



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 2nd, 2025

Feast of the
Presentation of the
Lord

Established December 11, 1904

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.



*Faithful God,
bless parents who are
trying to raise children
to know you, and
inspire leaders to find
ways to assist families
who are struggling.
Amen.*

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. Feb. 3 rd		NO MASS
Tues. 4 th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass +Glenn Wiseman followed by CWL General Meeting
Wed. 5 th	9:00 am	Mass Halliday Family
Thurs. 6 th	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass +Rose Yaskowich RCIA (please use east entrance)
Fri. 7 th	8:00 am 9:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass +David Christensen
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sat. 8 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People (70 minutes)
Sun. 9 th	9:00 am 11:00am	Mass for the People (75 minutes) Mass for the People (80 Minutes)

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

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2025

January 30	PARENTS MEETING (MUST ATTEND)
February 9	Enrolment Promise at the 5pm and 11am Sunday Mass
February 13	Preparing the Way for Christ 1 st Session
February 27	The Last Supper 2 nd Session
March 6	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus 3 rd Session
March 13	The Sacrament of the Eucharist 4 th Session
March 20	Receiving Holy Communion 5 th Session
March 27	The Liturgy of the Mass 6 th Session
April 3	The Liturgy of the Word 7 th Session
April 10	The Liturgy of the Eucharist 8 th Session
May 1	The Sacrament of Confirmation 9 th Session
May 8	Gifts, Fruits, and Charisms 10 th Session
May 15	You are Plugged In! 11 th Session
May 22	A Walk Through the Rite of Confirmation 12 th Session
May 29	You are Sent 13 th Session
June 7 (Saturday)	RETREAT and REHEARSAL 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
June 8	CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION 2:00 PM

All the sessions will be 6:30PM to 8:00PM unless otherwise specified.
Sacrament Coordinators are Rene & Ophelia adanerene@gmail.com

DO YOU KNOW....

In order to meet the needs of some of our Parish Family members, **low-gluten hosts** are available. Please see Father Antony prior to Holy Mass.

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.

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 11 Meeting – following Mass
Feb. 12 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 page has been updated. Check it out.



Bringing Home
the Word +

We Belong to God

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham; thus, we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation: though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the One through whom God saves all people. It also describes two important religious insights. First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God, and we all have a mission to the world.

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The 2024 Charitable Donation Receipts may be picked up from a table in the Welcome Area until the end of February (available at the Parish Office beginning March 1)



HOLY DOOR

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are located in Rome, they were martyred here; and together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

NO
GREATER
LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALKTHROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

The registration fee is as follows:

Single - \$60.00 Couple - \$100.00

The registration form and fee may be placed in the collection basket at Holy Mass in an envelope marked "Bible Study".

If you would like to attend but are unable to pay the registration fee, please phone Sandra at the Parish Office 306.782.2449

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT IS COMING

Ash Wednesday is March 5th, 2025

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.



“No Greater Love – A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”

In *No Greater Love*, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You!

We often hear about Jesus’ passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

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.

During Lent, many of us attempt to fast from many things. But when Easter arrives, it can be easy to fall back into our old habits.

The truth is, Lent is more than a list of sacrifices. It’s an invitation to journey through the desert with Jesus, where He can work on renewing our hearts and minds. This transformation invites us to experience Easter as a moment of true joy and new life in Christ!