



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

June 3, 2018

**Solemnity of the  
Most Holy  
Body & Blood of  
Christ**

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. ( 4 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Alex Puchala
Tues. ( 5 <sup>th</sup> ):		NO MASS
Wed. ( 6 <sup>th</sup> ):	2:30 pm-	GLADSTONE SR RES +Mary Balint
	<b>6:00 pm-</b>	Jean Kulscar
Thurs. ( 7 <sup>th</sup> ):	9:00 am-	+Viola Molnar
Fri. ( 8 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
	9:00 am-	+Elizabeth Ender
Sat. ( 9 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>
	9:30 am-	Denis Dierker
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	7:00 pm-	+Christine Ooi
Sun. (10 <sup>th</sup> ):		<b>Tenth 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.

Friday, June 8 is World Day of Prayer for Priests. Catholics worldwide are urged to pray for the sanctification of Priests.

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

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Lord, out of brokenness and weakness you saved my life. Help me to embrace my weakness so I can walk in solidarity with the poor and suffering.

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

## A Note from Your Pastor.....

As you know there were 45 children in our parish who were confirmed last Friday, May 25. On behalf of the children, their parents, and the parish, I would like to express thanks to Laurie Couture and her team – Mary Bybliw, Randy & Melissa Fleury, Melinda Sevilla, and Anna Lissa Ubongen. Thank you so much for all your teaching, guiding, and preparing our children to receive their First Holy Communion and to be confirmed.

Thank you to Melinda and the Youth Group. Also thank you to Sandra and the St. Gerard Youth Choir, as well as the other liturgical ministers.

Thank you to the Liturgical and Community Life Committees, and anyone who helped us to celebrate this special event – especially the Filipinas and the ladies of our East Indian community.

We appreciate that you share your gifts and offer them in service to our church community.

May God bless you all.

*Rev. Louis Nguyen*

### ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2018-2019 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

<b>PPC</b>	Chairperson	-	Ernie Bobowski	Vice-chairperson-	Gerry Yacishyn	
	Secretary	-	Jayne Senger	Liturgy	- Carol Deters/Yvonne Turgeon	
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	Hall	-	<b>VACANT</b>	Member at Large-	Dwight Guy	



**Sacred Heart High School**  
Faith, Knowledge, Unity

The SHHS Graduating Class of 2018 thanks the St. Gerard Parish Community for their prayers and support for Catholic Education. Thank you to all who sponsored a scholarship or bursary.

St. Gerard Parish Bursaries:  
St. Gerard CWL Scholarship:  
K of C #2031 Scholarships:

Cassidy Guy & Federic Tolentino  
Janeen Pellatt & Jacob Baker  
Cassidy Guy & Federic Tolentino



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News June 4 - June 8, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.					•Yorkton Cardinals visit for PE	
Tues.		•Gr. 6 Safety Fair	•Gr. 3/4 to Pizza Farm •Gr. 6/7 to Safety Fair	•Gr. 3 to Pizza Farm •Gr. 6 Safety Fair	•Gr. 6 Safety Fair •SCC Meeting	
Wed.				•Gr. 6 Sand Dune Hike	•Yorkton Cardinals Student Appreciation Game	
Thurs.						
Fri.					•Hat Day	

All Grade 7 students are at AMPO this week.



## SACRAMENTS of INITIATION PREPARATION



### BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



## Welcome to the Banquet Table of the Lord!

Congratulations to the 45 children and youth who received the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist at Mass celebrated by Archbishop Donald Bolen and Father Louis on Friday, May 25, 2018.

**May the Holy Spirit guide you  
in all that you do!**



## An Offering of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary



O Jesus, only Son of God, only Son of Mary, I offer Thee the most loving Heart of Thy divine Mother which is more precious and pleasing to Thee than all hearts.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, I offer Thee the most adorable Heart of Thy well-beloved Son, who is the life and love and joy of Thy Heart.

Blessed be the Most Loving Heart and Sweet Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the most glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother, in eternity and forever. Amen.



- St. John Eudes



## News from the CWL



On Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> all ladies of the parish are invited to our windup Supper & Social. Mass is at 6:00 pm, Supper & Social to follow. This is our last CWL function until the fall so please plan to attend. No charge, but a donation of \$5 is suggested, all proceeds will go to OptionS Pregnancy.

Garage Sale Donations: Items may be brought Tues. to Fri. during office hours and left in the lower level outside of the CWL room. (Please keep larger items until the week of the Garage Sale as we do not have storage).



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Please note that the kiosk with booklets are for the use of the parish. Please help yourself. Read and return so that other parishioners may also enjoy.

*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

### ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to the Archdiocese of Regina Annual General Meeting which will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish on **Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 2:15 pm** following the joint meeting of the Council of Priests, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and CPFAR.

