



**All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.**

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need: may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us: may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict: may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen



## Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News May 15 - May 19, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•CTTCS Division Track & Field Meet		•Division Track & Field •SCC Organizational Mtg.	•CTTCS Gr. 4-8 Track Meet	•CTTCS Gr. 4-8 Track Meet
Tues.	•Grad Retreat		•First Nations Jim Sette Presentation by Jeanne Corrigan	•Gr. 4 Band Parent Meeting @ SHHS	•Gr. 3 Bike Rodeo •School Travel Plan Walkabout •Gr. 4 Band Parent Meeting @ SHHS	
Wed.		•SCC Family Lunch	•School/Parish Appreciation Tea @ 1:30pm •Gr. 2/3 Bike Rodeo	•First Nation/Metis Cultural Presentation	•Science Fair	•IMPACT Preschool fun in the gym
Thurs.			•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•Kindergarten Registration •Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	
Fri.		•Gr. 5 Rosary Making	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw •Bike Rodeo	•Gr. 6 Band Trip to Moose Jaw	

**Catholic Education Week in Saskatchewan - May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 28<sup>th</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 register your child for Baptism by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.*

### CONFIRMATION

*The Second Sacrament of Initiation*

### FIRST EUCHARIST

*The Third Sacrament of Initiation*



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## News from the CWL



It's that time again! The CWL is preparing for another exciting Garage Sale in September! Are you spring cleaning? Do you have items to contribute? For your convenience, the following are early-bird drop-off dates:

May 18, 19, 25, 26                      2 pm–5 pm  
June 1, 8                                      2 pm–5 pm

**Please leave items by the CWL Room.**

If you have a big load to donate, please call Rosella at 306.782.7042.

*Also Coming Soon .....*

Rosary, Wednesday, May 31  
CWL Wind-Up, Wednesday, June 7  
Early-Bird Father's Day Brunch, Sunday, June 11  
(Details to follow!)



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 14                      - Mothers' Day carnations  
                                    Happy Mother's Day from all the  
                                    Knights of Columbus No. 2031  
                                    - Bingo (afternoon)  
May 25                      - Articles for the Word due  
May 29                      - Bingo (evening)

*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

**Has the way that we have told our Canadian Story in the past been completely honest?** The work of the recent **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** made it abundantly clear that there is great need for us to be engaged in a new level of listening and learning to walk together.

Mark your calendars! Consider attending – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan **Social Justice in Motion Conference** Holy Child, Regina June 24, 2017 **Listening, Learning and Walking Together** Cost \$30.00

## The Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant Implementation Committee

**invites you to join them for the Annual Worship Service** on Pentecost Sunday – June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Vespers will take place at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 5020 Sherwood Drive in Regina. Very Rev. Mike Sinclair, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, will be the homilist. The service will be followed by a reception.



# Bringing Home the Word **+**

## Sharpening Our Vision

*By Paige Byrne Shortal*

**In the Gospel** passage about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appears to Cleopas and an unnamed disciple. The audience knows it's Jesus, but the disciples are "prevented from recognizing him."

The disciples tell Jesus about his own death. They talk about their dashed hopes and disappointments. They talk about the women who claim they saw a vision of angels announcing he is alive. Only after they sit down for supper, when Jesus blesses the bread and shares it with them, do they know who he is. The disciples didn't recognize their good friend and teacher, just as we often fail to recognize that divine spark in those we love the most.

An incident that brought this home occurred one evening when our pastor came over for dinner. Our sons ere teenagers then. Remembering the state of their room, I cringed as they gave the priest a tour of the house. When our pastor cam back downstairs, he went on and on about their "cool room."

Later that evening I climbed the stairs to the "lair" to try [to] see what our pastor saw. There it was – every inch of space on the walls and sloped ceilings was covered with original drawings, hand-calligraphed quotes, poetry, origami animals, and photographs. It was a cool room. All I had ever seen were the unmade beds and laundry on the floor.

May we all need to take a seven-mile hike together, or at least sit down for a meal and offer up a little prayer for better eyesight – eyes that see Jesus dwelling in each other.

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## Catechism Theme: True God and True Man (CCC 464-469)

As the apostles began to preach to a non-Jewish audience, they entered a different cultural world. Where the official myths had very little meaning. Where people thirsted for new, radically different spiritualities. And where people argued philosophy as daily entertainment. This environment provided futile ground for evangelization. Within several generations, "Jesus of Nazareth" was a common household name in the urban areas of the Roman Empire.

People not only hungered for stories that told them WHO Jesus was. They also asked WHAT Jesus was. How did Jesus reveal the presence of God on earth? Was Jesus really a man? Something greater? Or, something different?

Some called Jesus a heavenly messenger, who just appeared to be a man. Others said Jesus was God by adoption, so he was just a creature like other men. Still others affirmed Jesus was truly God who became something new when he became a man; in this sense, Jesus was superhuman. Along the same lines, others held Jesus was truly God who took upon himself a human "shell;" Jesus had a real human body, but his inner reality (mind, heart, will, spirit) were truly God. There were so many opinions the Church had to clarify the faith through the declaration of dogma.

The Church holds that the Son of God is a person, distinct and unique, just as we are individual persons, unique and distinct from each other. This person possesses abilities to choose, to love, to act, just as we do. However, the abilities of the Son of God are limitless because he has a complete divine nature (he cannot be partially God, for limiting the unlimited is a contradiction in terms). With a divine nature, the Son of God is truly God.

When the Son of God was born into the world, he made the deliberate choice to limit his abilities as a human person. This is not a contradiction, for the limitations placed upon the unlimited were not imposed by nature, but made by free choice. And the choice was love. The Son of God took upon himself all the limitations of human nature, so he could show the world the infinite depth of God's love. God's Son became "Jesus of Nazareth" to reveal his love, to offer that love, and invite humanity into a love relationship. For the sake of love, Jesus of Nazareth was truly man.

*How can we follow Jesus the Way?*

*How can we proclaim Jesus as the Truth?*

*How can we experience Jesus as the Life?*

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Deadline for bulletin submissions is 12 noon  
Wednesdays (unless otherwise noted).

### 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.

## YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **"Service"**

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

Jesus' whole life was about service. Since Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, service is the way to truth and to life. In fact, service as a lifestyle is often rejected as being demeaning and beneath dignity, yet a life of service has become the cornerstone of our faith. The early Christians knew this. They appointed Stephen and six others to concentrate on service to the community's needs.

#### **For Your Reflection**

- "Nice guys finish last." "Look out for number 1." "Be the 'me' generation." Have you ever heard these sayings? What kind of lifestyle do they promote? Why do you think they became popular? Can a person really live an active Christian lifestyle without opposing this philosophy of life? Why or why not?
  
- What do you think are the most important things in life? What does society, the mainstream culture in our country, say are the most important things in life? What does Jesus say are the most important things in life? How does all that relate to service?
  
- The sandal is a symbol of service. How and why do you think a sandal symbolizes service?

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

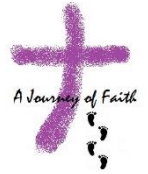




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*And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning 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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