



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 6th, 2021

The Solemnity of
the Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:
By pre-registration only until further notice

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. (7th) NO MASS

Tues. (8th) 7:00pm Mary Hearn

Wed. (9th) 9:00am K of C & their families

Thurs. (10th) 9:00am +Ferdinand Thiele

Fri. (11th) **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
9:00am +Joan Kormos

Sat. (12th) **THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BVM**
9:00am Seon Brazeau

5:00pm +Ambrose Wolfe
7:00pm Marcella Fedak

Sun. (13th) **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00am +Julius Kormos
11:00am Mass for the People

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **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 beginning June 1
- 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", 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, out of brokenness and weakness you saved my life.
Help me to embrace my weakness so that I can walk in
solidarity with the poor and suffering.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. St. Paul says, “We are the Body of Christ”. When we gather at Church, the Body of Christ becomes visible.

In my message for this weekend, I would like to invite all of you to reflect on these main points:

1. We thank Jesus for giving us the Eucharist. We celebrate the Eucharist, the great gift; we worship the Eucharist because Jesus is truly present in it. Indeed, the Eucharist is the centre of all things - in all the Church’s activities and in our daily life.

There is a hymn in which we sing: “Lord Jesus Christ, gather us together, make us One Bread, One Body in your love. Gather your people, who long to be one, one with you, O Lord, in truth and love” (*Gather Us Together, O. Alstott*). In this sacrament, Jesus makes us to be one. We come from different places, different directions, and gather together around the Altar to celebrate the Eucharist. We receive the same nourishment. We are truly in communion with Jesus and each other. We are truly united.

2. In the first reading we see how Moses ratified the covenant before the people entered into the Promised Land. But the people did not keep the covenant. They fell into idolatry. However, God did not abandon them. Again and again he offered a new covenant to them, the new covenant made by the sacrifice of His Son, and through the prophets he taught them to hope for salvation.

As a community, we are in covenant with God, who is always faithful to us. We are invited to live in a way that is consistent with such a relationship. We are not called to be successful but we are called to be faithful.

3. The Eucharist is our spiritual nourishment. As our physical self needs food, we have to eat three meals a day for nourishment. Our spiritual self also needs food, the spiritual food. This spiritual food is God’s Word and the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. Our spiritual life needs to be fed at least once a week. Jesus requested, “do this in memory of me”. We are called to remember him daily when we celebrate the Eucharist. Therefore, please come to celebrate the Eucharist at the church, either at Daily Mass or at the Lord’s Day celebration, as many days as you can.

4. In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with the bread of life. But this gift is not meant to be one way. When we receive the Eucharist, we are called to give. It’s true that having received this gift from Jesus, we are expected to give something in return. Not to him, but to one another. We are called to be bread, to break bread and feed others as Jesus feeds us. We offer ourselves in service to others.

5. Finally what we celebrate now, one day we will celebrate in The Kingdom of God. We are looking forward to it: The Eternal Banquet. Come, celebrate together. Come and receive this sacrament, the sacrament of love, the sacrament of giving, the sacrament of healing, the sacrament of unity.

To conclude I would like to invite all of you to offer this prayer:

Lord Jesus, today we renew our faith in your true presence in the Eucharist. We believe you come down from heaven to be present in the host at every Mass and remain with us in the Tabernacle. You are the source of our hope. We long to be more united to you through this gift of yourself. Lord Jesus, increase our appreciation and devotion to you in the Eucharist. Amen.

Have a blessed weekend and enjoy the warm weather.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



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

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Your wounds hide me. Separated from You let me never be. From the evil one, protect me. At the hour of death, call me. And close to You bid me. That with Your saints I may be praising you, forever and ever. Amen.



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 9th General Meeting @ 7pm (virtual)

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

June 11, 2021

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.



Bringing Home the Word

Jesus' Amazing Gift

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The beautiful painting, *Lament Over the Dead Christ* by Giovanni Bellini, shows the great care and reverence with which Joseph, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene place the body of Christ in the tomb. Yet it is also a symbol of the delicacy and devotion with which we should receive Jesus, who comes down to us on the altar at Mass.

His Body and Blood were shed to create a New Covenant, a new pact of love between God and people. In the Old Testament, God ordered that the blood of sacrificed animals be sprinkled on the people as a way to seal a pact with him, thus gaining forgiveness of their sins. As if to say, may I be as this calf or goat if I ever fail to obey and live up to your commands.

