



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 19th, 2022

The Most Holy
Body & Blood
of Christ

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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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (20th) NO MASS

Tues. (21st) 7:00pm +Bruce Wonchulanko

Wed. (22nd) 9:00am +John H. Loster
10:00am **NURSING HOME NORTH**
+Russell Boychuk

Thurs. (23rd) **THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
9:00am +Roy Brazeau
2:30pm **BENTLEY SENIORS' RES**
+Horace & +Mildred Jackson

Fri. (24th) **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
9:00am +Leroy Persick

Sat. (25th) **THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BVM**
9:00am +Marge Slugoski

5:00pm +Debra Churko

Sun. (26th) **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am +Karyn Schutz
11:00am Mass for the People

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)

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One Lord of all, we give thanks and praise for the gift of yourself in the meal of the Eucharist. Though many, we are made one in your life. You are our one bread, our one body, our one Lord of all in this one world. Thank you. Amen.

- From *Celebrating the Gospels: A Guide for Parents and Teachers*, by Gaynell Cronin

A Message from Deacon Dave Hudy

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus comes to us in the Holy Eucharist, he gives himself to us in a mystical way. Today's gospel, though, reminds us that Jesus also cares about the physical needs of his people.

Luke tells us about the feeding of a huge crowd, five thousand men alone, with only five loaves and two fish. There are many lessons to be learned from this gospel, one of which that if we seek spiritual guidance from Jesus, he will look after our physical needs! It's interesting to note that the crowd seemed to show little concern as to whether or not they had enough to eat. That's because they were so intent on listening to Jesus, learning from him and being cured. The crowd was searching for God, for something spiritual and lasting, they left behind all the concerns and worries of that day in order to follow our Lord.

These people left everything, at least for a day, to follow him, and Jesus does not let them down! We can ask ourselves if we would have joined the crowd that followed Jesus if we had the chance that day. Would we have given up the everyday physical concerns of our lives?

What do I put first in my life? Do I put my *physical* needs always ahead of my spiritual needs? Do I put my physical needs always ahead of the physical needs of others? Today's gospel reading is from the book of Luke, in a similar reading from the gospel of John we hear that it was a young lad who gave up his five loaves and two fish in order to help the crowd. This lad didn't have much but he gave all that he had! He was very generous and Jesus used his generosity to bring relief to everyone!

We have the opportunity, this weekend to show generosity to others as the Knights of Columbus hand out information and collect donations for Mary's Meals, an organization that provides school lunches in 20 of the world's poorest countries. Mary's Meals operates with a very low budget, most of their work is done by volunteers. Ninety-three cents of every dollar collected goes toward feeding children. Magnus MacFarlane Barrow is the founder of Mary's Meals and he could be legitimately compared to the young lad in John's gospel. In 2002 Magnus started Mary's Meals by arranging to feed to 200 children in a school in Malawi, Africa. This may not seem like a huge accomplishment when there are so many hungry people in the world, but Magnus put his heart and soul into the new project. Today Mary's Meals is providing meals for over two million school kids. If it were not for Mary's Meals many of these kids would be out on the streets begging or getting into trouble or trying to find work despite their young ages. Please consider supporting Mary's Meals.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and God bless everyone.



Deacon Dave Hudy

Mr. Deacon Dave Hudy was ordained into the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Regina in 2018.
Dave and his wife, Bev, reside in the Melville area.

ST PHILOMENA WALKING PILGRIMAGE

The 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, visit our website www.stphilomena.ca or phone Dave or Bev at 306-728-5525.



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

Mischa Baranosky Braydie Neibrandt
May these children and their families
experience joy and new life.



Living Your Marriage as a Sacrament in the Catholic Church

For various reasons, Catholics may find themselves in a civil marriage, in a marriage that took place before a non-Catholic minister without the knowledge or permission of the Catholic Church. Or the civil marriage was officiated by a Justice of the Peace. In time, some seek to have their marriages approved or “blessed” by the Catholic Church. When this can be accomplished, the ceremony that constitutes the marriage as a true sacramental union is called a “convalidation”. A convalidation involves the willingness of both husband and wife to make a new act of the will to enter into a valid Catholic marriage. Because of the number of variables involved in convalidation situations, each convalidation case is unique.

For more information, please phone 306.782.2449 to arrange to meet with Father Louis.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

PARENTS – Do you have a child/children who are entering Grade 2 in September?

OR

Do you have children or youth who are older than Grade 2 but they have not received **First Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Eucharist**?

There will be a Parent Information Meeting **Sunday, September 11th at 1:00 pm.**

Registrations are now being accepted. Please email the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca and register your child before Thursday, September 8th.



