



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and Sunday of the Word of God

Established December 11, 1904

### CONTACT US

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#### MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

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

#### ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		NO MASS
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> +Marian Belitsky
		<i>Followed by Liturgy Committee Meeting</i>
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Ed St. Pierre
		<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	10:00 am	<b>Mass at Nursing Home (North)</b>
		Elsie Malinowski
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> Dan Dierker
	7:00 pm	Parent Meeting for Sacrament Prep.
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Jeremy Haas
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Vision & Mission Workshop
	5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> for the People
		<i>Sacrament Enrolment at Mass</i>
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Family Prayer
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	11:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
		<i>Sacrament Enrolment at Mass</i>

#### SACRAMENTS

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

# 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=d_Q3Vnrgshg)

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

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

Formed.org

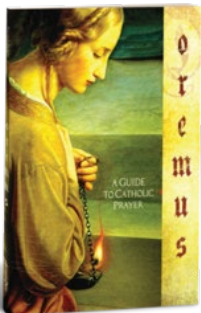
<https://watch.formed.org//browse>

Rebuilt Father Michael and Tom Corcoran

<https://www.rebuiltparish.com>

Word on Fire Bishop Barron

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



## BIBLE STUDY “OREMUS”

(Let us Pray)

Beginning **February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Touns, 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.



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

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

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

### WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REALLY ABOUT?

- Are you a Christian (baptized in another tradition besides Catholic) interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?
- Are you baptized Catholic in need of celebrating Confirmation and/or 1st Holy Communion?
- Are you not baptized yet have interest in the possibility of becoming a baptized Catholic Christian?
- If you are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family.
- If you are a Catholic, still thinking of deepening your Faith?

If you have questions about the Church, God, and your faith, if you are struggling with doubts about God, if you are just curious about where God may be leading you, we would love to have you join us.

St. Gerard Parish is hosting an RCIA session from February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>, every Thursday from 7PM to 8:30PM. Everyone is Welcome!



## 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 March meeting date has been changed to allow us to attend the Oremus Bible Study if we wish; the new date is Mar. 5 following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Mass.

### 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](mailto:pell@sasktel.net) or 306-621-3859



## News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 24	Bingo – evening – 5.00
Jan. 25	Articles for “The Word” due
Jan. 27	Family Prayer – 7.00
Jan. 27/28	White Ribbon Campaign after each Mass

**White Ribbon Campaign** Our council will hold its annual White Ribbon Campaign the weekend of January 27-28. Knights of Columbus members will be at the church entrance after Mass with white ribbons. Even if you don't want to take a ribbon, please stop on the way out and make a donation to this important cause. All money raised will go to Shelwin House. Thank you very much for your generosity! In addition to the funds raised, the campaign seeks to increase awareness of the issue of violence towards women and children.

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

More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca) The website has been updated! Check it out!

## “SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD”

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible.”

*-Aperuit Illis, Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*

Pope Francis has asked that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year be observed as a special day devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

Full text of the Apostolic Letter: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html)



## Living Our Faith

By Hosffman Ospino

There is not one exclusive way of living our relationship with Jesus Christ in the everyday. For some, the ideal model is that of monastic life in which men and women dedicate their lives to prayer and contemplation in a monastery, away from any distraction. For others, the ideal model is that of missionary life, bringing the message of the Gospel to distant lands in the midst of many challenges. Both models are attractive, and both continue to be sources of life for Christian communities around the world.

However, only a relatively small group of Christians are called to live their faith according to these two models. The majority of disciples of Jesus are called to give witness to our faith somewhere in the middle, a point where contemplation and mission coincide in the here and now of ordinary life. For most Christians, this middle point is the daily experience of family life, work, and social relations through which we hope to make the world a better place.

We discover there are many ways of encountering God and bringing others to participate in that encounter in the everyday. The wisdom of the Christian community has affirmed that each baptized person has the responsibility of living our faith mirroring the life of Christ in our own particular way. Consequently, Christian disciples embody the values of the Gospel according to the uniqueness of our circumstances. On the one hand, we share the same faith, believe in the same Lord, and await the same salvation. On other hand, we live our faith in the distinctiveness of our relationships and our decisions or states of life.

God continues to invite us to respond to the divine revelation with the gift of faith. We join Peter and Christians who have declared for generations that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. As we proclaim with joy at the Easter Vigil, "This is our faith! This is the faith of the Church! We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord!"

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## FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Reading *Mark 1.14-20*

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.



Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." (the call to pick up a sick child from school, the cry of a hurt or angry child) How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. [www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection)