



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 10th, 2022
Fifteenth 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 Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (11 th)	7:00pm Prayer Vigil – Jean Kulcsar
Tues. (12 th)	11:00am Funeral Mass–Jean Kulcsar 7:00pm +Ambrose Wolfe
Wed.(13 th)	9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving 10:00am ASPEN VILLA +Emily Kosar
Thurs.(14 th)	9:00am +Agnes Sarich 2:30pm LAKESIDE MANOR +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Fri. (15 th)	9:00am +Bernice Streifel
Sat. (16 th)	9:00am +Olga Duff 1:00pm Johnson-Schultz Wedding
	5:00pm Keith & Debbie Hayward
	7:00pm GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL Michael Naphin
Sun. (17 th)	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Mass for the People 11:00am +Myrtle Skikewich

NEW GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE

We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in your actions and decisions, considering the greater good, and to follow the directives per the Archdiocese of Regina:

We are a “mask-friendly” parish, meaning that wearing a mask is optional, and we respect those who continue to do so.

- Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection continues.
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace.
- Communion Ministers will wear a mask.
- If you are ill, elderly, or medically vulnerable in any way, you are urged to continue to take every precaution to keep yourself and others safe.



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



Caring God, when we see someone in need, let us stop and be present to the needs of that person. Help us to become honorable people doing honorable deeds and be good neighbours to one another. Amen.

- From *Celebrating the Gospels; A Guide for Parents and Teachers*,
By Gaynell Cronin

In Touch with the Word

The Good Samaritan

Scripture:

◦Deuteronomy 30.10-14

The command that Moses is telling his people about is “Choose life.” It is already in our mouth and heart.

◦Colossians 1.15-20

Jesus is the image of the invisible God who is above all things, all angels, all creation, everything.

•Luke 10.25-37

Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan, the outcast, who was the only one to show compassion to a stranger in need.

Theme:

The most important law is not far away or difficult to understand. It is already in our heart, because it is the law of love. Jesus lived the law of love and shows us how to do the same. Jesus chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of his story, knowing that Jews are taught to despise Samaritans. Telling us this story about love is an excellent example of his own love.

Reflection:

In the previous chapter of Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is rejected by the people in a Samaritan town. Yet, he still uses a Samaritan in his story to teach us how we should act.

- Have you ever been rejected or treated badly? Would you be likely to later speak highly of that person, or of the people related to that person?
- Does your treatment by one person affect your perception of related people? Why or why not? Jesus tells us this story to illustrate the need for us to get involved in the suffering of others.
- When have you taken action to get involved in addressing others who are suffering or in need?
- When have you chosen to not get involved in other’s problems? What was usually your reason? Were you too busy? Were you afraid for your own safety? Did you feel uncomfortable? Did you think that you did not have enough money to help? Did you doubt the urgency or seriousness of the situation?
- What are other reasons that people choose to not get involved?

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



“Love your neighbour as yourself” the Gospel says (Matthew 22.38). But who is my neighbour? We often respond to that question by saying: “My neighbours are all the people I am living with on this earth, especially the sick, the hungry, the dying, and all who are in need.” But this is not what Jesus says.

When Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan (see Luke 10.25-37) to answer the question “Who is my neighbour?” he ends by asking: “Which ... do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the bandits’ hands?”

The neighbour, Jesus makes clear, is not the poor man laying on the side of the street, stripped, beaten, and half dead, but the Samaritan who crossed the road, “bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them ... lifted him onto his own mount and took him to an inn and looked after him.”

My neighbour is the one who crosses the road for me!

Text excerpts taken from *Bread for the Journey*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen, ©1997 Harper San Francisco

ST GERARD CHURCH

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2022 - 2023**

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BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Marriage Preparation Completion of a Marriage Preparation program is required in our Diocese in preparation for marriage in the Catholic Church. If you are planning to marry please contact Father Louis one year prior to your marriage date in order to allow time to register for this enriching program.

*- Farley & Linda Maddaford,
Marriage Preparation Coordinators*



The Art & Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church each Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Or you may phone Angela at 306.782.2085 to make other arrangements.

Are you moving this summer? Whether it is near or far, **please remember to notify the Parish Office** so that we can update our parish records. Thanks! And if you are moving away, all the best to you in your new spiritual home!



News from the CWL



The CWL Garage Sale will be Thursday, September 8, 9 am - 7 pm, and Friday, September 9, 9 am - 12 noon. We will receive items for the sale after Tuesday, August 2nd. Large items are discouraged due to lack of space. If you are moving before this date and have items you would like to donate, contact Paulette 306-782-7923 to make arrangements.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca

FAMILY CONNECTION

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world. www.loyalpress.com

New to the parish?? WELCOME!

Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place in the collection basket at Mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!





Bringing Home the Word **+**

“And Who Is My Neighbour?”

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

This question from Luke 10:29 posed to Jesus - “Who is my neighbour?”—prompts one of the most famous stories ever told with its equally famous lesson: A neighbour is one who I love as myself. A priest walked by the beaten and abused man. Even though he was someone dedicated to God and his worship, the priest didn't have time to become his neighbour. Perhaps he didn't want to risk ritual impurity by dealing with the bloodied body of this unknown man. Whatever his reasons, he had more important commitments than helping the poor.