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.

We are looking for volunteers - both men and women - to help set up on Monday, September 5 and Tuesday, September 6, and volunteers to work on Thursday and Friday. If you are able to volunteer your time on any or all of the days, please contact Paulette. Ladies of the parish are welcome to help. Pie and coffee will be available on Thursday and Friday. More information in the coming months.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

June 18-19 Mary's Meals fundraising blitz

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

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

National Indigenous Peoples Day

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.

There are several events happening in our province: www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/list-events.html



Simple Yet Profound

By Fr. Donald Willard, CSsR

We're all aware of the need to nourish our bodies. The right nourishment comes from eating the right foods in the right quantities at the right times. For example, a person can eat an entire chocolate cake right before he goes to bed. It may satisfy his hunger, but it will do little to nourish his body. A person who continues this practice for several weeks may start having difficulties with his physical health.

The same principle applies to spiritual nourishment. The key to proper spiritual nourishment is that we receive the right nourishment in the right quantities at the right time. For example, the living Word of God as found in Scripture offers nourishment, but if I try to read the entire Bible in one afternoon I probably won't retain much information or gain proper understanding. I may actually damage my spiritual well-being because of personal biases, misunderstanding, and poor interpretation.

So, what is the best balance of spiritual nourishment for the most effective and healthy spiritual life? I can think of no better example than the one we experience at Mass. In this celebration we find two tables, the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. The living Word of God is proclaimed, and we receive instruction in its meaning. We don't need a lot of Scripture in one setting; we need just enough to lead us to a spiritual insight for the day. The homily inspires and teaches us how the Word of God can transform our lives. Then we offer prayers and petitions, putting that Word into practice.

As we move to the table of the Eucharist, we bring forth gifts that symbolize our hopes, dreams, fears, thanksgivings, and memories. We give our lives to God, who through the power of the Holy Spirit transforms our gifts into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. A divine exchange has taken place.

Our life is given to God, and God gives us back the life of his son, Jesus Christ. We find our daily bread—spiritual nourishment in him. We are filled with divine life that transforms us into the fullness of who God wants us to be. Here we find the source of strength to witness in faith, hope, and charity and to nourish the world with the love of God.

Each time we approach the Eucharistic celebration, we are renewed, strengthened, enlightened, empowered, and transformed. It is spiritual nourishment from true spiritual food. The meal is simple and profound, but then again, that is how God always speaks to our hearts.

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An Offering of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary



O Jesus, only Son of God, only Son of Mary, I offer Thee the most loving Heart of Thy Divine Mother which is more precious and pleasing to Thee than all hearts.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus, I offer Thee the most adorable Heart of Thy Well-beloved Son, who is the life and love and joy of Thy Heart.



Blessed be the Most Loving Heart and Sweet Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the most glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother, in eternity and forever. Amen.

- St. John Eudes

The World Day of Prayer for Priests

June 24, 2022

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?

Whether it is near or far, please remember to **please 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!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (20th): 7:00pm- Bible Study – *Lower Level*
Tues. (21st): 7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Body and Blood of Jesus"

This Week...

Meals can be special times. We celebrate with meals and we can create memories with meals. The blessing of Melchizedek is echoed in the blessing of Jesus at his last supper with his disciples. The great feeding of the crowd of five thousand is recorded in each of the four Gospels; an additional story of Jesus feeding a crowd of four thousand is told in Matthew's and Mark's Gospels. These are meals to remember!

The images that build the theme call our attention to the many ways that Jesus feeds our hungers, and the importance of sharing food with all who are hungry.

For Your Reflection

An ancient African custom teaches that if a person feeds you, teaches you, or helps you in any way, then you are to speak highly of that person. Your words of praise keep alive the spirit of that person's goodness, so that it can continue to flow.

Criticizing teachers, parents, or coaches we dislike or disagree with is an easy practice to fall into. But they are usually the ones who care the most about us and who are trying to help us become better people.

- What are some good things you can say about your parents, teachers, or coaches?
- What are some good things your parents, teachers, or coaches could say about you?

When Jesus had his last meal with his closest friends, he asked them to remember him when sharing this special meal together.

- When you are at Eucharist, eating that special meal of Jesus' body and blood, how do you remember Jesus? What do you think about? Is your mind on Jesus, or are your thoughts usually floating somewhere else?

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.

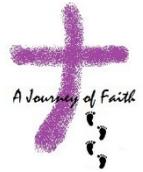
Camp Monahan is gearing up for its 77th season of camping! Overnight and day camps available for ages 6 - 12, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfires, archery and so much more. We also have room in our senior programs that include a hike around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