

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard

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Pastor: Father Francis Hengen
Parish Hall Manager: Jeff Krasowski
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Parish Office Administrator: Sandra Archer
Office Clerk (casual): Mary Bybliw

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Liturgical/Mass Schedule

Tues. (9th): 9:00 am- Marianne Kuzminski
Wed. (10th): 10:00 am- ASPEN VILLA
 John & Cecilia Dernisky
 7:00 pm- +John Wick
Thurs. (11th): 9:00 am- +K.C. Kuruvilla
Fri. (12th): 9:00 am- +MaryRose Bielinski
Sat. (13th): 9:30 am- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 10:00 am- +Horace Jackson
 1:00 pm- *Dagdag-Camay Wedding*

6:30 pm- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
7:00 pm- +Frances Mroczko

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun. (14th): 9:00 am- Mass for the People
 11:00 am- +Joelle Bisschop Lucas

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



Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me so I may listen to the voice of the true Shepherd. Thank you for giving us the Holy Father as Jesus' vicar on earth, the Church's shepherd to lead us toward you. Help me listen to you through Jesus. Amen.

- Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Non-liturgical Schedule

Mon. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
 7:30 pm- Stewardship Committee Mtg
Tues. (9th): 7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
 7:30 pm- Properties Committee Meeting
Wed. (10th): 7:00 pm- CWL Garage Sale Meeting
 7:30 pm- K of C General Meeting
Thurs. (11th): 7:00 pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg
Fri. (12th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal



**Congratulations
to our children**

who are receiving the Sacraments of

**Confirmation &
First Communion**

A special welcome to
Most Rev. Donald Bolen,
Archbishop of Regina

ST. GERARD PARISH ~ 2017-2018 ~ PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News May 8 - May 12, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.				•AMPO Parent Mtg @ St. Mary	•AMPO Parent Meeting @ St. Mary	
Tues.		•Indigenous View Presentation			•SCC Mtg @ 7pm	
Wed.			•School-Parish Appreciation Tea @ 1:30pm		•Residential Schools presentations	
Thurs.		•Channel 22 Concert @ St. Michael	•Channel 22 Concert @ St. Paul	•SHHS Rock Band Concert	•Channel 22 Concert	
Fri.				•KTG. Registration		

** Grades 7/8 Band Trip to Edmonton May 9-11, 2017 **

"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



News from the CWL



May 10

Garage Sale Meeting – Come out and see how you can be part of this fun project!



News from the Knights of Columbus



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

Has the way we've 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



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community

Rookie Balabuk
Kirsten McPherson
Matthew McPherson

who were baptized recently at St. Gerard.

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



The rosary will be prayed after each Daily Mass during the month of May. See page one of the bulletin for Mass times, or check online at www.stgerard.ca

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

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.

Week of Prayer for Vocations

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) is hosting a Week of Prayer for Vocations from May 6th - May 13th.

Each Mass during that week will focus on the call to religious life. You can join the Vocations Prayer Circle by visiting the NCBC website at www.dailytvmass.com, by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca, or call toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 to have your name added to the Circle.



Bringing Home the Word

How are We Called?

By Kathleen M. Basi

Pope Francis energizes us and at the same time challenges us to actively participate in our faith. Most of us would rather practice our faith within the safety of a little box, where the Christian call is as clear-cut as the rosary, lighting a candle, and attending Sunday Mass. Pope Francis asks us to move beyond the walls of the church and be a true witness to Christ in the world.

Like many faithful people, I always thought most issues had simple answers; however, after having a child with a disability, I realized that when the Christian call intersects with the real world, things become more complex – life isn't that simple.

Consider the prolife cause, perhaps the most clear-cut issue imaginable. It's not enough to believe that children with disabilities have a right to be born. Their needs imposed a heavy financial burden on their families: therapies, surgeries, orthotics, and so on. We have a moral obligation to support life at all stages, even when it requires societal intervention that runs counter to ideals about self-sufficiency.

Pope Francis has called us to confront complex questions and seek thorough answers. Using this thorough process, how can we address some of the questions we face?

As followers of Christ, we will always find ourselves being called upon to respond to situations that may not be as clear-cut as they appear. Although the path may be demanding, we have the support of the Church and Christ as an example of how to do the hard work. Pope Francis has called us to labor together. Faith grows only when it is stretched. A call of faith is not a static request; to follow Christ means to get up, pick up your cross, and act. True discipleship – though difficult – is worthwhile, because it draws us closer to the heart of Christ, the source of our calling.

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SASKATCHEWAN MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

12:30 pm	Mass at Christ the King Church
1:30 pm	March to the Legislative Grounds
2:00 pm	Opening Prayers, Program
3:00 pm	March for LIFE & Silent Witness on Albert Street

Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious items including Confirmation & First Communion gifts:

Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25
Heart-shaped, "Conf." pewter pocket token	\$1.50
Rosary - decade, 10x3mm white glass beads 6" w/ dove	\$4.00
Pewter confirmation book mark	\$5.00
Confirmation bracelet w/wood pearls	\$5.00
Boxed confirmation rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
Confirmation photo album	\$7.00
Bracelet - Boxed w/ dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75
Rhodium necklace w/black rope, dove	\$10.25
Bevelled mini mirror w/pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50
Silver dove pendant in box, 18"	\$14.00
Pewter cross w/chalice & dove, 6"	\$17.50
True Faith dog tag w. dove cutout	\$19.00
Communion bookmark	\$1.00
First Eucharist pocket token	\$2.00
Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50
First Communion Cross, G-F & S-F metal 7"	\$4.50
First Communion white rosary w/prayer	\$6.50
First Eucharist photo album	\$7.00
Boxed rosary, heart-shaped white glass beads, 17"	\$8.00
First Communion ornate cross 4"	\$9.50
Silver chalice pend. w/stone on chain, 13"	\$10.00
Necklace - heart-shaped pendant w/ black string	\$8.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Cross	\$9.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Heart	\$9.50
Bracelet - Coloured beads w/ Wavy cross	\$9.50
Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
Necklace - "Faith" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Necklace - "Hope" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50
Necklace - "Love" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50

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YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Sheepgate"

This Week...

We do not want to stray from the fold, we want to be with our shepherd and guardian. Only shepherds enter through the sheep gate; true shepherds come by way of Jesus, call us forth, and lead us in right paths. Those who would call to us and lead us that do not come by way of Jesus are thieves and robbers, leading us astray.

For Your Reflection

Jesus is the front door. Anyone else sneaking around, climbing fences, going through the back door, or doing anything in secret means trouble. Be up-front, do what you do in broad daylight, and it is usually the right thing. You are proud of what you do when it is the right thing. If you are sneaking because you do not want to get caught, you are probably doing something wrong! Doing the right thing brings abundant life! Doing wrong things can hurt your ability to enjoy life abundantly.

- What is "abundant life" or "life to the full"? Do you think you can get it through Jesus? Do you think you can get it sneaking around, trying back doors, and climbing over fences? Why or why not?

Sheep pretty much follow the crowd. Not too many sheep are "individuals." Being an individual is fine, especially when the crowd is not a good bunch to follow. But following the crowd can be fine too, especially when the crowd is a fine crowd and is doing good things.

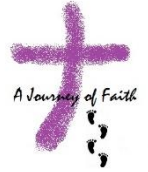
- Are you usually an individual? Or do you prefer to follow the crowd? Give an example of when you have been either an individual or a crowd follower.
- How can you tell if someone who wants you to follow them is really following the way of Jesus?



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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.



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.***

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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