



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

February 4th, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 5 th to Thurs. 8 th		NO MASS
Wed. 7 th	7:00 pm	CWL General Meeting
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Planning & General Meeting
Thurs. 8 th	7:00 pm	RCIA
	7:00 pm	Sacrament Preparation (Parish Hall)
Fri. 9 th	9:00 am	Mass +Mary Diakuw
Sat. 10 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 11 th		Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Mass for the People



ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING!

February 14th, 2024

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:	Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment
Anointing:	Please contact the Parish Office <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
Infant Baptism:	Please contact the Parish Office
RCIA:	Please contact the Parish Office
Matrimony:	Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, February 13th

SHROVE TUESDAY

3pm-6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
6pm Rite for the Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday, followed by Mass

Wednesday, February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30am Mass with Elementary Schools
11:00am Distribution of Ashes at Sacred Heart High
1:15pm Mass with Elementary Schools
7pm Mass

Tuesday, March 12th

7pm Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

12:10 pm Mass, followed by Lenten Lunch
7pm RCIA

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

9am Mass, followed by Divine Mercy Devotion
7pm Bible Study

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One hour prior to each weekday Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses during the Season of Lent.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23rd at 5pm

Sunday, March 24th at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12noon and 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8pm

At the Mass of Easter Day - 9am and 11am



BAPTISM

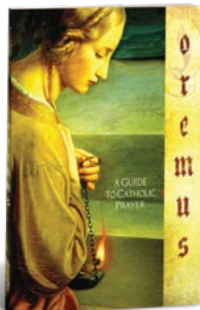
The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

If you have palms in your homes from previous years, please bring them to the church by Sunday, February 11th. There are baskets in the main entrance of the church for the palms.

On Tuesday, February 13th the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served by the Knights of Columbus from 3pm to 6pm. At 6pm we will celebrate the Rite of Burning the Palms followed by Mass. These ashes will be used Ash Wednesday.



BIBLE STUDY "OREMUS" (Let us Pray)

Beginning **February 21st** to **March 27th**, the Bible Study "Oremus" will be held every Wednesday from 7PM to 8:30PM (except Ash

Wednesday) for six weeks.

This is a great opportunity during the season of Lent. There will be a video presentation by Rev. Father Mark Toups, round table discussions, opportunity for questions and answers, and Prayers.

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond accordingly? Father Mark will explain very well to us.

To cover the cost of books, materials and snacks, a fee of \$60 is to be paid when you register. Each individual will be given a copy of the Oremus book.

Please register for this session in advance so that the materials can be ordered. Registrations are being taken at the Parish Office.



News from the CWL



We are looking for donations of fabric to be used in sewing convention bags. Fabric is to be cotton or cotton/polyester (no 100% polyester), pre-washed please. Each bag requires half a meter of fabric. Please pass on to Yvonne Turgeon or leave it by the CWL door in the lower level.

The next **General Meeting** is Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm.

CWL Ministry Sundays - Feb. 18 at 11:00 am and Mar. 16 at 5:00 pm. If you are able to commit to helping out with a ministry please contact Deanna – pell@sasktel.net or 306-621-3859



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Feb. 4 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
- Feb. 7 Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00
- Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 3.00-6.00
- Feb. 16 Knights of Columbus lead Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 18 Parish Family Brunch – 8.00

Thank you to St. Gerard's Parish Family for your generosity during the White Ribbon Weekend last week. Over \$600 was raised for Shelwin House. We thank you for supporting this very important cause, God bless you.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664.

More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The website has been updated! Check it out!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



Renew Lent

Weekly Reflections and
Resources Sign up at
archregina.sk.ca/news

RENEW your Lent with weekly reflections, music, prayer resources, and other Lenten activities to enhance your Lenten journey, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Sign up at www.archregina.sk.ca/news or email communications@archregina.sk.ca



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Grin and Bear It

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

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Sing praises to the Lord who heals the broken hearted. He determines the numbers of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.29-39



Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Our children observe our prayer with others. We might want to take the opportunity to talk with them about our private prayer, however, so that through our example, they may learn to make private prayer an important part of their daily lives.

Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for?

Jesus modeled for us a life of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:29-39. Talk about this Gospel with your family. Ask questions such as the following: What do you think Jesus was praying about in today's Gospel? What guidance have you received from God in prayer? Conclude by asking God to bless our times of prayer so that we can know and follow God's ways. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection

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READ AND WATCH

Amazing parish.org

<https://amazingparish.org/aponline>

Ascension Press

<https://ascensionpress.com/>

**Divine Renovation: An Interview with Fr. James Mallon,
Founder of Divine Renovation - Parts 1 to 5, 15 minutes each**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0l28-2U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRbAuzhaA9Q>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Q3Vnrgshg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNw5xvTfe0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRu1qXcm-fA>

Formed.org

<https://watch.formed.org//browse>

Rebuilt Father Michael and Tom Corcoran

<https://www.rebuiltparish.com>

Word on Fire Bishop Barron

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>