



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 7th, 2022
Nineteenth 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 Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (8th) 7:00pm *Prayer Vigil-Donna Appell*
 Tues. (9th) 11:00am *Funeral Mass-Donna Appell*
 Wed. (10th) NO MASS
 10:00am **ASPEN VILLA**
 CANCELLED
 Thurs. (11th) NO MASS
 2:30pm **LAKESIDE MANOR**
 CANCELLED
 Fri. (12th) NO MASS
 Sat. (13th) NO MASS
 1:00pm *O'Boyle-Gerwing Wedding*
 5:00pm +Leroy Persick
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
 +Harry & +Joan Monette

Sun. (14th) **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Anna Marie Zepp

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 at least 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



Generous God, we give you thanks for all our blessings and dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray always in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

Be Ready at All Times

Scripture:

•Wisdom 18.6-9

On “that night,” the Passover, the people knew ahead of time what was to happen. Because of their faith, they had courage and did what they needed to do.

•Hebrews 11.1-2,8-19

Because of our faith, we can be sure about things that are uncertain; we can know how we need to act. Abraham and Sarah are given as examples of people acting from faith.

◦Luke 12.32-48

We are warned by Jesus to be prepared and to do our work well. If we have heavenly treasure, no thief can come near it. If we stay alert, then we are ready, whether it is the thief or the master who comes.

Theme:

We need faith in God – but faith alone is not enough. We must be ready to do the things our faith calls us to do. Moses, with faith, led the Israelites to perform the rituals of the Passover, to leave Egypt, and so to be freed from their slavery. Abraham and Sarah had faith and did what God asked – they moved to a new place, had a son in their old age, and were even willing to sacrifice that son. Jesus calls us to do likewise. We have been given a lot, and a lot is expected of us.

Reflection:

A servant who is trusted is given the key to the master’s house. Much is expected of that servant. The master expects the house in order at all times. No matter the time of the return, the house will be in proper order, and the master will approve of the work that has been done.

- If you are the servant and God is the master, what tasks do you think God wants you to do in the household? What is the “thief” you need to be alert to?

We need faith, but we also need to act – to make things happen. Our faith, our prayer life, and our relationship to God make sure that the things we are working toward are the things of heavenly treasure, and not just things that moths can destroy or thieves can steal.

- What are your earthly treasures? How devastated would you be if they were ruined by moths, thieves, fire, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, or whatever else could happen?
- What are your heavenly treasures? How much of your time and energy gets focused on them?

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Years ago, most families had only one or two clocks in their home. Today, we have clocks everywhere—on our walls, on our microwave ovens, on our DVD players, on our cell phones, and so on. As a family, go through the house and count how many clocks (time-telling devices) your family has. Talk about important events for which family members need to be on time. Recall experiences of being late for something, either as individuals or as a family. Explain that in this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus talks about how important it is for us to be aware and alert, otherwise, we will miss something.

Read aloud Luke 12:32-48. Talk about the parable that Jesus told and discuss how the master will feel if he arrives to find his servant doing his job. Discuss what our job is as disciples of Jesus. Explain that, just as we need to be aware of the time so that we don’t miss anything important, we also need to be alert and focused on our jobs, our responsibilities as followers of Jesus.

Encourage each family member to place a sacred symbol near the clock that they use most in the house and to use the symbol and the clock as a reminder that it is always “time” for us to be acting like disciples of Christ. www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

ST GERARD CHURCH

**SACRAMENT
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2022 - 2023**

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BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH



News from the CWL



CWL Garage Sale will be Thursday, September 8, 9 am to 7 pm, and Friday, September 9, 9 am to 12 noon. Setup will be Monday, September 5, and Tuesday, September 6, 9 am (or earlier if you can come). Items for the sale will be accepted after August 2 and can be brought to the church and put downstairs by the CWL Room or taken to Fr. Louis' garage. Large items and furniture cannot be accepted as space to display the items is limited. There's still time to volunteer to help set up and/or work at the sale. Call Paulette 306-782-7923 for more info or to help. There will be a garage sale meeting on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 7 pm in the CWL Room to finalize plans for this fundraising event.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

Aug. 13- Blessed Michael McGivney observation day.
Aug. 17- Inter-council golf at Deer Park at 1.00pm.
Supper to follow. Contact Greg 306.621.7026.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. 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 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 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."*



**We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community
those who were baptized
recently at St. Gerard:**

Francheska Diaz-Jalmanzar

**May this child and her family
experience joy and new life.**



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.



**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*

ALTAR SERVERS' CAMP

Camp O'Neill on Round Lake is planning a special camp for altar servers and those interested in becoming altar servers! It will happen during the week of August 15th to August 19th. For more information/ or to register, email Doris at camponeill2020@gmail.com, or phone her at 204 441 8645



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Finding Our Treasure in God

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced his faith even when it didn't seem sensible to do so. His faith allowed him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity. And because of his faith, Abram became Abraham, the Father of nations, the common ancestor of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim peoples.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God doesn't always make sense right away, and we're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

Have you ever been caught in a storm—perhaps a really scary storm with wind howling, rain pounding, skies so dark it looks like night in the middle of the day? This is how the winds of our passions, and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear God's voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

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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.....
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....
4:00 pm.....
4:15 pm.....

Visitors arrive and sign guest book
Individual Stations of the Cross
Rosary in the Church
Private Confessions in the Church
Procession from the Church to the Shrine
Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Procession back to the Church
Supper

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



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



1000+ Pilgrims!

ST. ANTHONY'S RAMA, SASK.
77th Pilgrimage
Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th, 2022	August 15th, 2022
Vigil of Mary's Assumption	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)	8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)
3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross	9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)
4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite ~ Very Rev. Joakim Rac
6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)	11:30 am: Final Mass ~
6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.	*Anointing of the Sick & Aged. * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence * Blessing of Religious Articles
8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Archbishop Don Bolen	*Like Rama Grotto on Facebook & Twitter
**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	**Website: www.RamaShrine.ca

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Be Ready at All Times"

This Week...

We need faith in God - but faith alone is not enough. We also must be ready to do the things our faith calls us to do. Moses, with faith, led the Israelites to perform the rituals of the Passover, to leave Egypt, and so to be freed from their slavery. Abraham and Sarah had faith and did what God asked - they moved to a new place, had a son in their old age, and were even willing to sacrifice that son. Jesus calls us to do likewise. We have been given a lot, and a lot is expected of us.

For Your Reflection

The key to the house is a symbol of trust and responsibility.

- Do you have your own house key? If so, how often do you use it?
- Are there any house rules about the key or about what is to happen when you are home alone?
- If you don't have your own key, would you like to have one? Do you need one? Why or why not?

This talk of servants being ready for masters and thieves to catch them off their guard can be easily translated to teenagers being ready for parents and teachers to catch them off their guard.

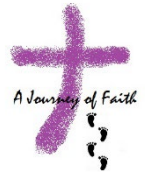
- If you could stay home for a week with no parental supervision, what would you do in the house?
- If your parents suddenly returned home several days early, do you think they would be pleased with the state of your house, or angry with the way they found things?
- If your teachers decided to give you no tests and no homework until the end of each term, would you keep up with your studies on your own? Why or why not? What do you think the rest of your friends would do?
- What do you think it means to have God return to your house expecting things to be in proper order?



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.