



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (4 th):		NO MASS
Tues. (5 th):	7:00 pm	Bernie & Marge Slugocki
Wed. (6 th):		ASH WEDNESDAY <i>(Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat)</i>
	9:30 am	+Grace Walsh
	11:00 am	SACRED HEART H.S. <i>(Service with ashes)</i>
	1:15 pm	+ Peggy Becker
	7:00 pm	+Mathew Abraham
Thurs. (7 th):	12:05 pm	+John Mansuy
	2:30 pm	GLADSTONE SR RES Joan Bonyai-Andrusyk
Fri. (8 th):	9:30 am	+Anne Halarewich
Sat. (9 th):	9:30 am	+ Melvin Maduke
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	5:00 pm	+Peter Rumancik
Sun. (10 th):		First Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	+Horace & +Mildred Jackson

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



Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
every Tuesday evening at 6pm

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday 1pm-4pm; Tuesday-Friday 8am-noon, 1pm-4pm

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Lord, you show me the pathway of goodness and truth. Help me to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and peace.

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



**ST. GERARD PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Nominations are now open for the following positions (and terms):

Pastoral & Finance Council

Chairperson	3 years	Secretary	1 year
Stewardship	1 year	Public Relations	3 years
Family & Social	3 years	Properties	3 years

Nominations forms and copies of the *St. Gerard Constitution and Bylaws* are available in the Welcome Area and at the Parish Office. Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 8th at 12 noon.

Members of the Council must be members of Christ's faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church and who strive to be examples of Christian commitment. Only registered parishioners 16 years of age or older shall be eligible to serve on Council or any committee and be eligible to vote.

**Parkland Right to Life Fundraiser
~ Perogy & Sausage Luncheon ~**

TODAY @ 12:15pm - St. Gerard Parish Hall

Family \$25 Adult \$10 Ages 6-12 \$5 5 and under Free

What are your plans for Lent??

Check out the table in the Welcome Area for faith formation resources:

Children:	“Following Jesus” calendar
Teens & Young Adults:	“Lent’s intense!” daily Lenten observations “Lent’s intense!” calendar
Families:	“With Our Saviour” Family Devotions for Lent
Adults:	“Psalms for Lent” devotions Daily Scripture Readings and Reflections calendar



**Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools News
March 4 - March 8, 2019**



	Sacred Heart	St. Alphonsus	St. Mary	St. Michael	St. Paul	St. Theodore
Mon.		•SCC Meeting				
Tues.		•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	•Free pancake lunch
Wed.		•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1:15pm •City-wide Bball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am •City-wide Bball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am •City-wide Bball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 1:15pm •City-wide Bball Tournament	•Ash Wednesday Mass @ St. Gerard @ 9:30am
Thurs.		•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	•City-wide Bball Tournament	
Fri.					•Gr. 4 Swimming	

“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



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Mar. 5 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Mar. 6 Executive meeting
- Mar. 8 Knights lead Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 9 Evening Bingo
- Mar. 10 Sunday Brunch
- Mar. 13 General Meeting

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

Starting in Lent..... Bible Study!

Beginning March 11th there will be Bible Study at 7pm each Monday evening. For more information, please speak with Father Louis.

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Led by:

- Mar. 8 Knights of Columbus
- Mar. 15 CWL
- Mar. 22 CTCS Staff
- Mar. 29 Parish Council
- Apr. 5 Youth Connect & Liturgical Committee
- Apr. 12 Altar Servers



Knights of Columbus Sunday Brunch

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to attend Sunday Brunch after Mass on Sunday, March 10th. All proceeds from the Sunday Brunch go toward supporting our parish and community, so please come and have a great meal, socialize, and help to support good works.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Under 6 \$5.00 Family \$25.00

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Knox Talks presents CHANGING THE NARRATIVE, a public lecture by Wendy Lynn Lerat, Teacher at First Nations University Canada. Wendy will reflect upon the human journey, the current climate and environmental crisis, Indigenous and human rights, duties, and justice, and the urgency of now.

Sunday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 pm
at Knox-Metropolitan Church
2340 Victoria Ave, Regina.

Free to the public. Donations accepted at the door.



FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Each Friday during Lent we will have Movie Night (right after the Stations of the Cross)!

No charge! Free popcorn and refreshments!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

~ Organized by the Religious Education Team ~



ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED to attend LENTEN LUNCHES

which will be held each Thursday during Lent following the 12:05 pm Mass.

