



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 12, 2017

Thirty-second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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. (13 th):	NO MASS	
Tues. (14 th):	9:00 am-	+Jimmy Flavel
Wed. (15 th):	10:30 am-	NURSING HOME (SOUTH)
		+Albert Kaczur
Thurs. (16 th):	9:00 am-	+Craig Pierce
	2:30 pm-	YORKTON CROSSING
		+Thresia Tedeschi
Fri. (17 th):	9:00 am-	+Stanley Michalishen
Sat. (18 th):	10:00 am-	+Peter Loster
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	7:00 pm-	+Peter Cherneski
Sun. (19 th):	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9:00 am-	Mass for the People
	11:00 am-	+Stephen Paydli

The Holy Rosary Devotion begins 20 minutes prior to the scheduled daily Mass.

*The **Divine Mercy Devotion** is prayed each Friday at 1pm (except the first Friday of the month).*

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, I am grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help me to keep awake to the movement of your Spirit in my life.

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

St. Gerard Parish Mission
BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY
 November 18 to November 22 inclusive
 Facilitated by Father Robbie McDougall

THEME: Building Parish Community through Eucharist, Prayer, Reconciliation, and the Gifts found in each member of the Parish.

DATES AND FORMAT: Preaching at November 18 and 19 Lord’s Day Mass; Daily Mass at noon (November 20, 21 and 22) followed by mini-conference sessions; evening conference sessions at 7pm (November 19, 20, 21 & 22); and refreshments following evening session.

Prayer for our Parish Mission

O Jesus, Savior of the World, we your people thank you for the grace of our parish mission. Open our hearts to your Holy Word and to the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Lord, help us to keep our eyes fixed on the promises of eternal life, and to be open to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Only you can save us. Teach us the path that leads to You, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Bless the Missionary who will come among us. Grant our facilitator, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Into your hands, O blessed Mary, we entrust this Mission. Amen. Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

**Are you using offertory envelopes?
 Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)?**

Now is a great time to sign up for PAG – a convenient way to contribute to our parish – no envelopes, no worry about having cash, no cost to writing a cheque!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible!



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
November 13 - November 17, 2017



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.	No School					
Tues.			• Yorkton City Volleyball Tourney	• Parent Perception survey • EF Tour – Toronto Trip Parent Mtg @ 6pm		
Wed.	• Gr. 11 Faith Retreat		• Yorkton City Volleyball Tourney	• Vball Tourney begins • Pep Rally	• Volleyball Tourney	
Thurs.			• Yorkton City Volleyball Tourney	• Vball Tourney • After School Curling	• Volleyball Tourney	• Agricultural Health and Safety Network Discover Days Gr. 4/8
Fri.	• Career Day • Sr. Girls Vball Provincials • Sr. Boys Vball Regionals	• Gr. 5 to National Child’s Day Celebration • Student Progress reports	• Gr. 5 to National Child Day • Student Progress reports	• Career Explorations @ Gallagher Centre • Gr. 5 to SIGN for National Child Day • Progress Reports	• Gr. 5 to SIGN for National Child Day • Progress reports	• Student Progress reports

“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 contact Fr. Louis to arrange for baptism of your child.****

CONFIRMATION

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

**** Is your child in Grade 2 or older? ****

**** Has he/she received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? ****

Please phone or stop into the Parish Office as soon as possible to register your child/ren for the Sacraments of Initiation Preparation Program!



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

Brayden Szovek Brielle Szovek

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

The **new schedules** for the following ministries:

**Welcomers Lectors
Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass**

Hospitality Ministers

are available on the large table in the
Welcome Area.

*****Hospitality Ministers** – please note that your schedules will now be on a four-month rotation instead of six months. Effective the beginning of November.

Do you know.....

The Knights of Columbus minister at all Masses the first Sunday of the month.

The Catholic Women's League ministers at all Masses the third Sunday of the month.



News from the CWL



Stitches of Love!

The CWL will be working on quilts on November 13 and 14 at 9:00 am. Bring your sewing machine, scissors, and a bag lunch. Even if you don't sew, your help would still be most welcome! Many steps are involved in making these beautiful quilts so come out and work on a very special project, and share the fun and fellowship!

