



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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

## CONTACT US

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 Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		

## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (22<sup>nd</sup>) NO MASS  
 Tues. (23<sup>rd</sup>) 7:00pm +Helen Piontek  
 Wed. (24<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am Stella Fulawka  
 10:00am **NURSING HOME (NORTH)**  
 +Horace & +Mildred Jackson  
 Thurs. (25<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am Henry & Florence Kereliuk  
 2:30pm **BENTLEY SENIORS' RESIDENCE**  
 +Harry & +Joan Monette  
 Fri. (26<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am *CTCS Opening Mass*  
 Sat. (27<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Horace & +Mildred Jackson

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5:00pm Mass for the People  
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**  
 Michael Naphin

Sun. (28<sup>th</sup>) **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 9:00am +Mark Banga  
 11:00am +Joe Paydli

## SACRAMENTS

**Infant Baptism:** Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

**RCIA:** For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

**Matrimony:** Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

**Anointing:** Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

Stay  
Connected  
Online!

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Faithful God, grant me the grace to believe the truth, to speak what I believe, and to live what I speak. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

## In Touch with the Word

### Discipline

#### Scripture:

•Isaiah 66.18-21. People from all nations will come and proclaim God's glory. These foreigners will be welcomed and honoured – some even as priests.

◦Hebrews 12.5-7,11-13. God disciplines us with the same love and concern that mothers or fathers use to discipline their children. We need discipline to grow and be strong.

•Luke 13.22-30. People from the north, south, east, and west will come and want a place at the feast of God. Yet some of those last shall enter first, and some of those first shall be last.

#### Theme:

Isaiah tells us that people from every foreign land will be brought to Jerusalem by every means possible – camels, mules, carts, chariots, and the like. Some of these foreigners will be given the honour of priesthood. This is a surprise to Jews who are taught to avoid Gentiles. Jesus has a similar surprise for us – some people assumed to be rejected will be accepted, and some people expecting to be accepted will be rejected.

How can we improve our chances of admission through this narrow door? By heeding the gentle discipline that God gives us.

#### Reflection:

No one escapes pain and suffering; it comes with being mortal creatures. Yet, God brings good out of it by turning it into an opportunity for strengthening and disciplining us. Pain and suffering can be seen as the discipline of God.

- Is this clear in your life? Do you believe it to be true? Can suffering actually make you a better person? How has this been true in your life?
- How do you respond to suffering and problems? Has this response changed over the years? How are you different from when you were younger?

Discipline from God is different than discipline from the church, the government, your employer, or even your family.

- How do you respond to the enforcement of laws and policies that come from the church? from the government? from your employer? from your own parents or older relatives?
- Which of these sources of discipline are hardest to deal with? Which are the easiest? Why?
- If you have children, or if your work involves teaching or supervising children or young people, what kind of disciplinarian are you? What are the challenges of disciplining the young?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated.

Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Read aloud Luke 13:22-30. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted. As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

**ST GERARD CHURCH**

**SACRAMENT  
PREPARATION  
PROGRAM  
2022 - 2023**



**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CONFIRMATION  
FIRST EUCHARIST**

**GRADE 2 AND UP**

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

EMAIL US AT  
OFFICE@STGERARD.CA

BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

 **News from the CWL** 

CWL Garage Sale is Thursday, September 8th, 9 am - 7 pm, and Friday, September 9th, 9 am - noon. Volunteers are needed for the setup on Monday, September 5th, 9 am and Tuesday, September 6th. If you can volunteer to help setup or work at the garage sale, please call Paulette 306-782-7923. "Many hands make light work." Items can be left downstairs beside the CWL room at the church or left in Fr. Louis' garage through the back door.




Raffle Ticket Books can be returned through the collection. Please mark them 'CWL Ticket Book(s)'.

A garage sale meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th @ 7 pm in the CWL Room. Everyone is encouraged to attend to finalize the sale.

 **News from the Knights of Columbus** 

**Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.**

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

**Missionary Families of Christ**  
Defending Faith, Family & Life

Live Christ Share Christ of Missionary Families of Christ – Yorkton, SK Canada would like to invite everyone for a day of **Life in Christ Seminar** on Saturday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2022 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at St. Gerard Parish Hall. The sessions and talks will help us understand how to strengthen our catholic identity, appreciation, loving and depending our faith.


Registration is free. Please call Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239 for inquiries. This is also an opportunity to join our community "**Missionary Families of Christ**" with different sections for couples, singles, youth and kids. Enhancing family life in the Catholic faith through prayer meetings, Liturgical bible studies, teachings, conferences and fellowships.

Philemon 1:6 *"I pray that your fellowship in the faith may come to expression in full knowledge of all the good we can do in Christ."*



**BAPTISM**  
*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

In the Archdiocese of Regina, Baptism Preparation is required prior to your child's baptism. To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.




*Congratulations to*

**Jason O'Boyle & Michelle Gerwing**

*who were married*  
*at St. Gerard Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.*


*May the Lord be with them*  
*every day of their married life.*



**Marriage Preparation Program  
Fall Session**

If you are planning to marry in the next year you are required to complete the 6-week Marriage Prep program. The fall session of Marriage Prep will take place at 7 pm Sundays: Sept 11, 18, 25 and Oct 2, 16, and 23. Please register at the Parish Office and pick up the workbook before the first session. If you have any questions, please contact Farley & Linda at 306-730-5600.

*Farley & Linda Maddaford,  
Marriage Preparation Coordinators*

**Are you moving this summer?** *Whether it is near or far, please remember to notify the Parish Office so that we can update our parish records. Thanks!* 

*And if you are moving away, all the best to you in your new spiritual home!*

**New to the parish?? WELCOME!** *Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place in the collection basket at Mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!*





# Bringing Home the Word

## Just Come in the Side Door

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A fragment from a church ceiling fresco crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble that is now a priceless object of art depicts an apostle as he gazes upwards towards Christ's divine glory.

We too are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and in today's Gospel, Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should strive to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the grand main entrance that everyone sees and knows about. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance that only those who are close to the owner and his family know. Christ invites us to be so familiar with him that we know the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others, but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

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## Attention Former Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in Marieval

On Saturday September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St Mary's Church in Grayson, Archbishop Donald Bolen will celebrate a Mass formally merging the territory of the former Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, Marieval, into the territory of St. Mary's Parish, Grayson. All former Marieval parishioners are especially invited to this special Mass. Refreshments after Mass.

## ST. GERARD PARISH 2022-2023 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

Chairperson	Mark Bell
Vice-chairperson	Wayne Exner
Secretary	Joanne Geysen

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Liturgy	Colleen Haider Marie Kruger (A)
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Finance Properties Hall	Nathan Bewcyk Gary Colbow (A) Nick Andrusyk (A)

(A) – Appointed by Pastor



## Kaposvar Pilgrimage



### Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Sunday August 21, 2022

3 miles South & ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

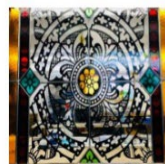
Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00



11:00 am – 12:00 noon.....	Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....	Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....	Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....	Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....	Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....	Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm.....	Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm.....	Supper

For more information Contact: Eola Stevenson @ 306 853-7880

Ethnic Attire is encouraged  
Bring your own Lawn chairs  
Concession Booth on Site



## YOUTH REFLECTION

### **"Discipline"**

#### **This Week...**

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#### **For Your Reflection**

Life's problems can be seen as challenges that help you to grow well and to learn important skills. As God's creatures are imperfect, so we need to help one another toward a final perfection that is a gift from God.

- What difficulty or crisis in your life has taught you a lot? Do you think you have grown from dealing with it? How?

Discipline from parents and teachers and coaches is often not desired, yet it is usually given because of love.

- What do you think motivates parents and teachers and coaches? Why do they do the things they do for you? What is their purpose as they attempt to give you discipline?
- How have you benefited from the discipline and influence of parents, teachers, or coaches? Have other adults in your life helped you become a more mature individual? Who are they and what influence have they had?

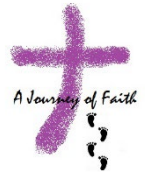
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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join 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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.