Free-will offering

~ Organized by the Liturgical Committee ~

39th Annual Nash Lecture: Reconciliation in the Age of Rage

Wed., March 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Campion Auditorium (U of R)

We live in an "age of rage." Shifting social, economic, and religious paradigms seem to lead to deepening rifts and increased tribalism among persons and groups. In the midst of this, the Society of Jesus reaffirms its mission of "the service of faith and the promotion of justice" with a renewed emphasis on the need for reconciliation: reconciliation with God, with other people, and with creation. Let's reimagine the apparent tension between reconciliation and justice to find new ways of communicating and collaborating across all that divides us, so as to build communities of creativity and hope.

The **My Generation Youth Rally (My Gen)** will be held this year on March 30th and 31st. My Gen is a gathering of young people from all over the diocese who come together to do service, explore their faith and form new friendships! All young people in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us. Check out the website for promotional videos, more info and to register. Spots are limited, so register soon! www.mygenrally.ca



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Recognizing the Truth that is in Our Hearts

By Hans Christoffersen

Our words and deeds say much about who we are, not only on the surface, but in our hearts. Carelessness in our words and actions can indicate a careless, unconcerned heart. A careless heart easily finds faults in others while remaining blind to its own failings. Jesus calls people with such attitudes "hypocrites." *Hypocrisy* is a Greek word meaning "play acting," that is, passing oneself off as someone other than who one really is.

To be real is to have a heart that recognizes and accepts the truth about oneself. This is a humble, down-to-earth heart (*humility* is from the Latin "of the earth"), and close enough to ourselves to see our failings and limitations.

Do we know our own hearts? What fills our hearts: censure, criticism, judgment—or the goodness and humility that makes us realize we hardly know enough to judge anyone?

The gift of humility, then, is the way that we know our common bond in Christ and sustain the Church community. This happens in our prayer, but also in situations seemingly removed from pious intent. Some years ago, an American family vacationing in Italy lost their only son in a traffic accident. The parents decided to donate his organs, and their decision to have his organs live on in Italy received great attention in a nation where, until then, organ donation was very unusual.

Our Scriptures today tell us that these kinds of words and deeds say a lot about who we are—not on the surface, but in our hearts. If God, who is down-to-earth, is our focus, we will see how goodness is the fruit of his humble love: "Therefore, my beloved...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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If you plant turnips, you will not harvest grapes.

—An Akan proverb

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• PARISH FUNDRAISER

Thursday, MARCH 7TH
3pm to 6pm

Cabbage rolls \$25 (5 dozen bag)
Potato & onion perogies \$35 (10 dozen bag)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$40 (10 dozen bag)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. Gerard Church
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7pm
St. Gerard Social Hall

All parishioners are urged to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

ST. GERARD'S ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER AND SOCIAL

to welcome families who are new to our parish, as well as to celebrate Baptisms and Marriages that have taken place at St. Gerard Church during the past year.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, March 17. Social time begins at 4:30 pm and supper will be at 5:00 pm.

Please bring your favourite dish to share with other families. (We suggest servings for your family plus two extra people).

Please try to attend!!! Your presence is a gift of welcoming and community spirit.

Organized by the Community Life Committee

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (4th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues. (5th): 9:00 am- CWL Sewing Project
5:00 pm- Choir rehearsal for 9am Mass
7:30 pm- Opinion Survey Committee Mtg
(Meeting Room B)
- Fri. (8th): 4:00 pm- Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm- RCIA (Meeting Room B)
7:30 pm- Movie Night
(K of C Chambers)
- Sat. (9th): 4:30 pm- Choir rehearsal for 5pm Mass
6:00 pm- Teen Confirmation Prep.
(Meeting Room A)
- Sun. (10th): 6:30 pm- Tri- sacrament Prep.
(Main Hall)

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Good Fruit, Good Tree"

This Week...

Jesus condemns hypocrisy more than any other sin or fault. The ones we follow need to be good people, good teachers. We don't want to be led by blind leaders. Just as we can tell trees are good by the goodness of their fruit, we can tell teachers and leaders are good by the goodness of their words and their actions.

For Your Reflection

The fruit reflects the tree, just as parents are often reflected in their sons and daughters.

- If someone said you were like your parents, would you see that as a compliment or an insult? Why?
- What do you do that makes your parents proud?
- What do you do that sometimes upsets or embarrasses your parents?
- What do your parents do that you are proud of?
- What do your parents do that you are uncomfortable with?
- Do you like being seen as a reflection of your parents, or would you prefer to be seen as an independent person, free from their influence?

Legally, if you are a minor, your parents are responsible for what you do, even if they are not at fault for your actions.

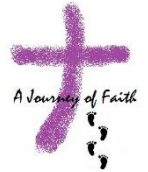
- How does that affect your decisions on how to act?
- How does that affect your parents' decisions regarding family rules?
- Do you think you are a trustworthy person?
- Do your parents trust you? Why or why not?
- Do your friends trust you? Why or why not?
- Do you trust all your friends or just some of them? Why?



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 Regina 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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