In the New Covenant, God sent his own Son to be the sacrificial victim to seal our covenant of love with the Father. Before the blood was sprinkled, we consume his Body and Blood in the Eucharist as Jesus commanded: Do this in memory of me. Take this, all of you, and eat. Take this, all of you, and drink. If goat blood could express a covenant in the Old Testament, how much more powerful to unite us with God is the blood of his only begotten Son! How much more powerful to forgive us and communicate God's overpowering love!

Jesus lays down his life sacramentally again in this Mass. Let us receive his Body and Blood with purity and devotion, aware of the amazing gift and the miracle that happens in our presence.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

There is a connection between morality and ecology: when our human relationships suffer, our environment suffers; where the environment is wounded, human life is diminished, especially for the poor and marginalized. Pope Francis challenges us to "become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it" (*Laudato Si'*. no. 19)

- Submitted by the Stewardship Committee



Sacred Heart High School

Faith, Knowledge, Unity

The SHHS Graduating Class of 2021 thanks the St. Gerard Parish Community for their prayers and support for Catholic Education. Thank you to all who sponsored a scholarship or bursary.

St. Gerard Parish Council Scholarships: Vanessa Asika & Bethany Guy
St. Gerard CWL Scholarship: Vanessa Asika & Alexa Haider
K of C #2031 Scholarships: Bethany Guy & Dave Tarongoy

Congratulations to the SHHS Graduating Class of 2021!

Rene Joseph Adane

Ashlynn Allan
Czjane Almoneda

Vanessa Asika

Seth Campeau
Kyla Causaren
Seth Ciotka-Cherry
Brianna Clarkson
John Cookson
Chance Corcoran

Damon Crowe-Buffalo

Kiara Curry

Xander Delos Reyes

Kael DePape

Aslin Desroches

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Tyler Shannon

John Shukin

Maurissa Slenders

Julienne Somera

Matthew Starr

Piper Stechyshyn

Kobe Stephen-Hitchens

Maddison Stevenson

Andréa Stickwood

Dave Tarongoy

Alejandra Toppi

Jacklene Trofimenkoff

Cameron Van Der Loo

Ashton Webster

Michael Wesa

God our Father,

We give you thanks for bringing these young people to this special moment in their lives.

We ask you to accompany them as they face new adventures and challenges.

May the paths they take always lead to you and to the eternal joy that is their inheritance through Baptism. Amen

Rent St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Camp Facility



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 Cash prize of \$3000 if unable to use free stay

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eTransfers accepted at: stmichaelscamp5@gmail.com

*First prize Includes a weekend park pass and all additional fees except for Event 3rd party Insurance if applicable. ***Any available alternate date can be used until Dec 31, 2022.

All proceeds go to St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Camp Inc.



Come join us on a fantastic summer camp journey. **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/

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Passover and Eucharist"

This Week...

The story of Moses in Exodus describes the *old* covenant, sealed with the blood of a sacrifice. The story of Jesus in Mar's Gospel describes the start of the *new* Covenant; after the meal the group goes to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus is prepared to seal the Covenant between people and God with his own blood, the blood of a perfect sacrifice. The explanation in the letter to the Hebrews compares the high priest of the old covenant to Jesus, who is the new high priest of the new Covenant.

For Your Reflection

Jesus describes a very specific setting that his two disciples will encounter in the city. It must have been astonishing for them to discover everything that Jesus foretold.

- When those two disciples set out for the city, do you think they thoroughly trusted Jesus and believed that things would be exactly as Jesus had predicted, or do you think they might have had a "Let's wait and see how this whole thing happens" attitude?
- What would your attitude have been if you were given such a descriptive prediction of what you were going to find?
- How would you feel when things turned out exactly as they were described? Would you feel eerie? Trusting? Frightened by the power? Would you be more drawn to the person who made the prediction (from admiration or awe)? Or would you be driven away from that person (from fear or a haunting sense)?

There is a lot of talk about blood in these readings. Blood was mysterious in the days before biology and an understanding of life functions. People would be sprinkled with the blood of sacrificed animals; people would sign important documents in blood.

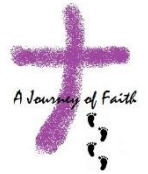
- Do you become upset or reel that you might faint at the sight of someone's heavy bleeding?
- When you were a small child, how did you react when you hurt yourself and then saw blood? Did seeing the blood make you feel more afraid and cry louder? Or did it distract you, bring out your curiosity, and calm you down?
- What do you think is the connection between the age-old human fascination with blood and Jesus' telling us that the bread and wine we receive in his name are actually his true body and blood?



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

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