



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 4th, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: By pre-registration only until July 12th

CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mon. (5 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (6 th)	7:00pm Special Intentions
Wed. (7 th)	9:00am Rose Marchinko
	2:30pm GLADSTONE SR RESIDENCE
	All of the residents
Thurs. (8 th)	9:00am +Curtis Burant
Fri. (9 th)	9:00am +Mary McGrath
Sat. (10 th)	9:00am +George Gulash

5:00pm Cooper Szysky

NEW → 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
Deceased members of the
Naphin & Tedeschi families

Sun. (11th) **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Mass for the People
11:00am +Emil Sereda

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

Thank you for continuing to register in advance!

- **EACH HOUSEHOLD** must pre-register separately for **Saturday/Sunday Mass**. Online at www.stgerard.ca beginning Monday morning until all seats are reserved or until Thursday at 12 noon (whichever comes first)
- **Max. 100** (approx.) people may attend Mass
- Members of the same household may sit together at the marked seating
- Two-metres separation is required between households at all times, even with masks on.
- **Please arrive early.**
- The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:
 - ❖ People with COVID-19 symptoms, who live with someone with COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
 - ❖ Those who have travelled to/from a "hotspot", inside/outside of Saskatchewan or outside Canada within the last 14 days
 - ❖ Those who are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have someone in their household waiting for test results

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)



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Lord, you accept everyone with unconditional love.
Help me overcome my fear of others so I can love and
accept them as you do.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In order to prepare myself for this weekend's message, I have read all the readings three times and my thoughts keep going back to these words: "*Our eyes look to the Lord... as the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters*" (Ps. 123).

These words come from the Responsorial Psalm today and I would say that it is a beautiful reflection of what it means to be a complete follower of Jesus Christ.

As Christ's followers, you and I, we need to both hear and heed the Word of God; it means keeping "*Our eyes look to the Lord... as the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters*".

In the first reading we hear how the Lord prepares the prophet Ezekiel for a tough mission: "*I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me*". People do not want to be welcoming or to hear the message. They will reject the message but the Lord never stops sending messengers to them. We hear it at the very end of the first reading: "*they shall know that there has been a prophet among them*".

We should be aware of this because we are the Lord's messengers. We are sent to proclaim the message of love and mercy, to help people in our time to acknowledge and be merciful to others. Like Ezekiel, we bear a heavy cross: the cross that those we love and care about the most often seem unbelieving when we try to share the faith with them.

We hear the same point in the Gospel. We see how Jesus' reaction to people of his home town who receive his teaching but deny it and are unaccepting. Jesus himself is surprised by this as Mark tells us: "*He was amazed at their unbelief.*"

When we reflect on the story of the Gospel, we see that on the one hand, people hear what Jesus is telling them, and it makes an impact on them. But on the other hand, what they hear doesn't change their lives; they profess the truth of Christ's words, but refuse to welcome that truth into their hearts.

Our faith, which is the foundation of Christian life, involves two things. It involves hearing God's word, and also paying attention to God's word.

God is always speaking to us, and we usually hear him - in our conscience, in the teachings of the Church, in the words of the Bible - but often we don't listen to what we hear, and that prevents our spiritual growth.

Remember that we are called to follow the Lord. We are sent to proclaim the message of love and mercy. We are his prophets in our time. We only can fulfill our mission if "*Our eyes look to the Lord... as the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters*".

Have a wonderful week, enjoy the beautiful weather. May God be with you and bless you all always.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



- 30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday)
- Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



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

Brody Peleshytyk
Azelyn Maddaford
Cris Maris

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program *Go Make Disciples!*

"There is always hope. This community provides strength and a place to share and express where you are at and how you are feeling. There is a range of ages and people involved. I am a young mom among grandparents and although there is this dynamic difference among us, there is compassion and understanding."

- Farrah Semegen, Holy Child Parish, Regina.

One weekend a month from October until June Catholics just like you are encountering Jesus Christ and his plan of sheer goodness while deepening their relationship with his Church. Are you ready to answer Christ's call to know, love and serve him more deeply?

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information on how to register or our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext 211 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Trinity Manor at Westerra: Welcome Home!

No matter how you've reached this point in your life, the bottom line is you deserve the best. Regina's own Trinity Manor, proudly a part of Emmanuel Care community, has challenged the standard for retirement living and with our affordable prices, luxury retirement living is more accessible than ever!

Our services promote opportunities for our residents' personal growth, while providing stimulating and entertaining activities. Attend daily mass, receive the sacraments, or spend time in quiet reflection in our tranquil chapel. At the end of the day sit by the window and enjoy country sunsets, 10 minutes from downtown. Our residents reveal "Trinity Manor's best kept secret is the view".

Book your personal tour now by contacting Franci at 306-550-8077 or visit us at www.trinitymanorregina.ca.

