



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

February 25th, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

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'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 26 th		NO MASS
	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (use south entrance)
Tues. 27 th	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (Pinching)
	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Sophie Sushetski
	7:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Wed. 28 th	9:00 am	Mass +Craig Pierce
	10:00 am	<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
		Mass at Nursing Home (North)
		+John Fedirko
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)
Thurs. 29 th	12:10 pm	Mass +Rick Young
		<i>Followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
	7:00 pm	RCIA (Lower Level Hall)
	7:00 pm	Sacrament Preparation (Social Hall)
Fri. 1 st	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by
		Mass +John Loster
Sat. 2 nd	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 3 rd		Third Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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

LENTEN REFLECTION ON PRAYER
BY ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP

Prayer is the light of the spirit Prayer and to converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives, we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honoured ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: "We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings."

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to someone; he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.

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.



Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm

Children's Liturgy

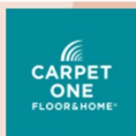
Reminder: Volunteer meeting on **March 5th at 7:30PM.** Meet in the foyer. Whether you want to be a leader or assistant, please attend this informative meeting! If you cannot attend this meeting but are still interested in helping, please email Sarah Prost at prost.litz@hotmail.com and we can arrange training at an alternate time!

The first Children's Liturgy will be on **Sunday, March 10th at the 11AM mass.** All parent's welcome to attend. *Have your children bring a water bottle! *

THANK YOU!

The St. Gerard's Children's Liturgy Program would like to thank Carpet One Yorkton for their generous donation of 24 carpet squares to help make our Children's Liturgy space more comfortable for our little ones.

Your kindness is much appreciated.



News from the CWL



The final Membership Drive for 2024 will be held March 2nd and 3rd. Memberships may be paid before and after each Mass.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 5th following Holy Hour and Mass.



News from the Knights of Columbus

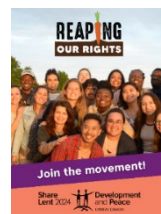


Feb. 25	Articles for "The Word" due
Feb. 29	Bingo – evening – 5.00
Mar. 6	Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00
Mar. 7	Bingo – evening – 5.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664.

More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The website has been updated! Check it out!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

Join the movement of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership

PEROGY BEE

Mon., Feb. 26	9am	(Prep)
Tues., Feb. 27	9am	(Pinching)
Wed., Feb. 28	9:30am	(Packaging)

The Perogy Bee team needs a BOOST!

If you have 12in x 12in cushions that the pinchers can use, please leave in a bag near the kitchen door. Thanks!

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still, they placed their future in his hands.

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FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading *Mark 9.2-10 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John.*

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Based on Psalm 116)

You have heard me Lord.
I prayed and you heard me.
I was so upset.
I didn't know where to turn.
Then I called to you
And you answered me.

I am so thankful.
You are kind and merciful.

I felt helpless and alone.
You rescued me.
You dried my tears.
You picked me up.
You stayed with me.

What can I do to thank you?
I will praise you and
remember.

I will tell everyone about you.
You have freed me
So I can serve you now.

I am making a promise.
It is a promise to praise you
And thank you all my life.

I will always remember. Amen



St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>“Man is in search of God. In the act of creation, God calls every being from nothingness into existence ... Even after losing through his sin his likeness to God, man remains an image of his Creator, and retains the desire for the one who calls him into existence. All religions bear witness to men’s essential search for God.” – CCC 2566</i></p>					<p>1 7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</p>	<p>2 5pm Mass Coffee Fellowship after Mass</p>
<p>3 3rd Sunday LENT 9am Mass 11am Mass Coffee Fellowship after each Mass</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Children’s Liturgy Org. Meeting 7:30pm CWL General Meeting</p>	<p>6 9am Mass 7pm Bible Study Oremus 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting</p>	<p>7 12:10pm Mass 7pm RCIA 7pm Sacrament Preparation 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>8 7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</p>	<p>9 5pm Mass</p>
<p>10 4th Sunday LENT 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	<p>11 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting</p>	<p>12 7pm Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration</p>	<p>13 9am Mass 7pm Bible Study Oremus</p>	<p>14 12:10pm Mass 7pm Sacrament Preparation 7pm RCIA</p>	<p>15 7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</p>	<p>16 CWL Regional Lenten Retreat 5pm Mass</p>
<p>17 5th Sunday LENT 9am Mass 11am Mass K of C Parish Brunch after each Mass</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass</p>	<p>20 9am Mass 10am Mass at Nursing Home (South) 7pm Bible Study Oremus</p>	<p>21 12:10pm Mass 2:30pm Mass at Yorkton Crossing 7pm RCIA 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>22 7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</p>	<p>23 5pm Mass</p>
<p>24 PASSION SUNDAY 10am Mass</p>	<p>25 6pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass</p>	<p>27 9am Mass 10am Mass at Nursing Home (North) 7pm Bible Study Oremus</p>	<p>28 THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 7:30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight</p>	<p>29 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 12pm Service 3pm Service</p>	<p>30 HOLY SATURDAY 2pm Blessing of Festive Food 8pm The Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</p>
<p>31 EASTER SUNDAY 9am Mass of Easter Day 11am Mass of Easter Day</p>	<p>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year.</p> <p>The Triduum is one event! Come as a family Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. This is our faith. It is so important that we pass it on to our children and youth in all of its fullness!!</p>					

2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 12th 7pm

Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration

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

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23rd at 5pm

Sunday, March 24th at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

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

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 - 8pm

At the Mass of Easter Day - 9am and 11am