



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 17th, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24th
Seventeenth 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

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The Parish Office is closed until 9am Monday, July 25th.

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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. (18th) NO MASS
 Tues. (19th) 7:00pm +John Hoffort
 Wed. (20th) 9:00am +June Pasloski
 10:00am **NURSING HOME SOUTH**
 +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
 Thurs. (21st) 9:00am +Claude Slogocki
 2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**
 +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele
 Fri. (22nd) 9:00am Peter & Marion Szydlowski
 Sat. (23rd) 9:00am +Elias Giannoulis
 2:00pm *Wonitowy-Rovedillo Wedding*
 5:00pm +Agnes Zuback
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
 Michael Naphin
 Sun. (24th) **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Olga Duff

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (25th) NO MASS
 Tues. (26th) NO MASS
 Wed. (27th) NO MASS
 10:00am **NURSING HOME NORTH**
 CANCELLED
 Thurs. (28th) 9:00am +Rosemarie Szydlowski
 2:30pm **BENTLEY SENIORS' RES**
 +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele
 Fri. (29th) 9:00am +Harry & +Joan Monette
 Sat. (30th) 9:00am +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
 5:00pm +Alan & +Aileen Hayward
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
 Michael Naphin
 Sun. (31st) **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am +Helen Piontek
 11:00am Mass for the People

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Loving God, we long to live simply. Our hearts, so filled with the many activities of the day, now stop to beg for your light and wisdom, so that we may be instruments of peace in our world. Amen.

- From *Prayers for Our Country*, by Deborah Meister and Paige Byrne Shortal

In Touch with the Word

July 16/17

Martha and Mary

Scripture:

•Genesis 18.1-10

God appeared to Abraham as three visitors, and Abraham showed them fine hospitality. Abraham was told that his wife, Sarah, would give birth to a son.

•Colossians 1.24-28

Paul speaks of his joy (despite his suffering) of being a minister to the church.

◦Luke 10.38-42

Jesus visits Martha and Mary. Martha is tending to the household needs of hospitality while Mary sits and listens to Jesus.

Theme:

Hospitality is very important. Abraham is hospitable to three strangers, and then receives the marvellous news that he will have a son with his wife, Sarah. Jesus visits Martha and Mary and, in their different ways, they both attend to the needs of hospitality. Good and effective ministry, which Paul speaks of, involves the element of hospitality.

Reflection:

Mary and Martha are both attending to hospitality. Martha runs around preparing food and getting cups and bowls ready. Mary puts all her energy into listening to what Jesus has to say. Martha is anxious about making things perfect for Jesus, but Jesus tells her that what Mary has chosen to do at that time is very important.

- Have you ever hosted a large party for friends or family? Have you ever found yourself so busy with the tasks of cooking, serving, and other preparations that you hardly had any time at all to take to your guests?
- What is that feeling like? Does that feel like a successful party, or do you feel like the whole event was ruined by your busyness and level of activity?
- Do you think Jesus is trying to tell us that keeping our house clean and having food available to offer to guests is not important? What do you think is his main message?
- When you go to someone's home to visit, what is more important to you: that the placemats and napkins match the flowers in the centerpiece, or that the person you are visiting is paying attention to you, listening to you, and enjoying your company?

July 23/24

Ask and You Will Receive

Scripture:

•Genesis 18.20-32

Abraham asks the Lord for mercy for the sake of the innocent and receives it.

•Colossians 2.12-14

Because of our faith we have new life, and all our sins are pardoned.

◦Luke 11.1-13

Jesus teaches us to pray and assures us that our prayers will be answered if we ask, seek, and knock.

Theme:

Faith in prayer is stressed in these readings. Abraham is persistent, and he manages to persuade the Lord to not destroy the cities for the sake of even ten innocent people. Paul tells us that our faith is what will raise us to new life. Jesus is observed praying and, in response to his disciples' request, teaches them how to pray, emphasizing persistence.

Reflection:

Jesus uses loving parents and their responses to their children as an image to understand the relationship between God and us. We would not give our children snakes and scorpions if they needed fish or eggs. So, too, God will give us what we need.

- If you are a parent, what do your children ask you for? Do they always need the things they ask for? What is your response if they ask for things that they don't need (or should not have)?
- If you are not a parent, what do you imagine you would do in that situation if you were a parent?