A Levite, a member of the tribe in charge of the temple, wasn't his neighbour either. He also found reasons to justify leaving this man to bleed to death along the road. Perhaps he thought someone else would stop and help. It's easy to abdicate our responsibility.

Then a Samaritan, one disdained by the Jews, happened by. He stopped to help, lifted him up, carried him to safety, and paid from his own pocket for future care; he became totally involved. In an obvious sense, Jesus is telling us to be good Samaritans—that is, to be compassionate and generous to neighbours in need—not just people like us, but to aliens and strangers.

But on another level, perhaps we represent the wounded person by the roadside, in need of healing and restoration from sin. Like the Samaritan, Jesus was scorned by many. But it is Christ himself who wants to pick us up, bind our wounds, and pay for our care. And he pays this debt, of course, on the cross. Are we willing to admit that we need healing from a “Samaritan” like Jesus?


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77th Pilgrimage

Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

TRANSPORTATION TO THE RAMA PILGRIMAGE

August 14, 2022

To book your seat on a charter bus leaving Yorkton Parkland Mall at approximately 12:30pm Sunday, August 14th, phone Joseph @ 306.531.9833 by August 1st. Cost is \$35.00 (return same day).

To book supper phone 306.593.6120 by August 2nd.

For more information visit: www.RamaShrine.ca and click on EVENTS

4th Annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

is scheduled for August 11th to 14th, 2022. This is a supported walk, rest stops and meals are provided and a trailer carries camping supplies between nightly stops. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all of the walk, a few steps or anything in between. Registration deadline is Aug 4th. The pilgrimage starts at St Mary's in Yorkton on August 11th, and it ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama on August 14th. For more information: phone 306.728.5525 or visit www.stphilomena.ca

May we be open to carry out the law of love that God has put in our hearts, so we may live according to his will, giving glory to Jesus Christ his Son. Amen.

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Good Samaritan"

This Week...

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For Your Reflection

Samaritans had a bad reputation among Jews. Jews regarded them as bad examples, people to avoid, people who did not follow God's law. Yet Jesus made a Samaritan the hero in his story. The priest and the Levite are people Jews were taught to respect and imitate, and yet Jesus made them the selfish and uncaring people in his story.

- Besides telling us to get involved and help other people, what else do you think Jesus was trying to teach us with this story?
- If Jesus came to us today, in our modern culture, how would he tell this story to get the same point across?

Sometimes we avoid getting involved with strangers because it might be dangerous, and sometimes we avoid it because we might have to spend some time and energy, or because we would feel awkward in doing so.

- What is an example of a dangerous situation when most people would agree that it would not be a good idea to get involved with a stranger in need?
- What is an example of a situation involving a stranger in need that is difficult to decide upon - a situation that isn't completely dangerous, but isn't completely safe either? What would you do in that situation? What advice would you give regarding appropriate action to take in that situation?

CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILIES WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Camp O'Neill, Round Lake is accepting youth for summer camp, July 6–12. We also invite youth with special needs for a one-day camp on July 12 and families for camping on the same day, these camps are both free. For more information/to sponsor a youth please email camponeill2020@gmail.com or phone Deacon Dave at 306 728 5525 or go to www.camponeill.ca

Medieval Madness; A Leadership Camp Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a leadership camp this summer for teens. Join us for a medieval themed week of fun, faith, growth & community. Complete with Beach time, Sports, Archery, Music, Games, Talks, Nature, Campfires, Great Food and Important Conversations. Camps will be held at Glen Harbour Kids Camp which is located on the East side of Last Mountain Lake; about 40 minutes from Regina. To register, go to tiny.one/ArchCamp. For more information contact oyyam@archregina.sk.ca. Dates: July 18- July 21 for those ENTERING Gr. 10-1st yr. University; July 25-July 27 for those ENTERING Gr. 7-9

Kenosee Boys & Girls Camp has outdoor adventures, canoes, swimming lessons, capture the flag, and campfire sing-alongs - it is camp the way you remember it! The Camp (in the beautiful Moose Mountain Provincial Park) is accepting registrations for their July camps. They offer three different camps throughout July: **Mighty Girls Camp** (July 10th–15th), **Co-ed Camp** (July 17th–22nd FULL & July 24th–29th), and **Cana Family Camp** (July 3rd–9th). During Cana Camp families can stay in one of our cabins or bring their camper. Camp consists of counsellor-led kid activities during the day, parent time and family time (Cana Camp), daily mass, and lots of fun and games for everyone! All of our camps focus on nature, spirituality, and fun!

Learn more and register [ONLINE](#) or contact campkenosee@gmail.com or (306) 550-1102.

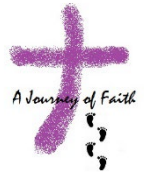
Camp Monahan is gearing up for its 77th season of camping! Overnight and day camps available for ages 6 - 12, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfires, archery and so much more. We also have room in our senior programs that include a hike around Katepwa Lake, canoe down the beautiful Qu'Appelle river or work on your waterfront skills. Visit us at www.camponahan.ca



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.