

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
Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 6:30 pm & by appointment

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2017

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Mon. (22nd): 9:00 am- Rose Marchinko
Wed. (24th): 10:00 am- NURSING HOME (NORTH)
+Metro Tratch Family
2:00 pm- *Divine Mercy Devotion*
Fri. (26th): 9:00 am- +Mary Chillog
Sat. (27th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
10:00 am- +Serge Kosciuk
1:00 pm- *Sacred Heart High School
Graduation Mass
Mekayla Bali*

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- Rev. Joseph Murphy

Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord

Sun. (28th): 9:00 am- +Rita Myrowsky
11:00 am- Mass for the People

Please remember the sick in your prayers:
Rita Herchuk, Mildred Nagy



Holy Spirit, who is the love of the Father and the Son given to me at my baptism and confirmation, help me to activate the gifts and life given to me by hearing your voice more attentively, embracing it more lovingly and persevering in it more generously. Amen.

- Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (22nd): *Victoria Day - Parish Office Closed*
Thurs. (25th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 11am Mass
Fri. (26th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
Sat. (27th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal for 7pm Mass

*Whoever loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I will love him and
reveal myself
to him.*

Jesus,

*when
we hope
to understand
your divine secrets,
please speak your words.
to us.*

*We want to love you, Lord.
That is everything.
Show us
how.*

Catholic Education Week in Saskatchewan

May 21st to May 27th, 2017



And You Will See Me ...

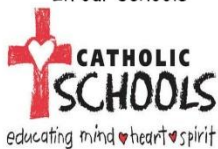
In creation



In each other



In our schools



In the church



**Catholic Education Week
May 21 - 27, 2017**

A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me. (John 16:16)

Join Us in Celebrating

Every year, forty days after Easter on Ascension Thursday, Catholics across the globe celebrate World Catholic Education Day. On that day, and throughout the week in Saskatchewan, Catholics take a moment to pause, reflect, give thanks, and pray for the gift of Catholic Education. This year's theme, "And You Will See Me," suggests a focus on experiencing and witnessing to the presence of Christ in our midst. Students and staff in our Catholic schools will reflect on seeing Christ in creation, each other, our schools, and the church.

On World Catholic Education Day, May 25th, there will be a special focus on the presence of Christ in our schools, and therefore in the daily lives of our students, which is especially fitting during these challenging times for Catholic Education.

Please pray for our Catholic schools, that they may always be places where all who enter can truly experience the presence of the risen Christ.

For more information, please see the Saskatchewan Bishops' Proclamation Letter, accessible at <http://www.christtheteacher.ca/>



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
May 22 - May 26, 2017**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	~ Victoria Day ~					
Tues.	Inservice – No School					
Wed.	•District Track & Field	•District Track & Field Meet	•Special week-long prayers & services		•Band Boosters Meeting	•Gr. 5-8 visit Health Centre
Thurs.		•District Track & Field Meet •World Catholic Education Day Gospel Assembly			•World Catholic Education Day Assembly	•World Catholic Education Day Celebration
Fri.		•Living Rosary			•Gr. 6 Film Festival & Nature Hike •Gr. 7//8 MADD Presentation	•Talent show
Sat.	•Graduation					

"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 4th. 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



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

Cathlyn Montelibano
Drayden Senchuk

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



Congratulations to
Rowell Dagdag & Aileen Camay
who were married at St. Gerard
on May 13th

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

YOUTH CHOIR



ARE YOU IN GRADE 3 TO 12?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
ARE YOU EAGER TO SERVE THE LORD
AT MASS?

Parents, if your children/teens are interested in joining a Youth Choir who rehearse weekly and minister monthly at St. Gerard's Sunday Mass, please contact Maria Rica Adane at 306.621.0093



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 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

Don't Miss the Early Bird Fathers' Day Brunch!!
Sunday, June 11th after the 9am & 11am Masses

Everyone is welcome to a delicious meal prepared by the St. Gerard's CWL Council!

Menu: French toast with assorted toppings, sausage, hash browns, hot cereal, and assorted fresh fruit.

Adults - \$8 Ages 6-12 - \$5 Under 6 - No charge



News from the Knights of Columbus



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

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 11th 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 4th 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 **+**

An Adequate Response

By Fr. Donald Willard, C.SsR

The Holy Spirit is often described as the bond of love that exists between the Father and the Son. The mutual self-donational and self-communicative intimate bond between the Father and the Son is so perfect that perfect love exists between the two. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son. This divine mystery occurs because the goodness of God must be communicated and shared.

But the Most Holy Trinity must communicate its goodness. This explains the existence of the whole of creation. It affords a place for the Most Holy Trinity to communicate its goodness and share God's divine life. We are then called into existence out of pure love. Humanity has the capacity to receive and enter into a relationship with divine love. We also have the capacity to communicate, share, and love the Most Holy Trinity.

This is the call to holiness and wholeness in the life of every person, the call to respond to the love of God poured into our hearts. There is only one proper response to a God who would give himself up to us and even die for us – the gift of self. We give ourselves in loving service to the one who gave himself in loving service to us.

Holiness is setting oneself aside for the purposes of God. We realize our lives are not our own. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. And so we are bound to God and offer ourselves in service to our sisters and brothers, who are also the children of God. This service in love brings us wholeness at both a personal and communal level.

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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.

Catechism Theme: The Holy Spirit and the Church

The mission of the Holy Spirit is to bring everyone to Christ. The Spirit prepares everyone and invites them to Christ. With the gift of Christ's risen life, the Spirit unites all believers to Christ and places them in communion with the Father. Since the Spirit unites all in Christ, the Spirit builds up the Church Christ found on earth.

The Church shares in the mission of the Spirit and reveals the work of the Spirit. As the Church evangelizes, it shares in the Spirit's work. As the Church prays to and worships God in sacrament, it shows the world the work of the Spirit. In this sense, the Church becomes a co-worker and an instrument of the Spirit. As long as we, members of the Church, show our love for God in sincere prayer and show our love for neighbor in acts of kindness, we demonstrate our life in the Spirit.

*Why are acts of love the most powerful tools
we have to bring others to Christ?*

When we, as Christians, show love, we reveal the life of God among people. Why? Simply because we affirm the presence of the Risen Lord with us. And we show others life of the Spirit within us. Love, then, is "the shoe leather of faith." Love is faith in action.

To those who claim Christianity is nothing more than a movement built on a fantasy, we say; "Christians! See how they love one another."

How will you show love this week to others?

What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

The Spirit invites us to believe in Jesus, invites us to join the Church in Baptism, and invites us to say "yes" to God's grace, his very life. When we accept these invitations, the Spirit comes to live in us and change us. The Spirit gives us his gifts to make us better people, to help us serve others, and to strengthen our character. In the end, the Spirit will be with us when we die. And the Spirit will raise us up on the Last Day, just like it helped raise Jesus.

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Spirit Will be Sent"

This Week...

Jesus came to teach us the way of God. Jesus promised us the Spirit - the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit that is alive in all of us. When we honour Jesus in our hearts and our actions, we are following the way he taught us to live, and the Spirit is alive and acting through us.

For Your Reflection

Jesus often spoke about himself and his significant relationship with his disciples, saying things like, "I am the vine, you are the branches," "I am the Resurrection and the life," "You are the light of the world," "You are the salt of the earth," "I am the Good Shepherd."

When a significant relationship is healthy, it has positive impact on the life of the people involved. That is a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work.

- Do you ever talk to your close friends about your relationship with them? Why or why not?

The Spirit has several names: Paraclete, Advocate, Counsellor, Helper. But the most simple one to remember and understand is Love. God is love. The Spirit of God is love.

- It has been said that it is easier to "love the world" than to actually love your next-door neighbour or some of the people in your family. What is meant by that? Do you agree with that? Why or why not?
- If love is so simple to understand, why is it so complicated and difficult to share?

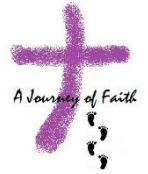
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter St. Mary's Press, 2004



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

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

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

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