



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 3rd, 2022

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/1pm-4pm (closed Friday)

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (4 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (5 th)	7:00pm +Ambrose Wolfe
Wed. (6 th)	9:00am June Pasloski
Thurs. (7 th)	9:00am Jean Kulcsar
	2:30pm GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES
	+Tom Pasloski
Fri. (8 th)	9:00am +Elizabeth Beres
Sat. (9 th)	9:00am +Russell Boychuk
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	5:00pm +Maggie Sawchenko
Sun. (10 th)	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	9:00am Mass for the People
	11:00am +Benito, +Loreta, +Anastacio

NEW GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE

We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in your actions and decisions, considering the greater good, and to follow the directives per the Archdiocese of Regina:

- We are a "mask-friendly" parish, meaning that wearing a mask is optional, and we respect those who continue to do so.
- Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection continues.
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace.
- Communion Ministers will wear a mask.
- If you are ill, elderly, or medically vulnerable in any way, you are urged to continue to take every precaution to keep yourself and others safe.



*All parishioners are asked to gather in the Parish Hall ten minutes prior to the beginning of Mass on **Palm Sunday** (next Sunday).*

The **Stations of the Cross** devotion is prayed each Friday at 7pm during Lent.

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Lord, your grace and love make me whole. Help me to trust in the endless possibilities of the present moment.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Reflection by Deacon Dave Hudy

Hello everyone,

All three of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent call out to us about the beautiful path Jesus is offering us. In the first reading Isaiah asks us to forget about our old ways, God is planning to give us something completely new! A new way in the wilderness, a river in the desert. Isaiah was speaking to the people of his time, the people of Israel were being given freedom; they would no longer be slaves in Babylon! And he is speaking to us as well, Jesus is offering us a better way, he is offering a peace in this world that the world itself cannot give. This peace can start now and carry on into the everlasting life to come.

In the second reading Paul makes things a little more clear for us! Compared to the joy of following Jesus everything else is unimportant. Those who, in Paul's time, lived by the laws of the scribes and Pharisees can now follow a new path. It's a path of trust, of trusting Jesus and following his example. Paul also speaks to us, he implies that even our sufferings are a gain if they are accepted with love.

In the gospel, Jesus reemphasizes that we are not to live only by laws. Jesus does not deny that the woman caught in adultery has done something wrong. But, he does not condemn her, either. He does tell her, though, not to sin again. So, once again we see that while the Old Testament may be headed in the right direction, it doesn't quite get things straight! Jesus straightens them out, he makes things clear. How can we condemn each other when we ourselves are not perfect? Even Jesus who is God does not condemn the woman! But, there is an element of truth to the harsh law of the Old Testament. We don't know the circumstances of the woman's affair, perhaps she was less to blame than whoever she was involved with. Jesus probably didn't know all the details either, but he probably knew how guilty and remorseful the woman was just by observing her. He makes it clear that she must change her ways, she will condemn herself if she continues in adultery. And losing out at a chance of everlasting life in heaven will be far worse than death by stoning!

One thing that stands out for me in the gospel is the beauty of Jesus' peace! In the first paragraph of the gospel we witness a very beautiful, peaceful scene, people are up on the mountain early in the morning listening to Jesus. But then the scribes and Pharisees arrive, they are on a mission. They hope to make Jesus look bad and disturb that peace. They are influenced by envy and by the potential loss of their prestige as people turn away from them and toward Jesus. But, Jesus does not let his peace be disturbed! The atmosphere of peace is not disturbed! Here is a great lesson for all of us. Let us strive to maintain the gift of Jesus' peace no matter what obstacles life throws at us to disturb that peace.

God bless you all.

Deacon Dave Hudy





Penitential Service (St. Gerard Church)

Thursday, April 7th @ 7pm

With the celebration of Reconciliation (in sacrament and in Penance celebrations), our Lenten practices allow us to be closer to Christ and to improve our life. The one-half hour Penitential Service will be celebrated communally with individual absolution (Form B) to follow. Several priests will be in attendance.

PALM SUNDAY & TRIDUUM LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SIGN-UP SHEETS

Please sign up **TODAY** for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.



