



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 26th, 2025

Third 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 Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.



"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 27 th		NO MASS
	6:00 pm	All-choir Rehearsal
Tues. 28 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass + Donald Blazeiko followed by Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed. 29 th	9:00 am	Mass + Barry Slywka
Thurs. 30 th	9:00 am	Mass + David Christensen
	6:30 pm	Sacrament Prep Parent Meeting
	7:00 pm	RCIA Meet and Greet
Fri. 31 st	8:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:00 am	Mass + Mary Diakuw
		Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Feb. Sat. 1 st	5:00 pm	Mass for the People (70 minutes)
Sun. 2 nd	9:00 am	Mass for the People (75 minutes) (Traditional blessing of candles)
	11:00am	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:

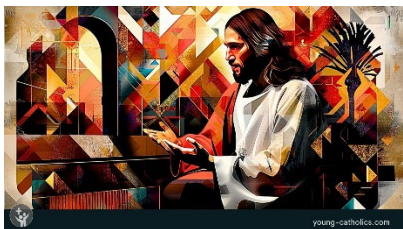
Please contact the Parish Office

RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date



The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to reflect on the importance of listening to and living out God's word, recognizing the value of every member in the Church, and sharing the good news of Jesus. These readings help us see how Scripture guides us, strengthens our community, and empowers us to live our mission.

Living Out God's Word Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God's word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives.

The Gospel also shows us that Jesus studied and understood Scripture. Jesus knew God's word well and used it to teach and help others. By following His example, we can also learn more about God and how to follow Him. Studying Scripture helps us know what God wants for us and how we can live in a way that pleases Him.

We are encouraged to not just hear God's word but to act on it. It is not enough to listen and understand; we must also live out our faith. This means helping others, being kind, and following God's commandments. By doing this, we show our love for God and others.

Living out God's word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do. God's word is our guide and strength. When we listen, understand, and act on it, we grow closer to God and become better people.

The Value of Every Member Paul teaches us that every part of the body is important. This means that every person in the Church is valuable and has a role. Just like a body needs all its parts to work well, the Church needs every member to be strong and healthy. Each person has unique gifts and talents that help the Church grow and serve others.

Nehemiah gathers all the people to hear God's word. This shows us the importance of coming together as a community to worship and listen to God. When we worship together, our faith is strengthened, and we feel more connected to each other and to God. Being part of a community helps us support one another and grow in our faith. Worshipping together also reminds us that we are not alone in our journey of faith. We have a community that cares for us and helps us stay on the right path. We see the value of coming together to listen to God's word and support each other. This unity makes us stronger and helps us face life's challenges. Together, we can make a difference and bring God's love to the world.

Sharing the Good News Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Jesus' mission is to help and save everyone, showing God's love for all people.

Jesus starts His mission filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives Him the strength and guidance to carry out His work.

We are called to bring good news and help those in need. The Holy Spirit is with us, giving us the strength and courage to do this. By living out our mission, we show God's love to others and make a positive impact on the world.

Living our mission means being kind, helping those who are struggling, and sharing God's message of hope. We are not alone in this task. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can make a difference in the lives of others and fulfill the mission Jesus began.

SIGNS of GRACE™

Confirmation

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

First Eucharist

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

The initial Parent Meeting (attendance is mandatory) is Thursday, January 30 at **6:30pm**. The registration fee is due at that time. The program begins in February.



Are you a Christian (baptized in another tradition besides Catholic) interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?

Are you baptized Catholic in need of celebrating Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion?

Are you not baptized yet have interest in the possibility of becoming a baptized Catholic Christian?

If you are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family. If you are a Catholic, are you still thinking of deepening your Faith?

If you have questions about the Church, God, and your faith, if you are struggling with doubts about God, if you are just curious about where God may be leading you, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

There will be a "Meet and Greet" Thursday, January 30 at **7pm**.

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday, February 2nd

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord introduces Jesus as the Light. The burning candle symbolizes His abiding presence in the midst of the Christian community.

Candles will be blessed at the beginning of the 9:00 am Holy Mass

You may then take the candles home to use in your Prayer Corner for daily prayer as a reminder of the Light of Christ and the need for patience amid the struggles of life.



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 five-part Bible study program that begins Wednesday, February 26 at 7pm. Registration details to follow in the coming weeks.



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society, where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change that would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary, because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

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News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 26 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
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.

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading Luke 1.1-4,4.14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighbourhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to listen to Your word and understand its message. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to live out our mission and bring Your love to others. Guide us to use our gifts for the good of the Church and the world. Amen.



PILGRIMAGE

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. The etymology of the word “pilgrimage” is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin “*per ager*,” meaning "across the fields," or perhaps from “*per eger*” meaning “border crossing”: both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey.

In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house” (Genesis 12:1). With these words Abraham begins his adventure, which ends in the Promised Land, where he is remembered as a “wandering Aramean” (Deuteronomy 26:5). Jesus’ ministry can also be seen as a journey, from Galilee to the Holy City of Jerusalem ... “As the time drew near when Jesus would be taken up to heaven, he made up his mind and set out on his way to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51). Christ himself calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him.

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives. Contemplation of creation is also part of the journey and helps us to realize that care for creation “is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will” (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025). Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God. During the pilgrimage, one also shares in the experience of those who, for various reasons, are forced to leave their homelands to seek a better life for themselves and their family.



St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>~ POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY ~ FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE</p> <p>Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. We pray to the Lord.</p>						<p>1</p> <p>NAME TAG SUNDAY 5pm Mass</p>	
<p>2 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD NAME TAG SUNDAY <i>Traditional Candle Blessing at 9am Mass</i> 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm CWL Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am Mass</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am Mass</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	8	5pm Mass
<p>9 5th Sunday OT</p> <p>9am Mass 11am Mass Sacrament Candidates Enrolment at 11am Mass</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am Mass</p> <p>6pm Social Action Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am Mass</p> <p>6:30pm You are Loved 7pm RCIA 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	15	5pm Mass
<p>16 6th Sunday OT</p> <p>9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am Mass 10am Communion Service Nursing Home (South)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am Mass 2:30pm Mass Yorkton Crossing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p> <p>7pm K of C Family Prayer</p>	22	5pm Mass
<p>23 7th Sunday OT</p> <p>9am Mass 11am Mass Knights of Columbus Parish Family Brunch following each Mass</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am Mass 10am Communion Service Nursing Home (North)</p> <p>7pm No Greater Love Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9am Mass</p> <p>6:30pm You are Loved 7pm RCIA 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>		

