



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 25th, 2023
Twelfth 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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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (26th) NO MASS
 Tues. (27th) 9:00am **AT ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**
 +Al & +Rita Herchuk
 7:00pm +Ted Rudolf
 Wed. (28th) 9:00am +Rhonda Kormos
 10:00am **NURSING HOME (NORTH)**
 Thurs. (29th) 9:00am +David Jakubowski
 Fri. (30th) 9:00am +Anne Kormos
 Sat. (1st) 9:00am Rosalie Woloschuk

5:00pm +Leonard & +Bernice Saretsky
 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
 +Ronald Parish Sproule

Sun. (2nd) **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Walter Pelletier

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

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.



Mass will be celebrated at Good Spirit Lake Hall each Saturday at 7pm during the summer months

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Powerful God, we ask for your protection and for the courage to face the trials of this life as disciples of your Son, our Lord Jesus. We pray always in his name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Jeremiah 20.10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69.8-10,14,17,33-35

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading

Romans 5.12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10.26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

FAMILY CONNECTION

It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the "Glory Be to the Father".

This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

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Glory Be to the Father (Doxology)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

ST GERARD CHURCH

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BEFORE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



Congratulations to
Nettie Fink
who was received into
**Full Communion
with the Catholic Church**
Friday, June 16, 2023


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 Kolebaba @ 306-621-8688. We can provide guidance if needed.

In his comments on trauma and recovery, Guatemalan Bishop Juan Gerardi, two days before he was killed, said: *"Unless we know the truth the wounds of the past will stay open and cannot be healed... Truth is the primary word, and [truth] is what will break this cycle of violence and death and open up the future of hope and light for all."*

*- Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
Social Justice Committee Chairperson*



News from the CWL



St. Gerard's CWL wishes to thank all the ladies of the parish for their generous donations of baking for, and participation in, our Spring Tea.

Also, thank you to all who were instrumental in making our June Barbecue happen, and all who attended these two functions.

The winner of the quilt raffle is Agnes Swejda.



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 25 Bingo – afternoon – 12 noon
July 5 Bingo – evening – 5pm

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



God did not intend for us to live in isolation. We are made to be relational, to have relationships with others that grow and thrive.

We are made for community; living and participating in community is necessary for our well-being.

The benefits of community include inspiration, motivation, feeling understood, connecting with others on the same journey and supporting each other. (Source – Catholic Women's League Welcome Program)

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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.**



Bringing Home the Word

Fear Not!

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Easier said than done! There is so much to be afraid of today: war, the loss of life and the resulting devastation, unemployment and poverty, illness and the pain and diminishment, the threat of ecological collapse, to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: "Praise the Lord, / For he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!" (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: "the Lord hears the poor" (Psalm 69:34). Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: "... How much more did the grace of God... overflow for the many" (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds. It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not!

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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!

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 www.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 to 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

Go Make Disciples Strengthen your faith and leadership skills through the Archdiocese of Regina's Lay Formation Program! Join us this fall for a 3-year program that will help you deepen your spiritual life and discern how best to offer your gifts in service to the people of God. We are currently accepting applications for our fall intake. For more information on how to register, contact Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

