



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

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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., April 29th to Fri., May 3rd NO MASS

Mon. 29th 6:00 pm All-choir Rehearsal (please use south entrance)

Wed. May 1st 7:00 pm CWL General Meeting

Thurs. 2nd 1:00 pm **Funeral Mass** – Lorne Perepeluk

Fri. 3rd 11:00 am **Funeral Mass** – Eunice Nagy

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat. 4th 4:30 pm Rosary Prayer

5:00 pm Liturgy of the Word w/Communion

Sun. 5th 8:30 am Rosary Prayer

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Communion

10:30 am Rosary Prayer

11:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Communion



SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing:

Please contact the Parish Office
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

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

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. **Pray together the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love.** www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B emphasize the importance of community, support, and staying connected to Christ. Just as Barnabas stood by Saul, showing the power of support within the Christian community, we are called to be that support for others, embodying the love and acceptance Christ shows us. This act of support not only strengthens our bonds but also helps us remain connected to the true vine, Jesus. young-catholics.com



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their children for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. The next sessions will be held in June (dates TBD).



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community

Felix Hudy

who was baptized recently at St. Gerard.

May Felix and his family experience joy and new life.

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Our St. Gerard Parish Family will pray the Holy Rosary thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in the month of May. As we honour the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, and our Mother, please join us as we pray for our community and the entire world.

Pope Paul VI wrote a beautiful [encyclical on the Month of May](#) in which he describes how the faithful reserve this month to honour Mary in a special way:

"For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

Pope Paul VI goes on to say that May is an opportune time to let our petitions fly to Our Lady—especially for the needs of the Church and the whole human race—that most urgently require our Blessed Mother's intercession.



News from the CWL



The Catholic Women's League encourages us to live the life intended by Christ and exemplified by Mary. Membership in the League is a gift that provides the opportunity to care for one another and dedicate ourselves to a life of faith, service, and social justice. It is a wonderful way to develop relationships and friendships with our CWL Sisters. To learn more about the Catholic Women's League please contact: Deanna pell@sasktel.net or Christine m.shuya@sasktel.net



News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr 28 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
May 8 Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00
Election of Officers
Bingo – evening – 5.00

The Knights will lead the rosary prayer each Monday at 5.30 during May, the Month of Mary.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca

Ways to Honour Mary

- **Pray the Rosary** privately, or communally 30 minutes prior to weekend Mass in May
- **Say the Hail Mary Prayer** throughout the day
- **Create a Prayer Corner** Place some representation of our Blessed Mother whether that be a photo, small statue, or Rosary beads. Surround it with flowers and candles. Each evening, take some time as a family to gather around the altar and recite the Rosary or say a few Hail Mary's.
- **Bring Mary to the garden** Many flowers you can find in your garden are named in honour of Mary. If you have an outdoor statue of Mary, plant flowers such as columbine and lily of the valley in the area around the statue. Anything you do, make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.
- **Pay a visit** to the Marian shrine at Rama.
- **Introduce Mary** Talk to your kids about Mary and the role she has in our faith. Ask them what they know about her, or what they have learned about her in school.
- **Read a book about Mary**
- **Memorize a Marian prayer or hymn**



“In” or Not at All

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

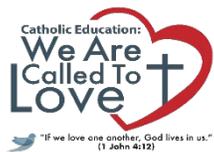
The little word “in” appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel, and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us.

This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools invite all parishioners to celebrate **Catholic Education Week** during the week of May 5-12, 2024.

In celebrating this year’s theme, **Catholic Education: We Are Called to Love**, our students and staff will focus on showing love as people of hope, faith, mercy, justice, and joy. Daily prayer, scripture sharing, and calls to action will encourage everyone to participate fully on their faith journey. Please feel free to join in on other special activities by contacting your local school to find out more.

ST. GERARD PARISH CARETAKER POSITION

Applications are being accepted for the St. Gerard Parish Caretaker position:

- 30 – 40 hours per week
- Flexibility of hours depending on the events calendar each week (evenings, weekends)
- Cleaning, care and maintenance of the church building, hall, rectory and grounds
- Interviews will be arranged for the selected individuals made by the HR Committee
- Stop by or contact the Parish Office for details of job description

Please submit all applications and resumes to the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at: nate.bewcyk@gmail.com

Nathan Bewcyk, Finance Council Chair
Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chair
Fr. Sathi Antony, Pastor

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

According to the criteria of the Archdiocese of Regina, the following must be followed if you wish to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Have **passion** for the **Vision** of St. Gerard Parish.
- Can **commit** to being a representative on Parish Council, and are **available** for workshops and Parish Vision Programs.
- A follower of **Stewardship** (time, talent and treasure).

If this describes you, please consider being part of the Parish Council! *Nomination forms are available at the Parish Office.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 26, 2024 following the 11am Mass

As a parishioner, it is your right and your responsibility to attend this meeting, and it is an opportunity to offer suggestions.

Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks!

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PRAYERS



Act of Consecration to Mary

O my Queen, O my Mother, I love you and give myself to you. I give to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole self. Since I am yours, keep me and guard me as your child forever. Amen.



Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus:
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

The English translation of the *Salve, Regina* (Hail, Holy Queen) from *A Book of Prayers* © 1982, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.



Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

English translation of *Magnificat* by the International Consultation on English Texts

Memorare



Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to your protection for you are my mother.

Mother of the Word of God, do not despise my words of pleading but be merciful and hear my prayer. Amen.

Regina Caeli



Call: Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Response: The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

Call: Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Response: Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Call: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Response: For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus



Call: The angel spoke God's message to Mary,
Response: and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...

Call: "I am the lowly servant of the Lord:
Response: let it be done to me according to your word." *Hail Mary...*

Call: And the Word became flesh
Response: and lived among us. *Hail Mary...*

Call: Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
Response: that we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Lord, fill our hearts with your grace; once, through the message of an angel you revealed to us the incarnation of your Son; now, through his suffering and death lead us to the glory of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Gerard Parish
Comparative Income Statement to March 31, 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 | Change | | 2024 | 2023 | Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | | | |
| Collections | 79,086 | 66,341 | 12,744 | Rectory | 3,956 | 3,472 | 485 |
| Other Revenue (donations, interest, etc.) | 7,628 | 9,555 | -1,927 | | | | |
| Perogies & cabbage rolls (net) | 4,449 | 4,200 | 248 | COMMITTEE EXPENSES | | | |
| Annual Fundraiser | 0 | 0 | 0 | Family, Community & Social | 9 | 151 | -142 |
| Catering | 2,621 | 5,589 | -2,968 | Ecumenical | 0 | 189 | -189 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | <u>93,783</u> | <u>85,686</u> | <u>8,098</u> | Liturgy | 3,886 | 1,925 | 1,961 |
| Building Fund Donations | 1,106 | 5,450 | -4,344 | Religious Education | 3,545 | 2,113 | 1,432 |
| Trust Fund Donations | 0 | 0 | 0 | Social Justice | 116 | 655 | -539 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>94,889</u> | <u>91,136</u> | <u>3,754</u> | Pastoral & Finance Council | 0 | 180 | -180 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | Cemetery Expense | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pastoral | 2,039 | 95 | 1,944 | Total Committee Expenses | 7,556 | 5,211 | 2,345 |
| Parish Office | 3,829 | 3,147 | 683 | TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>94,944</u> | <u>95,696</u> | <u>-752</u> |
| Other Administrative Expenses | 12,070 | 17,505 | -5,436 | NET INCOME (LOSS) | <u>(55)</u> | <u>(4,561)</u> | <u>4,506</u> |
| Diocesan Assessments | 13,844 | 15,343 | -1,499 | | | | |
| Wages, Salaries, etc. | 19,990 | 19,835 | 155 | | | | |
| Catering | 1,248 | 2,116 | -868 | | | | |
| Building: | | | | | | | |
| Sask Energy | 4,185 | 4,681 | -496 | | | | |
| Sask Power | 5,404 | 5,685 | -282 | | | | |
| Water | 581 | 763 | -182 | Notes: | | | |
| Insurance | 9,083 | 8,862 | 221 | "Other Administrative Expenses" include: | | | |
| Parking Lot | 8,081 | 4,536 | 3,545 | Bank Charges | | | |
| Garbage/recycling | 418 | 367 | 52 | Priest Contract | | | |
| Repairs & maintenance | 2,658 | 4,078 | -1,420 | Collection Envelopes | | | |
| Cemetery expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Total Building | <u>30,411</u> | <u>28,972</u> | <u>1,439</u> | | | | |