Jesus teaches us to pray: "Subject us not to the trial." We pray to not be led to temptation, but often we have a choice. Sometimes we lead ourselves to temptation, knowing full well what we are doing.

- What are your temptations? How do you stay away from them?

ST GERARD CHURCH

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM

2022 - 2023

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BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



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



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)



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.



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.

The CWL are distributing **CWL Raffle Ticket Books** at each Mass this weekend. Stop by the table in the welcome area and pick up a book or two.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

Aug. 13 - Blessed Michael McGivney observation day.
Aug. 17 - Inter-council golf at Deer Park at 1.00pm.
Supper to follow. Contact Greg 306.621.7026.

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

1000+ Pilgrims!

ST. ANTHONY'S RAMA, SASK.
77th Pilgrimage
Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

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



Bringing Home the Word

Bringing Jesus Into Our Work and Prayer

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary also made him feel at home as she was hungry for the Lord's teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the "better part." Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the "why" we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn't mistaken in serving Jesus' needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don't sweat the small stuff at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like "All for you my Jesus" or "Your kingdom come!" Find one that works for you.

Let's not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

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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



Blessing's Ultimate Form

By Fr. Donald Willard, CSSR

What is a blessing? I've heard people use the phrase "God bless you" in a manner similar to the way they say, "Have a nice day." At other times, people ask for a blessing as if they are asking a favour from God. Finally, some people ask for a Bible to be blessed or for a special blessing immediately after receiving the Eucharist. And while we should desire blessings, the act of blessing has a much fuller meaning than many of us realize.

An essential element of worship is prayer. The four traditional types of prayer are blessing and adoration, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession. Therefore, at a deeper level, a blessing is a particular manner of worship. It stems from a profound adoration that is expressed through a desire to be more like the beloved. For example, sometimes a young child will act like a parent because the child wants to be similar to the parent. This is an outward expression of an internal disposition of respect, admiration, and love.

By definition, a blessing is the act of sanctifying someone or something. When someone or something is sanctified, it has become holy, and to be holy means to be set aside for the purposes of God. The person or object is brought into the presence of God, or we might say, "brought closer to God." This is not to say God isn't everywhere; rather, the blessing is our acknowledgment that this person or object belongs to God and that it is God who determines the right order, purpose, and design of all.

Thus, the blessed object or person is to be in conformity with the will of God. For example, if a person wants a car blessed, the car now exists to do the will of God, not merely the will of the person. This car now must be used in the service of God.

At the level of blessing, we are expressing the desire to be more like God. Through the blessing, we give our free will to God and allow God to be Lord of our lives. We are saying, "Lord, you are Lord of all, make me holy as you are holy, to do your will in all things, all places, and all times, so that I may be more like you."

For a Catholic, this statement finds no fuller meaning than in the blessing that comes when we receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Christ. When we give our lives as a gift to God, it is the ultimate form of blessing. And through the action of the Holy Spirit, God gives us his divine life through the gift of his Son.

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YOUTH REFLECTION

"Ask and You Will Receive"

This Week...

Faith in prayer is stressed in these readings. Abraham is persistent, and he manages to persuade Yahweh to not destroy the cities for the sake of even ten innocent people. Paul tells us that our faith is what will raise us to new life. Jesus is observed praying and, in response to his disciples' request, teaches them how to pray, emphasizing persistence.

For Your Reflection

Jesus teaches us to ask, to seek, and to knock. If we do, we are promised that we shall receive, we shall find, and doors will be opened for us.

- Does this mean that prayers are a type of magic and that all we have to do is pray and we can control the outcome of the world? If not, what do you think it means?

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Jesus teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive all who do us wrong."

- Is there anyone who has done you wrong whom you cannot forgive? What gets in the way of your forgiveness?
- If all our sins are forgiven anyway, why should we even try to resist temptation? Why not just continue to sin if we can always be forgiven? What would Jesus say to that proposition?

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

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.

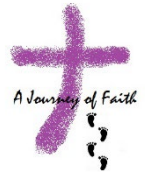
Camp Monahan is gearing up for its 77th season of camping! Overnight and day camps available for ages 6 - 12, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfires, archery and so much more. We also have room in our senior programs that include a hike around 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.