

# The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 7:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
**(at Good Spirit Lake Hall at 5pm commencing July 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment*

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2017

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (26<sup>th</sup>): **10:00 am**- Amy Hoven  
Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL  
+Ann Ostapovich  
Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)  
+Frances Mroczko  
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
**5:30 pm**- Greg Ottenbreit  
Thurs. (29<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +David Jakubowski  
Fri. (30<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Alisa Slager  
Sat. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- Canada Day Mass 🍁  
+Sheila Balash

5:00 pm- GOOD SPIRIT LAKE (HALL)  
+Edna Sommerfeldt  
6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
7:00 pm- +Noreen Skibinsky

Sun. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 4:30 pm- Father Francis' Farewell Party  
Mon. (26<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal  
Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass  
7:00 pm- Finance Council Meeting  
7:00 pm- Refugee Committee Meeting  
Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 6:00 pm- Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thurs. (29<sup>th</sup>): 7:00 pm- Religious Ed. Committee Mtg.  
Sat. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 10:45 am- Canada Day Celebration 🍁  
6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass  
Sun. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 12:00 pm- Reception for  
Father Michael Yaremko

### **Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!!**



All are invited  
for cake and coffee  
**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**after the 10:00 am Mass**

*If you have antique items that you would like to display, please bring to the Parish Hall the afternoon of Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.*



Lord, your gift of unselfish love redeems the world. Remove the selfishness from my heart so I can love and care for others.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time: Weeks 11-22*  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

On Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Michael Yaremko (son of Terry and Pamela Yaremko) will be Ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Family.

**All are invited to a reception in honour of Father Michael Yaremko following the 11am Mass on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Gerard.**

Cake, coffee and tea will be served. Congratulations and presentations may be made to Father Michael Yaremko at the reception.

## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

The committee that is working to welcome our refugee family from Eritrea and to help them settle into their new lives in Canada would like to provide an update to St. Gerard's parishioners.

Our diocesan liaison informed us in early May that all members of the family are now officially eligible as refugees as per the definition of the Canadian Refugee and Humanitarian program. There will be a background check done on all of them, followed by a medical check. Once the medical checks are complete, they will be issued their visas and will arrive in Canada shortly thereafter. It is possible that they will arrive by the beginning of August.

We are very excited to meet the family soon!

**We do need your help** though. Our committee needs **more volunteers**; we need to have a **solid core group to help plan and organize**.

If you signed up to donate items, please get ready to bring the items in. To date approximately \$6,000 in household goods have been pledged. We have found a **house** for the family, but we will need volunteers to **help set it up** for them!

**Monetary donations are very welcome!** There are still some items we need, plus monthly services or rent to cover. So far, just over \$5,100 has been contributed to the Refugee Family Fund. Monetary donations may be placed in the weekly collection in an envelope marked "Refugee Family". We really appreciate your generosity!

Once the family arrives, we will need your **continued support**. They will need us to help them settle, which means making appointments for various things, transportation, shopping. They will also need a **support network**, people they can call on if they need anything, have questions or need a friendly face to help them with something. Everything will be new for them so having people they can count on to help them through all the newness is so important.

At the back, on the table in front of our display, you will find a sign-up sheet. If you feel called by the Spirit to help, please join the committee. You can leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. If you would like to be a part of the committee to help with the coordination of this project or if you have any questions, please call Rejean Houle at (306) 641-5430. Thank you for your continued support!



### Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News June 26 - June 30, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year End Mass @ St. Gerard</li> <li>•Student Recognition Awards</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Service Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year End Liturgy</li> <li>•Academic Awards</li> <li>•Gr. 6-8 Dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Awards Night</li> </ul>
Tues.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year End Mass</li> <li>•Gr. 8 Awards</li> <li>•Gr. 8 SCC Luncheon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Service Awards</li> <li>•K-3 Play Day</li> </ul>	
Wed.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Student Progress Reports</li> <li>•Last day of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Student Progress Reports</li> <li>•Last day of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Progress Reports</li> <li>•Last day of classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Progress Reports</li> <li>•Last day of classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Last day of classes</li> </ul>
Thurs.	No School – Administration Day					
Fri.	No School – Administration Day					

**Thank you to everyone who collected soup labels for St. Theodore School. The fundraiser is now over.**

**"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 **begins Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please register by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



## Parish-Based Catechetical Home Program



Does your child attend public school?

Please contact the Parish Office **by August 15<sup>th</sup>** to register your child for the parish-based home program that is offered at St. Gerard.



We welcome into our  
Catholic Christian Community  
those who were baptized  
recently at St. Gerard:

Kaelyn Bernauer  
Mercer Johnson      Scottie Johnson

May these children and their families  
experience joy and new life.



Congratulations to  
**Terence Woloschuk & Kelly Hendriks**  
who were married at St. Gerard  
on June 24<sup>th</sup>

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

## Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers

The new schedules will be available this week online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) Or pick up a printed copy from the large table in the Welcome Area.



## News from the CWL



The next CWL Garage Sale drop off date is **August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm.**

St. Gerard's CWL would like to thank everyone who attended the wind-up! A great time was had by all! Thank you all for your donations to the food bank as well.

Thank you everyone who helped in any way to make the wind-up happen-- what an amazing team you are! Chefs, plate arrangers, and of course, BABBA! Thank you all! We also send our thanks to the kind gents who helped us in the kitchen!

Congratulations to the following CWL members who received pins: Mary Den Brok, 40 years; Carol Deters, 40 years; Joanne Hollman, 40 years; Kay Kuemper, 40 years in 2016; and Shirley Pierce, 41 years in 2016.

And most of all, thank you to Fr. Francis, our spiritual advisor and friend, for all your encouragement, support and inspiration! We are so blessed for your work with the CWL! Thank you! We will miss you and we wish you every grace and blessing, always!



## News from the Knights of Columbus



June 25      Yearend windup **postponed**  
July 1        Afternoon bingo  
July 14       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)

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Do you know that the Archdiocese of Regina publishes a weekly bulletin?

Check it out online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) Click on the "Archdiocesan News" icon on the homepage.

## VATICAN RELEASES ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YOUTH

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on Youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of **16 to 29 year-olds** around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site:

<https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718>

and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief. The answers to the questionnaire, along with contributions from bishops, bishops' conferences and other church bodies, "will provide the basis for the drafting of the 'instrumentum laboris,'" or working document, for the assembly.



# Bringing Home the Word

## Hang on to Hope When the World Is Falling Apart

By Jim and Susan Vogt

**It's easy for** us to feel overwhelmed and helpless in the face of the many natural disasters, blatant injustices, and tragedies in our world. Are earthquakes, tsunamis, and droughts worse than in the past, or are we more aware of them due to modern communication? Injustices tear at our hearts the most since they are under human control. Terrorism, corrupt governments, oil spills, and pollution are mammoth problems of human making. Tragedies like death, divorce, or lingering illness can devastate us. We wonder: *How can God allow such suffering when we try so valiantly to do what's right and pray so hard?*

What's a Christian to do? Wallow in grief or guilt? Rail at God? Give up? Grieving is OK—for a time. Even getting angry at God is human. The psalms are good examples of people pouring out their grief and anger to God. (See Psalms 22, 55, 57, 88, 94, and 102 for a start.) Don't worry. God can handle our strong feelings.

There comes a time, however, when we have to pick ourselves up and carry on. The following actions have helped us when we've felt overwhelmed or powerless in the face of problems and evils in our world.

**Cultivate gratitude:** Let go of your anger through consciously noting one thing each day for which you're grateful.

**Pray in solidarity:** Of course we pray, both personally and at Mass, for people affected by natural disasters and tragedies of all kinds. Adding our bodies to our prayers through fasting or other sacrifices can build solidarity with the victims and reinforce our prayers.

**Take action:** Actions put feet on prayer. Can you take one action step in the direction of change? This won't solve the whole problem, but it gets you out of the starting gate.

**Take on only what you can handle:**

When making even one step feels like too much, you might be right. Sometimes we're truly maxed out and have to trust others and God to take care of the current problem.

**Think bigger:** Those of us with just the ordinary demands on our time, energy, and money have the responsibility to think bigger. Consider that your strong emotion of anger or helplessness may be a call from God to act. You've been touched and moved.

**Make a friend:** Whatever problem is touching your heart, there are probably others who have organized a group that's already working on it. Besides, having others to work with is motivating and can refine bigger ideas.

**What's Faith Got to Do with It?**

Jesus spent his life showing us how to deal with adversity and how to be neighbors. And what did it get him? Crucified! If we're following Jesus, we shouldn't expect comfort and ease; rather, we need to spend ourselves for others and learn to love better. Jim McGinnis, a modern-day prophet and cofounder of the Institute for Peace and Justice, wrote: "In the face of escalating violence, let us escalate love."

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### Archdiocese of Regina Annual Pilgrimage Sites

June 25	Grotto Kateri Tekakwitha, File Hills	Aug. 12&13	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kronau
July 16	Our Lady of Auvergne, Ponteix	Aug. 14&15	Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama
July 16	Mary, Queen of Hearts, Lestock	Aug. 20	Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kaposvar

For more information, including directions to the sites, visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/archbishop-elect-donald-bolen/annual-pilgrimage-sites>

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Cherished by God"**

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

We are important to God. Even the hairs on our head are counted and known by God. Jeremiah, in all his turmoil, knows this. Paul, who is imprisoned for his faith, knows this. Jesus urges us not only to know this but to shout it from the rooftops. Our life will be more peaceful if we fully know and accept God's providence.

#### **For Your Reflection**

God cherishes even the sparrows, who cannot fly without God's help. Yet sparrows are worth nothing compared with us.

- Is it easy or difficult to believe that you are cherished by God? How so?
- Is it easy or difficult to believe in yourself? Do you think you are significant? Why or why not?
- Do you think most people your age feel their worth from their friends' opinions of them or from their own opinions about themselves? Explain your answer.
- Who else cherishes you? Who believes in you? Who knows you are significant?

Jesus tells us to proclaim the truth from the rooftops. Jesus urges us to not be afraid of anyone who can only hurt our body, but to fear whatever can hurt our soul.

- What can hurt your soul? What influences from today's world can prevent you from being the best you can be? How do you counteract those influences?
- What things are you afraid to talk about because you may be teased or mocked? How often do you talk about your inner fears and concerns? How often do you talk about your biggest dreams for yourself and for the world? What is the most important focus of your life right now?

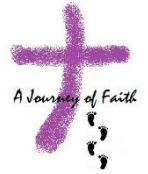
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* St. Mary's Press, 2004



**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. 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](mailto: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.*



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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.***

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

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