



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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

Mon. (26th): 9:30 am- Souls in Purgatory
 Tues. (27th): 9:30 am- +Norbert Soyka
 Wed. (28th): 10:30 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
 +Doreen Sereda

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thurs. (29th): **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**
 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 pm

Fri. (30th): **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
 11:00 am- *Living Stations of the Cross*

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
 3:00 pm

Sat. (31st): **Holy Saturday**
 2:00 pm- *Blessing of Festive Food*

The Resurrection of the Lord
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
 8:00 pm

Sun. (1st): **At the Mass of Easter Day**
 9:00 am- Mass for the People
 11:00 am- +Tony Spykerman

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, you empty yourself out in loving service to all people. Give me a selfless spirit that I may be of service to others.

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

BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY

Stewardship Reflections from our Parish Mission

1 Corinthians says: *“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”*

Discernment of our gifts is very important. We need to reflect on the questions: “What gifts do I have? What gifts do I possess that I could use to build up the parish community?”

What could I do that would make a difference? What can I do with what God has give me... His gifts to me?

Charisms are gifts of the Holy Spirit and are infused with the Spirit. We need to use our charisms for service to the needs of the people in the community.

We need strong women and men to encourage everyone to share their gifts. There is an urgency to participate when the need arises. We do it for Jesus.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.” (1 Corinthians 12)

~ submitted by the Stewardship Committee

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Pontifical Collection on March 30, 2018 for the benefit of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday March 30, 2018**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

With gratitude,

Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

The National Catholic Mission 2018

The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation
with Father Michael Coutts S.J.

will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following Networks across Canada:

VisionTV: Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 27th at 8 pm ET

The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass.

The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News

March 26 - March 30, 2018



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•Stations of the Cross @ 10am			•Rice Lunch •Gr. 4 Swimming	
Tues.				•Division Oratory (F)	•Gr. 4 Swimming	
Wed.			•Gr. 4 Swimming			
Thurs.	•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 11am	•Holy Thursday Celebration @ 10:45am	•Seder Meal @ 10:45am	•Holy Thursday Program @ 1pm	•Holy Thursday Service @ 10:45am	
Fri.	No School – Good Friday					

The 32nd Annual Student-Teacher Benefit Hockey Game is Wednesday, March 28th at 7pm

“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

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

GUC Session #8 – April 8th @ 6:30 pm



News from the CWL



Attention CWL members! **The 95th 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. Check your calendars now, because **we will need to know the number of people attending by April 9.** Members can put their money in an envelope in the collection basket. If you have any questions call Carol Deters @ 306.782.1762

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

are in the Welcome Area for:

*Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
The Resurrection of the Lord
(Vigil and Easter Sunday)*

Please sign up today!

There will be a Triduum Rehearsal on Wednesday, March 28th @ 6:30pm. ALL ministers are asked to attend. Thank you.

Please note that the bulletin deadline this week is Tuesday at noon.

Don't Be Alone this Easter Sunday!

Enjoy an **Easter lunch** with other members of your St. Gerard Parish Family!!

A light lunch will be served at 12:15pm, following the 11:00 am Mass. There is no cost for the lunch, but please leave your name and telephone number **by March 27th** with one of the following to confirm your attendance:

Rose 306.783.3964
Jeisel 306.620.6150
Maureen 306.782.2956

Hosted by the
St. Gerard
Community Life Committee



News from the Knights of Columbus



March 25 Articles for The Word due
March 26 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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Restorative Justice Conference

"This is why we Can't just get over it" to be held in Melville, April 21, 2018. To register contact Yvette Beutel at 306.730.9934 or yvmbbeutel@sasktel.net

17th Annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg St. & 13th 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.

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 jefferson@ecumenism.net



Bringing Home the Word

A Story Worth Singing About

By Mary Katharine Deeley

Traditions help us order the world and mark the passing of time. As my children grew up, we marked our entry into the Christmas season by decorating the Christmas tree, reading the Dylan Thomas classic *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, and singing the choral parts of Handel's *Messiah*.

Most people are familiar with Handel's masterpiece, but not everyone knows it was composed as an oratorio for Easter, not Christmas. If we listen to the whole thing, we hear the familiar prophecies of Isaiah and Paul's triumphant cry, "O Death, where is thy sting?" The glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" announces the triumphant reign of the risen Christ.

Every year on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, for much longer than our traditions have held sway, the Church has told the story of the passion and death of Jesus. This story marks our entrance into the faith of the Church and orders our sacred time.

It's the story of a death that leads to life—both the resurrected life of Jesus, which we celebrate next week, and the eternal life that's ours if we follow him.

In Mark's telling of the story, we encounter the woman who anointed Jesus and the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested.

Each Gospel writer gives us a slightly different version of the story, and each writer adds to our perspective and our understanding that this man and this death weren't like any other. This Jesus was God, who emptied himself so we might live. Surely that's worth singing about.

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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



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

PEROGIES & CABBAGE ROLLS FOR SALE 306.783.4255

Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm until March 29th
(or while quantities last!)

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (26th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (27th): 7:00 pm- Triduum Choir rehearsal
- Wed. (28th): 6:30 pm- **All Ministries Triduum Rehearsal**
- Thurs. (29th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Crucifixion"

This Week...

To follow Jesus means to accept pain we can hardly bear. It means to humble ourselves to powerlessness. It means to keep on loving even when we are betrayed and abandoned. And it means to continue the celebration of life, even when death threatens.

For Your Reflection

- Jesus was in great agony and torture. He felt so alone, he even thought God had forsaken him. Have you even been so upset, and in such pain, that you, like Jesus, felt as if God had forgotten you? What happened?
- As children, we learned that Jesus died for our sins. What does that really mean? Why did Jesus have to die? Do you believe that Jesus dies again, every day, with the innocent victims of tragedy all over the world? Explain.

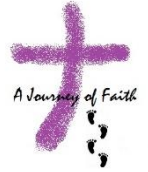
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter* - St. Mary's Press, 2004



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. 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.

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. Visit on line at 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

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.***

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