St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage 2021

The 3rd annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage is being planned for August 2021. This is a supported walk, rest stops and meals are provided and a trailer carries camping supplies between nightly stops. Covid safety precautions will be in place. The walk will be along gravel roads, highways, and walking trails, covering about 100 km over 4 days. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. You are free to walk at your own pace, and you may join us, even for part of a day, transportation can be provided for you to get back to your vehicle. But, you must register before the deadline, August 4th. The pilgrimage starts at St Gerard's in Yorkton on Wednesday August 11th, and it ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama on Saturday August 14th. For more information, visit our website stphilomena.ca or phone 306-728-5525.

ST GERARD CHURCH

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM 2021 - 2022

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BEFORE JULY 31ST



The Art & Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church each Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.



Bringing Home the Word

The Pain of Suspicion
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A bright and luminous painting from 1905 by Maurice Denis shows the Child Jesus in Nazareth, apparently teaching the other children. *Nazareth* highlights the peace, beauty, and joy of those years when Jesus was growing in wisdom and strength right before Mary's eyes.

The little dovelike white ribbons on the heads of the kneeling children indicate the knowledge and spirit Jesus was imparting.

Yet when Jesus returns to Nazareth as an adult, things were quite different. The townspeople were suspicious of his wisdom as they remember him as the carpenter, son of Joseph and Mary. Those humble roots don't justify the knowledge and power with which he spoke. Perhaps envy or jealousy blinded them and brought Jesus to quote the Old Testament, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (Mark 6:4).

Their closed hearts pained Jesus, as he would have most certainly wanted to show all the love and power of God to his fellow Nazoreans. Scripture says Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith.

We can also limit everything Jesus wants to do in and for us with our lack of belief in him and his power. Perhaps those of us who are closest to him through daily prayer and regular sacraments are the least convinced of his power. Dare to let Jesus in and do with you what he wants!

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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 parish registration form, available in the Welcome Area and online at www.stgerard.ca

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER??

Kenosee COVID Safe Family Camps! Looking for a summer get-away for your family? Want to rent a cabin or bring your RV? Check out the Kenosee Boys and Girls Family Camps. We offer great kids programming during the days, parent time, family time, and lots of fun and games for everyone! This year we have adjusted our programming to ensure a COVID safe camp, with space to properly distance and safe washroom access for each family. We have 4 weeks of camp, 2 weeks of Cana Catholic Family Camp and 2 weeks of Birch Ecumenical Family Camp. To learn more or to register visit www.campkenosee.net




CAMP MONAHAN is back and looking better than ever! We are excited to offer all the fun of our traditional camps in both a day camp and family camp. Come explore your faith and all of Gods natural wonder while swimming canoeing, crafting, hiking and more! Bussing for day camps will be available from Regina. You can register and learn more about our summer at www.campmonahan.ca

St. Michael's Camp is running both Youth Day camps and Family Day camps in July. Camp is all about fun where you meet new people and have a safe adventure outdoors. Check out our daily themes and join us for the days that might spark interest in your camper. Parents can drop off your children for the day and spend some time at Duck Mountain Provincial Park or come together to join us for activities and fun at Family camp. For more information and to pre-register: www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register/



LEADERSHIP CAMP The Archdiocese of Regina Youth Office invites teens to join us for our annual leadership camp, in a "day camp" format this year. Participants will enjoy adventures in faith and leadership that will take us to "destinations all over the world." Those entering grades 7-9 are invited to join us on July 13 and/or 15. Students entering grades 10- 1sr year University are welcome July 12 and/or 14. Cost is \$60 and further details can be found at <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youthsummer-camps> or by emailing oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

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YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus, the Carpenter Prophet"

This Week...

Like Ezekiel, Jesus is rejected by people too rebellious to listen. Like Paul, Jesus finds that there is power in weakness nonetheless, and he sets out to preach in the towns where people are more open to what he has to say.

For Your Reflection

When Jesus comes back home, his neighbours remember Jesus the kid, and refuse to believe in the talents and gifts of Jesus the adult and prophet.

- How would it be if you grew up, became famous at your craft or skill, and returned home to discover that everyone who knew you as a child had a hard time respecting you as an accomplished expert in your field? What would you do? How would you react?
- How would it be if one of your friends who never seemed particularly gifted in any one area grew up, left town, and became famous for her or his talent and insight and opinions? How would you respond to her or his sudden popularity? How might you feel about this friend?

When Jesus returns to visit his hometown, people are not very supportive. They just have a hard time accepting that the child they knew is now a famous prophet, healer, and speaker. Jesus is so distressed by their lack of confidence in his ability and their lack of trust that he cannot even perform the miracles he wants to.

- Why not? What do you think?
- How does the support of your friends and family affect your own performance level and ability?

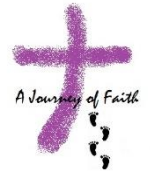
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca