

# 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*

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2016

### Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:30 am- St. Paul School  
Noreen Skibinsky  
Tues. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +William Hayes  
Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotions*  
**5:30 pm-** +David Jakubowski  
Thurs. (30<sup>th</sup>): 9:00 am- +Ann Ostapovich  
Fri. ( 1<sup>st</sup>): 9:00 am- Art & MaryAnn Scherr  
9:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
10:30 am- *Benediction*  
4:00 pm- Langlais-Mandzuk Marriage  
Sat. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
10:00 am- Ray Malinowski

5:00 pm- Good Spirit Lake Hall  
+Mildred Jackson  
7:00 pm- +John Wenet

Sun. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>): *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 am- Mass for the People  
11:00 am- +Georgette Martin


### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

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

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:**  
Stella Fulawka, Rosemarie Massett, MaryAnn Scherr

 **Coffee after each Mass THIS WEEKEND!** 

### Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (27<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Wed. (29<sup>th</sup>): 6:00 pm- Parish Council Supper Mtg  
**6:15 pm-** Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass  
Fri. ( 1<sup>st</sup>):  **HAPPY CANADA DAY!**   
*Parish Office Closed*  
Sat. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

**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.

## Living Stewardship

*Stewardship Corner*

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" Isa 6.8*

Every day - in little ways and in big ways - God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of *Stewardship* opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."



## 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

19. May the message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to the call to experience mercy. I direct this invitation to conversion even more fervently to those whose behaviour distances them from the grace of God. I particularly have in mind men and women belonging to criminal organizations of any kind. For their own good, I beg them to change their lives. I ask them this in the name of the Son of God who, though rejecting sin, never rejected the sinner. Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness. Violence inflicted for the sake of amassing riches soaked in blood makes one neither powerful nor immortal. Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God’s judgment, from which no one can escape.

The same invitation is extended to those who either perpetrate or participate in corruption. This festering wound is a grave sin that cries out to heaven for vengeance, because it threatens the very foundations of personal and social life. Corruption prevents us from looking to the future with hope, because its tyrannical greed shatters the plans of the weak and tramples upon the poorest of the poor. It is an evil that embeds itself into the actions of everyday life and spreads, causing great public scandal. Corruption is a sinful hardening of the heart that replaces God with the illusion that money is a form of power. IT is a work of darkness, fed by suspicion and intrigue. *Corruptio optima pessima*, Saint Gregory the Great said with good reason, affirming that no one can think himself immune from this temptation. If we want to drive it out from personal and social life, we need prudence, vigilance, loyalty, transparency, together with the courage to denounce any wrongdoing. If it is not combated openly, sooner or later everyone will become an accomplice to it, and it will end up destroying our very existence.

This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News



June 27 - June 28, 2016

	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.			•Kindergarten Progress Reports	•Year-end Liturgy •Gr. 8 Awards	•Year End Mass & Academic Awards	•Yearend Trip •Awards Night
Tues.		•Progress Reports	•Progress Reports	•Progress Reports	•Progress Reports	•Progress Reports

Last day of school is Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**“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*

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register for the next baptism preparation session – 306.782.2449.

The next session will be held  
**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*

The new **Liturgical Ministries Schedules** are available for pickup from the large table in the Welcome Area (Welcomers, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass). Schedules will also be available online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) this week.

**Reminder** – if you are unable to minister, PLEASE arrange for a replacement. Thanks.



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

Jhuroz Phil Dongla  
Keana Dongla

**May these children and their family  
experience joy and new life.**



### News from the CWL



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



### News from the Knights of Columbus



July 9                      Afternoon Bingo  
July 25                     Evening Bingo

Congratulations to Darryl Struble, "Knight of the Year", and to Randy & Melissa Fleury & family, "Family of the Year".

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

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation and Evangelization Program: "Go, make disciples!"

"Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization..." - Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium. Through the Lay Formation and Evangelization program, we are meeting this challenge today as we help men and women of all ages and stages of life encounter the joy of the Gospel. Over the course of our three-year program, we will deepen your understanding of the Church and your faith through solid teaching by our diocesan priests and religious as well as lay men and women, all experts in their respected fields. As your confidence in the areas of theology, ethics, and social justice, scripture, liturgy, and the spiritual life grows, you will be able to speak confidently about the church, your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ in your family, the workplace, the parish and the wider community.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. Please contact our Program Coordinator, Eric Gurash at 306.325.1651 ext 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

**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](http://www.archregina.sk.ca)

**Retrouaille helps hurting marriages!** When couples experience difficulties in their marriage, they often feel alone; like there is no one who can help them. Retrouaille cares about your marriage. Please consider registering for the Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vie) program before you consider divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the September 16-18, 2016 weekend in Saskatoon, call (306) 652-7155 or email: [retrouaille@sasktel.net](mailto:retrouaille@sasktel.net)

Congratulations to

**Michael Yaremko**

on the occasion of his  
**Ordination to the Diaconate**  
on June 24<sup>th</sup>

This is the fourth of five steps to becoming a priest:

1. Candidate
2. Lector
3. Acolyte
4. Ordination to Diaconate
5. Ordination to Priesthood

# Good News!

June 26, 2016

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 / Gal 5:1, 13-18 / Lk 9:51-62

There have been a few times in my life when someone's actions have hurt me so badly that I hardly knew how to react. At those times, I have dealt with sadness, anger, and the desire for revenge. Reflecting back, I realize it takes me a long time to let go of hurt. My mind returns to the offense; I think about what I wanted to say. I want the person to acknowledge the hurt and to apologize, to admit I was right and she was wrong. Sometimes I feel I am caught in a trap of my own making. I want to be free of the hurt, but I don't want to let it go until I am satisfied.

In the Gospel, the apostles wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village that did not welcome Jesus. They wanted the village to see how wrong they were and how right Jesus was. I imagine they talked about it until Jesus, tired of hearing their complaints, rebuked them. Why did he do that? At least part of the answer comes in the passage that follows. Would-be followers of Jesus want to attend to something in their past life before they join him. Jesus reminds them of the futility of that by using an example that is immediately apparent to farmers. To plough a straight line, we have to look ahead and follow the one who leads us. If we turn our heads to look back, our line and our lives will go crooked. Clinging to past hurts makes it hard to look ahead. If we are to be disciples, we must learn to let go and forgive even as we are forgiven.

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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 - 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:yml@archregina.sk.ca) or calling 306.352.1651 ext. 223.

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

## Camp O'Neill Youth Camp

Youth and Teen Camp (age 8 - 15) is July 10 - 15  
Kidz Camp (age 6 & 7) is July 14 - 15

Please visit our website for the registration forms and much more! [www.camnoneill.ca](http://www.camnoneill.ca)

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP (MADGE LAKE)

## "PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"

Youth Camp: July 3-8 and July 10-16  
Teen Camp: July 17-22

Please visit the website at: [www.stmichaelscamp.com](http://www.stmichaelscamp.com)  
On-line registration is available.

ALSO....

If you are 16-18 years old, please apply to be a youth camp counsellor. Please submit your resume to: [stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net](mailto:stmichaelscamp@sasktel.net) or [lesannjm44@gmail.com](mailto:lesannjm44@gmail.com)

## A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Nowhere to Lay My Head"**

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

Elisha slaughters his animals and destroys his farming equipment before following Elijah. His whole previous life is over. Paul teaches us that we are freed by Jesus to follow the Spirit, in love and service to each other, being careful not to bite and tear each other up in the process. Jesus stresses the cost of discipleship - giving up your whole life to follow, and not always having a place to lay your head.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus is telling us how hard it is to be a follower. Sometimes we have to make sacrifices and give up part of our life. Sometimes we will have no place to rest our head because our schedule is so intense or because we are not among friends.

- What do you think it means to be a follower of Jesus? What hardships might it entail?
- Is anything worth these hardships? Who could dedicate their life to anything so demanding?
- Do you think Jesus was exaggerating to make a point?
- Religious life, marriage, parenting, and certain careers make incredible demands on one's life. What do you think are the most demanding life choices? How so?
- What would you be willing to make life-sacrifices for? What sacrifices would you make?

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

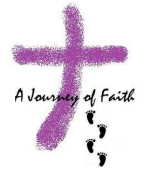




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience 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](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. Please see the brochures at the entrances of the church, or visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or email Bonnie at [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto: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](mailto:diplomainministry@stfx.ca) or check the website:

[www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html](http://www.mystfx.ca/academic/continuinged/Ministry.html)