



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 18th, 2023
Eleventh 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

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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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Caretaker.....

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (19th) NO MASS
Tues. (20th) 9:00am **AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL**
+David Leo Burrell
7:00pm +John Loster
Wed. (21st) 10:00am **NURSING HOME (SOUTH)**
7:00pm +Bruce Wonchulanko
Thurs. (22nd) 10:00am **AT SACRED HEART H.S.**
+Al & +Rita Herchuk
2:30pm **BENTLEY SENIORS' RES.**
Fri. (23rd) 9:00am +Charin Nowakowski
1:00pm **AT ST. THEODORE SCHOOL**
Sat. (24th) **NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**
9:00am Denis Dierker

5:00pm **Celebration of Confirmation & First Communion**
+Alan & +Aileen Hayward
Sun. (25th) **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am +Nestor Kindratsky
11:00am Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449
RCIA: For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.
Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323
Reconciliation: Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323
Anointing: Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



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



Compassionate God, inspire us to speak gently, act kindly, and share generously so that everyone we meet may feel safe, valued, and loved. We pray in Jesus' name.

-The Redemptorists

SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Exodus 19.2-6a

God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100.1-3,5

We are the people of God.

Second Reading

Romans 5.6-11

Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9.36-10.8

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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Farewell to Father Louis

Thursday, July 13th
St. Gerard's Social Hall

Doors open at 5pm. Supper at 6pm.

Menu: Buns and cold cuts, salad and dessert,
coffee, tea, juice

Tickets: \$10.00 each; available after each
Saturday evening/Sunday Mass.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, July 2nd.



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

Lucas Gordon-Wolfram
Zoe Javier

Beatrice Lantin Rogene Revilla

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 18
June 25

Bingo – evening - 5pm
Bingo – afternoon – 12 noon

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call
Tom @ 306.728.8664. www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

The **Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina, will be happening again this year. We start on August 11th in Yorkton and finish on August 14th at Rama. This is a guided pilgrimage with rest stops, meals, support vehicles, and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. For more information see our website at stphilomena.ca or phone 306-728-5525.

There are 828 million people in our world who go hungry each day. As Catholics, we can act in solidarity through our local and faith-based fundraiser, **Grow Hope Saskatchewan**. Local SK farmers with your financial support grow crops for sale and give proceeds to those in need. It costs \$350 to grow an acre of food. Funds raised through the sale of the crop fight hunger through emergency food relief, support for young mothers, and local agricultural projects. Donations of any amount are welcome. Write cheques to Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC, H3G 1T7 – please write in the Memo: “Grow Hope SK.” To donate online or for more information, go to growhopesk.ca/donate (Note: D&P is the Catholic agency). Questions? Contact Myron Rogal (306) 659-5841 or Mike LeBlanc (306) 205-2334.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry with the Archdiocese of Regina invites all students ENTERING grades 7 to 1st year university to join us at **Leadership Camp 2023: “Journeying Together”**. Camp is held at Glen Harbour Kids Camp from July 17- 20 for those entering grades 7-9 (\$175) and July 17-21 for those entering grades 10- 1st year University (\$200) Join us for great community, games, art, sports, as well opportunities to grow in faith and leadership. To register go to: bit.ly/oyyam-camp Contact us at oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues. (20th): 7:30pm- Finance Council Meeting
Wed. (21st): 7:30pm- Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs. (22nd): 7:00pm- Centering Prayer



All are invited to the



Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist

at the anticipated Sunday Mass
Saturday, June 24th @ 5:00 pm

Archbishop Donald Bolen, Celebrant

Refreshments to follow



Congratulations to the children of our
Parish Family who celebrated the
Sacrament of Reconciliation for the
first time in June.

Lord Jesus, thank you for your love & mercy.

CENTERING PRAYER

Thursday, June 22 at 7pm
Lower Level

(please use east entrance)

St. Gerard's Music Ministry Needs Your Help!

If you play an instrument and would be willing to share your gift, please call/text Chris Fisher at 306-814-7280.

We are also looking for Cantors. If you would like to return, or are interested in trying it for the first time, please reach out to Maita Kalebaba @ 306-621-8688. We can provide guidance if needed.



St. Joseph, the Model for All Fathers

By Br. Daniel Korn, CSsR

There is an infinite difference between the judgments of God and our human judgments. If human views had directed divine Providence, some powerful monarch or some learned scholar would have been chosen as the foster father of his Son. But no earthly monarch, no famous scholar was considered worthy of so exalted an office. The just and humble Joseph was the chosen one.

As foster father of the Divine Child, Joseph was the first man to learn of the mystery of the Incarnation. He was the first to have the supreme honor of beholding the newborn infant, adoring him, and taking him into his arms. It was Joseph's privilege also to bestow the holy name of Jesus on the infant God. It was his privilege to join with our Lady in presenting Jesus in the Temple. It was Joseph who saved the Child from death at the hands of Herod's soldiers, providing him and his Virgin Mother with food and shelter during the long and painful flight into Egypt, the lonely residence of the Holy Family in their exile in a foreign land. How glorious was the office entrusted to Joseph, and what a brilliant light it sheds on his surpassing sanctity!

A Father's Prayer for His Children

Saint Joseph, I come to you with my concerns for the welfare of my children. I recall your anxiety when, to your surprise and Mary's, Jesus was not among your relatives and friends on your return from Jerusalem. I too worry about my children. Many dangers surround the youth of today. Sometimes, in my loving concern for them, I may seem to them to be difficult or even harsh. Help me to remove the barriers that may come between my children and myself. I love my children and desire good and wholesome things for them. Good Saint Joseph, watch over my children and inspire me to know how to speak and act in love. Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for me. Amen.

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WHAT IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (NIPD)?

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.



10am-4pm

63 King Street E

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Celebration 21

JUNE



Rain or Shine - Bring a Lawn Chair

Events:

- Drum Group & Pow Wow
- Saulteaux Bingo & Games
- Face Painting
- Talent & Jigging Contest
- Indian Hand Games
- Free BBQ Lunch
- YBID Kids Bouncy Tent & Activities
- Vendors, Displays, and More!

Agenda:

- 9:00am Summer Solstice Pipe Ceremony
- 10am-11am Opening Ceremony - Grand Entry with Dancers & Dignitaries
- 11am-12pm Pow Wow Dancers Demo
- 12pm BBQ Lunch
- 1pm Jigging Competition (Adult/Teen/Children Categories)*
- 2pm Talent Competition*

* Limited spots for Jigging and Talent Competition. Register at Registration booth at beginning of day. Registration closed when spots are full.

For more information contact

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To register to be a vendor contact Amy Thomas 306-620-9675 amy.thomas@ytai.org