## LET'S CELEBRATE!!

For the first time in the history of the Archdiocese, **THIRTEEN** men will be ordained as Deacons!

On **June 15th, 2018**, nine men will be ordained as Permanent Deacons:

Arron Polk	Harper Boucher	David Hagel
Eric Gurash	Lamont Dyck	Kevin Hartly
Norbert Gaudet	Dennis Ziegler	David Hudy

On **June 29th, 2018**, four Seminarians will be ordained as Transitional Deacons:

Parker Love	Ricardo Escalante
Vu Van Chinh	Buu Phun Tran

*The Ordinations will take place at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 7:00 pm*



# Bringing Home the Word

## Jesus' Gift of Life

By Mary Katharine Deeley

I'm a proud, regular blood donor. I don't particularly enjoy needles or the sight of blood, but my mother educated me at a young age that donating blood is one of the most important things you can do to help people. For less than an hour of your time, a momentary stick, and sugar-laden goodies afterward, you can provide a gift that is unequalled in significance—the life-giving force of blood. Truly, donating blood is one of the most prolific actions you can take.

Today we take time to particularly recognize the gift of life we receive each week at the eucharistic table. Jesus is, in a way, the ultimate blood donor. He gives us all of himself—Body and Blood, the fullness of his life—in our eucharistic meal. Just as blood donations can sustain life for the human family, Jesus' gift of his Body and Blood is our sustaining spiritual life force, a symbol of the covenant between God and humanity that is given to us freely and has no equal.

Though I give blood regularly, I am given a reminder nudge by my blood center after the eight-week waiting period. We come to the eucharistic table each week, but each time we step forward do we remember how significant this gift is? As we receive, are we aware of Jesus' power within us?

This solemnity gives us that reminder to stay attentive to and grateful for God's gift of the Eucharist.

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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)

## OptionS Pregnancy Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Sign out a baby bottle and fill it with donations to help support those who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

**Your support helps to save the lives of the unborn!**

Bottles to be returned to St. Gerard's on Father's Day. Thank you.

## St. Henry's Parish Steak & Chicken BBQ

(Prepared by Brian & Helen Hicke)

Sunday, June 17, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

St. Henry's Parish Centre  
729 Main St., Melville, SK

\$25.00 per person; 12yrs and under half portion \$10.00

Tickets available at St. Henry's Parish Office. Only 250 tickets available. Deadline June 12<sup>th</sup>.

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." – Mark 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth. All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. We can use these gifts to give back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. And, we are not all called to do the same thing!

~ Submitted by the Stewardship Committee ~

St. Gerard's Parish will be sponsoring the upcoming Community Family Dinner on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Yorkton Dream Centre. If you are able to help with food preparations (at the Hall on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm) or serving (at Yorkton Dream Centre on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>), please contact Connie at 306.782.0865.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. ( 4<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Wed. ( 6<sup>th</sup>): 6:30 pm- CWL Windup  
7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
- Fri. ( 8<sup>th</sup>): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. ( 9<sup>th</sup>): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Passover and Eucharist"

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

The story of Moses in Exodus describes the *old* covenant, sealed with the blood of a sacrifice. The story of Jesus in Mar's Gospel describes the start of the *new* Covenant; after the meal the group goes to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus is prepared to seal the Covenant between people and God with his own blood, the blood of a perfect sacrifice. The explanation in the letter to the Hebrews compares the high priest of the old covenant to Jesus, who is the new high priest of the new Covenant.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus describes a very specific setting that his two disciples will encounter in the city. It must have been astonishing for them to discover everything that Jesus foretold.

- When those two disciples set out for the city, do you think they thoroughly trusted Jesus and believed that things would be exactly as Jesus had predicted, or do you think they might have had a "Let's wait and see how this whole thing happens" attitude?
- What would your attitude have been if you were given such a descriptive prediction of what you were going to find?
- How would you feel when things turned out exactly as they were described? Would you feel eerie? Trusting? Frightened by the power? Would you be more drawn to the person who made the prediction (from admiration or awe)? Or would you be driven away from that person (from fear or a haunting sense)?

There is a lot of talk about blood in these readings. Blood was mysterious in the days before biology and an understanding of life functions. People would be sprinkled with the blood of sacrificed animals; people would sign important documents in blood.

- Do you become upset or reel that you might faint at the sight of someone's heavy bleeding?
- When you were a small child, how did you react when you hurt yourself and then saw blood? Did seeing the blood make you feel more afraid and cry louder? Or did it distract you, bring out your curiosity, and calm you down?
- What do you think is the connection between the age-old human fascination with blood and Jesus' telling us that the bread and wine we receive in his name are actually his true body and blood?

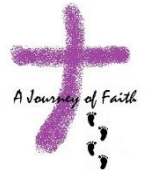




**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience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