St. Gerard's CWL

"Christmas Sparkle" Tea and Bake Sale

Saturday, December 2nd

2:00 – 4:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall

Bring a friend and enjoy tea, sandwiches and dainties, then shop for Christmas baking, Christmas pudding, potato bags, rice bags, and "holiday sparkle" with gently-used jewellery, purses and scarves! Admission is \$5.00. Everyone is welcome!

Proceeds to Palliative Care



News from the Knights of Columbus



- November 16 Fourth Degree meeting @ 7:30pm
- November 19 Parish Brunch
Major degree @ 12pm
- November 25 Articles for The Word due
Put up Keep Christ in Christmas signs
- November 30 Afternoon 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



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Parish Goal: \$53,164

Received at October 30 - \$17,965 (34% of goal)

As our Archbishop's Appeal Campaign draws to a close, we would like to take this time to thank all those who have contributed to the ongoing mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Regina. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution, as donations will be accepted until noon on December 27th. Any donation, large or small, will assist our Archdiocese in continuing Christ's mission of imbuing hope to everyone born out of God's Mercy through the sharing of God's Word.



Bringing Home the Word

Fundamental Planning

By Janel Esker

At first glance, the well-prepared (including me) might take great pride in today's Gospel. You know who you are—you whose purses contain everything but the kitchen sink, you who stockpile food and fuel just in case "the big one" hits. I rarely leave the house without food, drinks, tissues, and reading materials and am often the one others come to when they're less than prepared for a long wait, unexpected hunger, or a surprise runny nose. And I'm hardly humble about my planning abilities—it's perhaps my favorite topic for gloating.

Then how, on a recent weeklong trip, did I forget to pack underwear? My family was shocked that The Planner had forgotten something so basic. No gloating that week!

In gospel times, lamp oil was also a necessity—how would a lamp remain lit without oil? Yet five of the women in the wedding procession left home without it. Did they just forget? Did they think the bridegroom would be on time so there'd be no need for lamps after dark? How did they miss something so fundamental?

We too, in our busy lives, often miss the fundamentals. *Fundamental 1*: Life is short and we will die—at a time we don't know. *Fundamental 2*: Nothing is more important than our relationship with God.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think about how we're preparing ourselves for the end of our lives. We prepare wills, trusts, and health-care directives, but how about spiritual preparations? What are we doing to deepen our relationship with God every day? How are we living our Christian faith more concretely on a daily basis? These are the fundamentals. How prepared are we?

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and to **refrain from chewing gum in both** the Welcome Area and the Church Proper. Thank you.



- St. Gerard Liturgical Committee



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.

Parkland Right to Life meets Thursday, November 16th at 7:30pm in the lower level at St. Gerard. Please use the east entrance.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (13th): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting
4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Tues. (14th): 9:00 am- CWL Quilting
7:00 pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.
7:00 pm- Choir rehearsal -9am Mass
- Wed. (15th): 7:00 pm- Hall Committee Meeting
- Fri. (17th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sat. (18th): 6:15 pm- Choir rehearsal -7pm Mass

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Sensible and Foolish Bridesmaids"

This Week...

Wisdom is what separates the foolish from the sensible. The foolish will not be successful. They do not look ahead and plan, so they are not ready when their opportunity comes. The sensible are wise. They look ahead, they are ready, and their opportunities are not wasted. Whether they are waiting for Jesus' Second Coming or they are waiting for a delayed groom to show up, they are prepared. Where does this wisdom come from? It comes from God. When we look to Wisdom, she will not let us down.

For Your Reflection

God is the source of all wisdom. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is what leads to success.

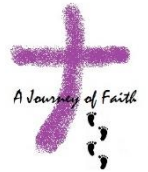
- Think of a time in your life when you weren't very wise, and you found yourself in a "no oil for the oil lamp" situation. What happened? How did you deal with the consequences?
- Think of a time when you were wise - a time when you did think ahead and were prepared - and your preparation paid off because something unexpected popped up. What happened? How did you benefit?
- Do you think that most of the young people you know tend to be on the wise side or on the foolish side? Why? Give some examples of how that affects your school, your church, your city or town, and the world.
- How would Jesus describe success?



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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.

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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