Private confessions in the Church
2:45-3pm Procession from church to the Shrine
3pm-4pm Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick (followed by chicken supper)

For more information contact Bea Twardzik @ 306.745.6374 or Mary-Lou Pisak @ 306.745.3301

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Looking for something to feed your soul this summer? Check out some of the wonderful new books and DVDs that we just got in at the Archdiocesan Resource Centre at 445 Broad Street North. Drop in to browse or take a look on line at www.archregina.sk.ca

Good News!

July 24, 2016

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

I tell my students there are five prayers: please; thank you; I'm sorry; wow; and yes, I will. The words change but, in essence, every prayer implies one or more of these attitudes: petition, thanksgiving, contrition, praise, and obedience. In his book *Man's Quest for God*, Abraham Joshua Heschel says prayer is "the invitation to God to intervene in our lives." God does—sometimes to our surprise, sometimes in ways we can't imagine, but always in a way that changes us.

Jesus knew this when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In it, we hear words of praise and petition. We hear contrition: "Forgive us...as we forgive..." (11:4). We hear obedience: "thy kingdom come..." and "thy will be done..." (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10). Jesus goes on to say that when we pray, God will send his Spirit to guide us and give us what we need: "our daily bread..." (11:3). No wonder the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for everyone.

In our prayer, we have to remember that there is often a difference between what we need and what we desire. In the movie *Shadowlands*, C.S. Lewis is depicted reflecting on the nature of prayer as his wife is dying. Asked why he prayed, he responds, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me." That's the power of the Spirit—to change our hearts until all our prayers become wow (praise) and yes (obedience).

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WORLD YOUTH DAY SASKATCHEWAN

All young people in Grades 7 to 12 from the Archdiocese of Regina are invited to a fun-filled day to celebrate **World Youth Day** with activities and prayer.

Sunday, July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Holy Child Parish, 2636 - 7th Avenue East, Regina

See poster on the bulletin board! Registration forms are available on the large table in the Welcome Area.

"Operation Pilgrimage"

On August 15 - 18 the Archdiocese of Regina Youth Ministry office will run their annual **Leadership Camp** for students ENTERING grades 10 - 1st year University. The 2nd camp on August 19 - 22 will be for those entering grades 7 - 9. This is a great opportunity for those young people who seek to grow in their faith, increase their leadership skills and have an awesome summer adventure.

The link to the registration form can be found below. You may also get more information by emailing yml@archregina.sk.ca or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/sites/default/files/youthministry/Registration%20Pilgrimage%20Camp%202016.pdf>

FacetoFace Ministries Catholic Summer Camp: Ignite 2016

Aug. 7-12, in Bruno, SK

FacetoFace Ignite Camp is for youth going into Grade 9 to graduating Grade 12 desiring to grow in their faith. Ignite can literally change your life! Come for an amazing week filled with new friends, tons of fun, the Sacraments, dynamic talks, music and more! More information can be found on the table in the Welcome Area, or visit www.f2f.ca/ignite

Jesus' Prayer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.

Amen

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"Ask and You Will Receive"

This Week...

Faith in prayer is stressed in these readings. Abraham is persistent, and he manages to persuade Yahweh to not destroy the cities for the sake of even ten innocent people. Paul tells us that our faith is what will raise us to new life. Jesus is observed praying and, in response to his disciples' request, teaches them how to pray, emphasizing persistence.

For Your Reflection

Jesus teaches us to ask, to seek, and to knock. If we do, we are promised that we shall receive, we shall find, and doors will be opened for us.

- Does this mean that prayers are a type of magic and that all we have to do is pray and we can control the outcome of the world? If not, what do you think it means?

Jesus teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive all who do us wrong."

- Is there anyone who has done you wrong whom you cannot forgive? What gets in the way of your forgiveness?
- If all our sins are forgiven anyway, why should we even try to resist temptation? Why not just continue to sin if we can always be forgiven? What would Jesus say to that proposition?

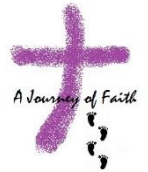
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time, St. Mary's Press, 2006



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. Francis Hengen, or if you would like more information contact the RCIA Co-ordinator, Mary Bybliw, through the parish office at 306-782-2449 or email office@stgerard.ca

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 our city on a daily basis.

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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

If you are experiencing post abortion distress symptoms such as; depression, flashbacks, nightmares, anger, denial, suicidal urges, eating or sleeping disorders, drug or alcohol abuse, inability to bond with your live children, spiritual divorce from God, or avoiding relationships, you can receive help and healing by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend. For more information please check out our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org, or email Bonnie at r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net, or call 1-306-480-8911.

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.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca or check the website:

www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html