



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 16th, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6

Mon. 17 th	7:00 pm	NO MASS Cantor Rehearsal (<i>please use south entrance</i>)
Tues. 18 th	7:00 pm	NO MASS Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed. 19 th		NO MASS
Thurs. 20 th		NO MASS
Fri. 21 st	8:00 am 9:00 am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Mass Eathan Petralba
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sat. 22 nd	5:00 pm	Mass for the People (70 minutes)
Sun. 23 rd	9:00 am	Mass for the People (75 minutes) <i>followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>
	11:00am	Mass for the People (80 Minutes) <i>followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>

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

2025 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 4th

SHROVE TUESDAY

3pm-6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
6pm Rite for the Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday, followed by Mass

Wednesday, March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30am Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard
11:00am Distribution of Ashes at Sacred Heart High
1:15pm Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard
7pm Mass

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

12:10 pm Mass, followed by Lenten Lunch
7pm RCIA

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

9am Mass, followed by Divine Mercy Devotion
7pm Bible Study

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One hour prior to each weekday Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses during the Season of Lent.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 12th at 5pm

Sunday, April 13th at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7:30pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12noon and 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 8:30pm

At the Mass of Easter Day – 10am

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT IS COMING

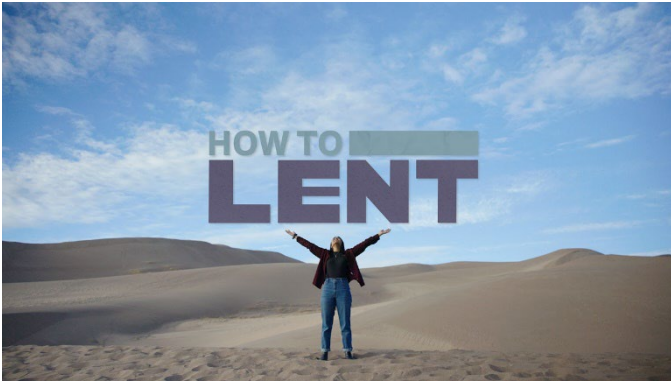
Ash Wednesday is

March 5th, 2025

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Lent is approaching fast!

Are you ready to make the most of it?



You're invited to prepare for Lent (yes, ahead of Ash Wednesday!) with *How to Lent*. This four-part video series provides insights into the origins of Lent, why the Church compares Lent to a desert, and how to create a Lenten plan that will transform your life beyond Easter Sunday.

Make the most of this year's Lent by preparing for the season and entering in more deeply with time for prayer, reflection, and genuine encounter with Jesus.

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PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

If you have palms in your homes from previous years, please bring them to the church by Sunday, March 2nd. There are baskets in the main entrance of the church for the palms.

On Tuesday, March 4th the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served by the Knights of Columbus from 4pm to 6pm. At 6pm we will celebrate the Rite of Burning the Palms followed by Mass. These ashes will be used Ash Wednesday.



Lenten Bible Study

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Beginning **February 26th** the Bible Study "No Greater Love" will be held Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm for five weeks (**Feb. 26; Mar. 12,26; Apr. 2,9**)

To cover the cost of books, materials and snacks, a fee of \$60 (\$100 per couple) is to be paid when you register. Each individual will be given a copy of the *No Greater Love* book and workbook.

Please register for this session in advance so that the materials can be ordered. Registrations are being taken at the Parish Office.

COMING SOON TO OUR PARISH....

Lenten Gospel Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron

Journey with Jesus: Lent Daily Devotions for Families

LOOKING FOR A PODCAST? Check out:

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What is Your Choice?

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have a lot to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups, such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people: namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: blessed is the one who delights in the law of the Lord. The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

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ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL WORKSHOP At St. Gerard Parish

Saturday, March 15
9:30am to 3pm

Topic: Pastoral Development of our Parish

For all Parishioners, especially all the Council members, Committees and Parish, Organizations.

Please register with the Parish Office as lunch will be served.

SHARE THE LOVE: HELP FILL OUR FOOD BANK!

Help those facing food insecurity by donating to the food bank. To make giving simple and accessible, our **Social Action Committee** has introduced a monthly donation focus. Each month, we'll highlight specific, affordable items to contribute.

For **February**, we ask each parishioner to donate **one box of pasta and one jar of pasta sauce**. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need.

How to Donate: Please leave your donations in the designated food collection area. **Thank you for your kindness and support!**



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Feb. 21 Family Prayer – 7.00
- Feb. 23 Family Brunch – 8.00
- Bingo – afternoon – 12.11
- Feb. 25 Articles for "The Word" due

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The page has been updated. Check it out.

WE ARE HIRING!

St. Gerard Parish is inviting applications for the position of Parish Office Assistant.

Qualifications:

- Business College certificate/diploma and/or experience
- Knowledge of the Catholic Church and Faith, and support of the Mission of the Church
- Possess strong and well-developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Working knowledge and experience in financial transactions/handling cash, office equipment, Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint

This is a 20 hour per week position. Please contact the Parish Office for the full job description. Resumes may be submitted to the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca or to Father Antony ansathisjb@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is Thursday, February 27, 2025



World Day of Prayer 2025

Hosted by St. Gerard CWL

*All are invited to the 2025 World Day of Prayer
as we celebrate the theme:*

“I made you wonderful”

Psalm 139: 1-18

**Friday, March 7th - 10:30 am
Ecumenical Service**

Fellowship to follow

Please RSVP on or before March 3rd: Deanna at
pell@sasktel.net or Linda at 306.730.5600

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PRAYER

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows for each person to return to the Father. It was Jesus who entrusted His disciples with the Lord's Prayer, which is commented on by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (cf. CCC 2759-2865).

The Christian tradition also offers other texts, such as the Hail Mary, that can help to find words to address God: “By a living transmission— Tradition—the Holy Spirit in the Church teaches the children of God to pray” (CCC 2661).

The of prayer opportunities on the journey show that the pilgrim holds the path to God “in his heart” (Psalm 83:6). Refreshment is also provided by the various stops and opportunities for rest along the way, which are often organized around shrines, sanctuaries, and other places filled with spiritual significance, where one realizes that — before us and alongside us — other pilgrims have also passed along and traveled those same roads. Indeed, the paths leading to Rome have often been trod by many saints.