



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 28th, 2022
Twenty-second
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

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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. (29th) NO MASS
 Tues. (30th) 7:00pm +Ed Boucher
 Wed.(31st) 9:00am +John Jason Himpe
 Thurs.(1st) 9:00am Marcella Fedak
 2:30pm **GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES**
 +Helen Piontek
 Fri. (2nd) 9:00am +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
 Sat. (3rd) 9:00am +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele

5:00pm +Marjorie Boucher
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
 Michael Naphin

Sun. (4th) **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Angeline Polegi

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

Stay Connected Online!

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Holy and compassionate God, teach us the freedom of humility, the gratification of surrender, the true joy of compassion for others. We pray in Jesus' name.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

Choose a Humble Seat

Scripture:

•Sirach 3.17-18,20,28-29. Be humble. The more important a person you perceive yourself to be, the greater the need to be humble.

•Hebrews 12.12.18-19,22-24. Coming to God is not like a trip with Moses to a tall, dark, gloomy mountain to get the tables of the Law. No, it is like a warm, loving gathering where you are greeted by angels and brought to a heavenly feast.

◦Luke 14.1,7-14. when you come to a feast, do not choose a place of high honour to sit. A more important person may need your seat. Instead, sit at a lower position, so you might be asked to come to a better seat.

Theme:

Humility is joy. Those who are humble are treated well by others. They bring joy, and they receive joy in return. This is true when we approach a wedding feast or when we approach the heavenly feast of God's banquet.

Reflection:

Jesus advises us to not sit at the head of the table, but to choose a place of lower status.

- What is the status of your position at work, in your community, or even in your family?
- Does your status have any privileges that are not given to others? If so, what are they?
- How do others feel about not sharing in the privileges you are given?
- If your status is lower than most, are there any privileges that others have and you do not? What are they? How do you feel about that?

Jesus challenges us to include persons with disabilities in our social activities.

- Do you have any friends who are blind or deaf, who use a wheelchair, or who have another disability? If so, how did you meet?
- Do you think it is appropriate to go out of your way to make friends with people with disabilities? Why or why not?

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Parents and children often enter into "negotiations" over how much allowance is to be earned at certain ages. Typically, when a child seeks an increase in allowance, parents will attach an increase in chores and responsibilities for them to better earn the increase. Talk about what kind of allowance you received as a child and what kind of responsibilities your parents expected of you to earn your allowance.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about doing good deeds for others and expecting nothing in return. Read aloud Luke 14:1,7-14. Ask your children how they would feel if you told them to take on more chores without ever expecting another raise in allowance. Emphasize that Jesus teaches us that it is our duty as his followers to take care of the needs of others and to do so without expecting repayment. Discuss what other types of rewards we can find when doing good things for others.

Point out that we sometimes fall into the trap of wanting too many things and that, in the Our Father, we pray for "our daily bread," meaning that we pray for only that which we really need in life. Conclude this time together by praying aloud the Our Father.

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 8TH


 **News from the CWL** 

Setup for the CWL Garage Sale will start Monday, September 5 and Tuesday, September 6, both at 9 am. Volunteers (men and women) are still needed to help setup. Lunch will be supplied for all volunteers. Donations of garden produce and baking would be greatly appreciated. We are still in need of plastic grocery bags and/or paper bags for the sale. Please keep your items for the garage sale and bring them to the hall during setup on September 5 & 6. Please return all CWL raffle ticket books (sold or unsold) via the collection or drop off during setup days. Deadline to return is Tuesday, September 6, 12 noon. We are still in need of volunteers to sell tickets at the garage sale. If you can help with the tickets, the setup, or during the garage sale, please call Paulette 306-782-7923. Thank you to everyone who have already volunteered. "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK."




 **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

 **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.


  


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 17th**, 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 defending 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."*

 *Congratulations to*
Shaun Thomson & Meghan Bucsis
who were married
at St. Gerard Saturday, August 20th.
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*

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The new Liturgical Ministries schedules may be picked up in the Sacristy if you did not receive one by email.

- Welcomers & Lectors
- Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
- Hospitality Ministers

Thank you for sharing your gifts.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

The Power of Humility

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Humility isn't a popular virtue! In fact, among the Greeks and the Romans it wasn't considered a virtue at all. In a list of 147 wise maxims, dated six centuries before Christ, humility wasn't even mentioned. For the ancient Greek or Roman, honour was more of a goal than humility.

Yet the Jewish faith values humility, as illustrated in Old Testament texts like the one we hear today. The humble strength of conducting affairs quietly and justly makes one more loved—more so than someone who gives many gifts. Parents should reflect on this.

As Christians following a Savior who stooped to wash feet, humility is not only recommended but becomes the ideal. Let the first be last. Let the greatest be the servant. Humility is simply living the truth of who we are. We are each both great and insignificant. We can and should use all our knowledge and strength to plant seeds for a better world. But only God gives the growth.

We are creatures and not the Creator. We don't make the rules of life or define right and wrong. We discover, accept, and embrace these laws. A healthy awareness of our limitations doesn't enslave us but sets us free. A humble knowledge of the truth is empowering.

We are amazingly talented people, each uniquely loved and gifted by God. Each of us can achieve, and should strive for, the greatness offered us. Humility makes one capable of true and lasting greatness—just look at Christ.

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STEWARDSHIP

Parish Ministries Survey coming soon. Your parish community needs you!

As we resume regular Masses, Sacramental Preparation, and programming this fall we will need more help with Parish Ministries. The Parish Ministries Form will be distributed on the Sept 10/11th weekend. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents.

*- Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
Stewardship Committee Chairperson*



Walk the Talk

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

Every week, Catholics recite a common creed that binds us in one faith. I've been thinking about personal creeds.

What creed do I live? What creed do others infer from my actions, words, and deeds? What if God will judge us not on what we recite at weekly Mass, but on what we do the rest of the week? What if we will be convicted by our convictions?

If I believe sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God, and yet I don't read and study the Bible, then I refuse to hear God.

If I believe in plentiful redemption, and yet I fail to forgive myself, then I deny that God is all-loving.

If I believe God created the heavens and the earth, and yet I fail to care for the environment, then I am abusing the offspring of God.

If I believe God is the creator of all life, and yet I believe an unborn child is a choice, then I make my God an inconvenience.

If I believe humankind was created in God's image, and yet act as if any race or gender is superior to another, then I proclaim God to be fickle and imperfect.

If I believe in the primacy of conscience, and yet I fail to learn the teachings of the Church, then I'm a rudderless ship adrift in a sea of troubles.

If I believe Christ will judge the living and the dead, and yet I spend my days judging the faults of others, then I have surely usurped the throne of my King.

If I believe the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity, and yet I spend all my days stifling the Spirit, then I have muzzled my God.

If I believe in the Real Presence, and yet I am not transformed by holy Communion, then I deny Christ's admittance to the world.

If I believe we are all sisters and brothers in Christ, and yet I fail to share my time, talent, and treasure, then I surely deny that Christ is my brother.

At Mass we profess the faith we believe. What faith are we professing by our actions?

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