



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 3rd, 2022
Fourteenth 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. (4th) NO MASS

Tues. (5th) 7:00pm +Ambrose Wolfe

Wed. (6th) 9:00am +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele

Thurs. (7th) 9:00am +Angie Van Parys
2:30pm **GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES**
+Horace & +Mildred Jackson

Fri. (8th) 9:00am +Nell Hanewich

Sat. (9th) 9:00am Randy & Anita Halliday

5:00pm Mass for the People
7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
+Harry Monette

Sun. (10th) **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am +Karyn Schutz
11:00am +Patricia De Vos

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.

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)

Stay Connected Online!

www.stgerard.ca



Ever living God, give us the grace to protect the gift of freedom and bless our efforts to embrace a freedom that brings abundant life for all and leads us to true happiness in you. Amen.

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

In Touch with the Word

Sending Workers for the Harvest

Scripture:

◦Isaiah 66.10-14

Rejoice and return to Jerusalem, a symbol of the house of God, where you will be welcomed as a mother welcomes and comforts her children.

◦Galatians 6.14-18

Paul is defending his status as an Apostle – the scars from his floggings and stonings mark him as a follower of Jesus.

•Luke 10.1-12,17-20

The harvest is rich but the labourers are few. So Jesus sends seventy disciples, in pairs, to visit towns, cure the sick, and preach. They return successful and rejoicing.

Theme:

The harvest master needs workers for the harvest. There are so few workers that the task seems impossible. But Jesus sends out the seventy disciples, in pairs, with confidence. They return in jubilation, welcomed by Jesus with open arms, the way Isaiah describes the welcoming and return to Jerusalem. They seem to do the impossible. But like Paul, they are clearly marked as followers of Jesus, and perhaps, like Paul, they have a few scars to show for it.

Reflection:

What impossible work – to be sent out as lambs among wolves, but to go with confidence, knowing you are sent by Jesus.

- Have you ever begun such an impossible task – not knowing how things would turn out, but knowing it was the right thing to do? Did you have any support? Or did people assume you would fail? What happened?

Thirty-five pairs of people walked to different towns, without any luggage, without much of a plan, not knowing where they would be staying or how they would be received. Yet they journeyed.

- When you travel, what is the biggest stress? What is the worst inconvenience of not being at home?
- Would you ever travel to a foreign land under the conditions described in the Gospel?
- Do you enjoy travel enough to see such a situation as an adventure? Or is traveling, even to a familiar place, so stressful that you would never want to go someplace without a planned itinerary?
- What meaning does the story of the sending of the seventy have for your life journey?

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



A Blessing Before Summer Vacation

Take time to claim your strengths; they are gifts of God.

Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependant.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of a summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We welcome into our
Catholic Christian Community
those who were baptized
recently at St. Gerard:

Kyle Parala Isabella Zazuliak Anthony Zazuliak

May these children and their families
experience joy and new life



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

ST GERARD CHURCH

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM 2022 - 2023

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BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH

FAMILY CONNECTION

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God. Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly. Read aloud Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family. www.loyalpress.com



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!



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!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship as Service Through prayer, reflection, planning, animation and action, the Parish Pastoral Council is the place where ministries and services are brought forth that are needed for the growth of a living parish community. Any parishioner fully initiated in the Catholic Church and sixteen years of age or over is eligible to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve your parish community, please contact Father Louis or Mark Bell (Pastoral Council Chairperson) for more information.

– Linda Maddaford, Stewardship Committee



Bringing Home the Word

The "Gospel" of Health and Wealth

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

There's a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the "prosperity gospel." Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you're faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God's favor.

Without a doubt God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today's reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn't rewarded with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn't glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse, but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

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The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

One weekend a month from October to June, Catholics just like you are gathering at Campion College in Regina to receive the tools and the guidance they need to speak confidently about the church, their faith, and Jesus Christ in their homes, parishes and the world. Why not make their story, your story?

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information on how to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext. 6724 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

1000+ Pilgrims!

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

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, July 24, 2022 Plenary Indulgence

Sunday, July 24, 2022 marks the Second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. On this day you may obtain a plenary indulgence.

For the elderly, you may obtain this plenary indulgence by either attending Mass or participating in a Mass on TV, the radio or on a livestream.

Young people may obtain this indulgence by performing a 'work of mercy' by visiting a grandparent or an elderly person on July 24.

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

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Sending Workers for the Harvest"

This Week...

The harvest master needs workers for the harvest. There are so few workers that the task seems impossible. But Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples, in pairs, with confidence. They return in jubilation, welcomed by Jesus with open arms, the way Isaiah describes the welcoming and return to Jerusalem. They seem to do the impossible. But like Paul, they are clearly marked as followers of Jesus, and perhaps, like Paul, they have a few scars to show for it.

For Your Reflection

We don't know their names, but we know that three dozen pairs - thirty-six partnerships - set out on this adventure, not knowing what to expect. They took no suitcases, no supplies, no map, and they had no plan. Yet they trusted Jesus, and they went because the harvest was ready and there weren't many workers. Jesus needed them.

- Would you have gone on such a journey if you had been around in those days with Jesus and he asked you to? Why or why not?
- If you wanted to go on a mission trip with a church group that had the same expectations as this trip with the seventy-two - no luggage, no plan, no supplies, and the like - would your parents let you go? Why or why not?
- Would you be willing to do it as an adult? Why or why not?
- Do Jesus' instructions for the seventy-two disciples have any meaning for your life journey?

These seventy-two followers seemed to "do the impossible." They had a mission, they had confidence, and they succeeded.

- Have you ever attempted to do the impossible? What happened? Were you successful? What did others think?

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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.

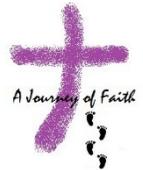
Camp Monahan is gearing up for its 77th season of camping! Overnight and day camps available for ages 6 - 12, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfires, archery and so much more. We also have room in our senior programs that include a hike around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