



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
(of Divine Mercy)

Established December 11, 1904

### CONTACT US

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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 PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Tues. 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	<b>Holy Mass at St. Paul School</b> +Tony Spykerman
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> +Maxine Paydli <i>Followed by Pastoral Council Mtg.</i>
Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +George Davis
	10:30am	<b>Holy Mass at St. Mary School</b> Shandra Anderson
Thurs. May 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +William Gulka
	10:30am	<b>Holy Mass at SHHS</b> +Benito Kho Naldo & +Loreta Naldo
	6:30pm	You are Loved Session 8
	7:00pm	Baptism Prep 1/3 (Lower Level)
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +John & +Rose Banga

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> for the People (70 min.)
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> for the People (75 min.)

#### 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>Baptism/RCLIA:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office
<b>Matrimony:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

## EXCERPTS FROM AN EASTER HOMILY Attributed to St. John Chrysostom

*This homily, attributed to St. John Chrysostom, has been passed down in the liturgical tradition, East and West.*

“Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh ...

Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.”

### WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

#### Celebrating God’s Merciful Love



In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God’s mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God’s healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ’s sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)



## Baptism - The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their child/ren for baptism are to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office **THIS WEEK. The next Preparation Session begins this Thursday, May 1, at 7pm (please use east entrance).**

**Beginning Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Weekend Holy Mass Schedule**  
is as follows:

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mass 10:00 am



## All-Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.  
6pm to 8pm  
(Please use south entrance)

**New Singers and Musicians  
Welcome!**

## MUSIC MINISTRY CONTACT UPDATE

Music Ministers - if you would like to continue to receive emails please contact Chris Fisher [chrisandjimalways@live.ca](mailto:chrisandjimalways@live.ca) by Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to minister at Prayer Vigil Services and Funeral Masses, and if you have not been receiving emails from the Parish Office, please contact Sandra at [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca) to be added to the email list. Thanks!

## STEWARDSHIP

Our Parish grows with your Ministry of Discipleship through Time, Talent and Treasure. If you are discerning to be involved in any of the areas of ministry, please contact:

Linda Maddaford, Stewardship Coordinator, at [lmaddaford@live.ca](mailto:lmaddaford@live.ca)

We would love to have you! Blessings!



## News from the CWL



Please note that our **May General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, May 6 following Holy Mass.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 6 Budget Meeting following Holy Mass  
May 8 Bingo – evening – 5.00  
May 11 Mother's Day  
Start of Baby Bottle Campaign  
May 13 General Meeting – election of officers – following Holy Mass

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)



On March 13, 2013, cardinals stunned the world when they elected Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pope. But what did they see in the 76-year-old Jesuit? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?

ROME REPORTS travels to Argentina to investigate and discover more about what shaped Pope Francis. From his only living sister, Maria Elena, to his successor as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina, we hear unedited testimonies from those who knew Bergoglio best. Hear from a priest who worked with Bergoglio in the country's slums, and the corner vendor who sold Bergoglio the daily newspaper every day for years. Meet the young man who overcame his addictions with support from the man that the world now calls the Pope.

The documentary begins with the moment that the young Jorge Mario discovers his priestly vocation. After decades of service to the Church, a historic conclave would forever change his life and begin the extraordinary papacy of Francis.

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## Witnessing to God's Mercy

*Redemptorist Mass Companion*

Today, the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy, inviting us to reflect on the boundless mercy of the Lord. The devotion to Divine Mercy is deeply rooted in the revelations given to Saint Faustina Kowalska, who was told by Jesus that he embodies "Love and Mercy."

Sister Faustina was instructed by Jesus to paint an image of him with the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You." Although she had concerns about the painting's accuracy, Jesus emphasized that the significance lay not in the image itself but in the message it conveyed. The message is clear: God's mercy is so profound that he cannot punish even the greatest sinner if they sincerely appeal to his compassion. No soul that seeks his mercy is ever turned away.

Today, the Divine Mercy image and its associated devotions are widespread, embodying the call to trust in Jesus' merciful love and to practice mercy in our own lives, as highlighted in Luke 6:36: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." The gospel emphasizes that faith must be accompanied by action.... Our faith should translate into tangible acts of charity. While not everyone needs financial assistance, a kind smile, a compassionate word, or a supportive gesture can make a significant impact. Mother Teresa of Kolkata famously said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." As we celebrate this feast, let us embrace Jesus' invitation to dwell in his merciful love and extend that mercy to others through our actions and kindness. In doing so, we make the mercy of Christ tangible and impactful in our daily lives.

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### PRO-LIFE DOCUMENTARY VIEWING

The Salvation Army Church is hosting a viewing of the Pro-life documentary **The 1916 Project** Sunday, May 4 at 3pm.

The 1916 Project explores the eugenics work of Margaret Sanger and how it relates to the operations of Planned Parenthood. Parental advisory: subject matter not suitable for children.

The Salvation Army is located at 78 South Front Street.

For more information, contact Linda Maddaford:  
[lmaddaford@live.ca](mailto:lmaddaford@live.ca)

### Share the Love: Help Fill Our Food Bank!

St. Gerard is encouraging all parishioners to help those facing food insecurity by donating to the food bank. To make giving simple and accessible, our Social Action Committee has introduced a monthly donation focus. Each month, we'll highlight specific, affordable items to contribute.

For the rest of April and the whole month of May, we ask each parishioner to donate canned fruits and vegetables. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need. Please leave your donations in the designated food collection area. Thank you for your kindness and support!



### A PRAYER OF TRUST AND THANKS (Based on Psalm 118)

Lord, Your love never ends.  
When I feel lost or afraid, remind me that You are with me.

Help me to trust You, even when life is hard.  
Sometimes I try to handle things on my own.  
I rely on people, success, or my own strength.  
But You are my refuge. You are the one who saves me.

Thank You for the good things in my life.  
Even when I face struggles, You are still guiding me.

Help me to see Your love in every moment.  
Jesus, You were rejected, but You became the foundation of faith.

When I feel left out or forgotten, remind me that You understand.

Help me to follow You with confidence.

I praise You, Lord, because You are always faithful. Your love will never fail.

Today and always, I place my trust in You.  
Amen. [www.young-catholics.com](http://www.young-catholics.com)