CHURCH CLEANING BEE

Saturday, April 9th @ 9:30am

Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving

The Gospels were written in Greek. When Jesus speaks of giving “alms,” the Greek word is “eleamosyna” – the root meaning of which is “pity.” (The English word “alms” is taken from the first few letters of that long Greek word.)

Almsgiving results from feelings of pity and compassion for someone in need. It’s often associated with giving money to the poor but almsgiving includes all of the seven corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the imprisoned, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.

But almsgiving should also be about giving something new. When I give a birthday gift or a Christmas gift or an anniversary gift to someone, it is something new. I should do no less for the poor. There is a tradition of getting a new outfit at Easter (which became legendary in the song, “Easter Parade”).

During Lent, when I give something to the poor, I give in that same spirit – maybe not a fancy outfit, but new socks, new T-shirts, new sweaters, and so on. Clothing the naked is a work of mercy. It’s also almsgiving.

- Little Black Book for Lent 2022
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News from the CWL



PIES FOR SALE CWL is selling homemade pies before and after each Mass on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th. Apple, Raisin, Saskatoon, and Lemon Pies will be made on Saturday, April 9th in the hall kitchen. \$10.00 for large and \$5.00 for small pies. Proceeds to help fund charitable donations.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

April 6 Planning Meeting CANCELLED
April 12 Travelling Silver Rose service @ 7pm
April 13 General Meeting @ 7pm
Presentation of the budget

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Apr. 14 Thursday of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 11:45pm

Apr. 15 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

The Celebration of the Passion
3:00 pm

Apr. 16 Holy Saturday

2:00 pm – Blessing of Festive Food

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 pm

Apr. 17 The Mass of Easter Day

9:00 am 11:00 am



News from the Archdiocese of Regina

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 4th, 2022
2:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral

The Mass will be livestreamed:
archregina.sk.ca/live



Bringing Home the Word

Our Lord Defends Sinners

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

We may feel that Jesus is more of an accuser than our Savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend sinners before their accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians until he found Christ. He then let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to take our evil deeds to his merciful heart and leave them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

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This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods." Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at www.devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

Lord have mercy

The truth about ourselves is that we are unfaithful sinners. May we all use these days of Lent to examine our own consciences and appeal to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The Stone Receptacle

The story of Jesus and the condemned woman conveys a message of compassion in an atmosphere of severe criticism. It's easy to identify ourselves with the woman. It's more difficult to identify with the people in the crowd. Or, is it?

Criticism is a habit that is easy to fall into, but hard to eliminate. To this end, decorate a coffee can or shoe box as the "Stone Receptacle." Gather pebbles together and hand several to each family member. Invite each member to think about times he or she put others down, judged others, or hurt others with words. Each time he or she can think of a person, have your family member can place a pebble in the receptacle. When your family is done placing all their pebbles in the can, join together in prayer. Forgive each other with a sign of peace.

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PARISH FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 8th

2pm – 5pm

★ **Last chance before Easter!!!** ★
While quantities last!!!

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

After driving up to the Parish Hall entrance, please remain in your vehicle and someone will come out to take your order.

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus Saves a Woman Who Sinned"

This Week...

The old law said that some sins were so bad, the sinner ought to be stoned to death. Jesus had a new law to teach us - a law of compassion and forgiveness. We all are sinners, and we need to help one another rather than destroy one another. We can hate the sin, but we need to love the sinner. It is never too late for us to learn a new way. This new way saved a woman's life.

For Your Reflection

Have you ever been caught doing something you knew was wrong? What happened?

Have you ever done something with a friend of yours, and your friend got away with it, but you didn't? How did you feel? Did you want your friend to get into trouble as well? Or were you thankful that at least both of you didn't get caught?

What sins, mistakes, or faults from the past would you like to forget? What stops you from letting go of them and moving on? What new ways or new habits would you like to be yours from now on?

Jesus stopped a mob of men from stoning a woman to death. They could easily have turned on him, but they did not. Why do mobs want to commit acts of violence? Why do you think violence has become such a major part of the entertainment business, such as movies, video games, and so forth? What is fun about violence?

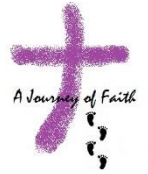
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004



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.
