



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 16th, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Established December 11, 1904

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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.

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 17th

NO MASS

Tues. 18th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Mass are cancelled

7:00pm

Prayer Vigil – Colleen Jeroski

Wed. 19th

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10:30am

Funeral Mass – Colleen Jeroski

7:00pm

Holy Mass for the People

Thurs. 20th

12:10pm

Holy Mass +John Fedirko
followed by Lenten Lunch

2:30pm

Holy Mass at Yorkton Crossing
+Irene Pilon

6:30pm

You are Loved Session 5

7:00pm

RCIA (Lower Level)

Fri. 21st

7:00pm

The Way of the Cross followed by Holy Mass +Dinu Kanala

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat. 22nd

5:00pm

Holy Mass for the People (70 min.)

Sun. 23rd

9:00am

Holy Mass for the People (75 min.)
followed by Parish Family Brunch

11:00am

Holy Mass for the People (80 min.)
followed by Parish Family Brunch

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing:

Please contact the Parish Office
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

Baptism/RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading

Luke 9.28b-36 *Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John and James.*

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might affect communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on?

Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

According to the criteria of the Archdiocese of Regina, the following must be followed if you wish to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Have **passion** for the **Vision** of St. Gerard Parish.
- Can **commit** to being a representative on Parish Council, and are **available** for workshops and Parish Vision Programs.
- A follower of **Stewardship** (time, talent and treasure).

If this describes you, please consider being part of the Parish Council!

To complement the existing Pastoral Council, the following positions are required:

Vice-Chairperson Ecumenical

*Nomination forms are available at the Parish Office. Deadline for submission: **March 20 12noon***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 12:45pm
Social Hall**

As a parishioner, it is your right and your responsibility to attend this meeting. It is an opportunity to offer suggestions.



The St. Gerard Parish Annual Report is available for pick up at each entrance.

The Annual Report is a comprehensive overview of the activities at St. Gerard Parish, the financial status, and ministry impact over the past year.



Baptism - The First Sacrament of Initiation

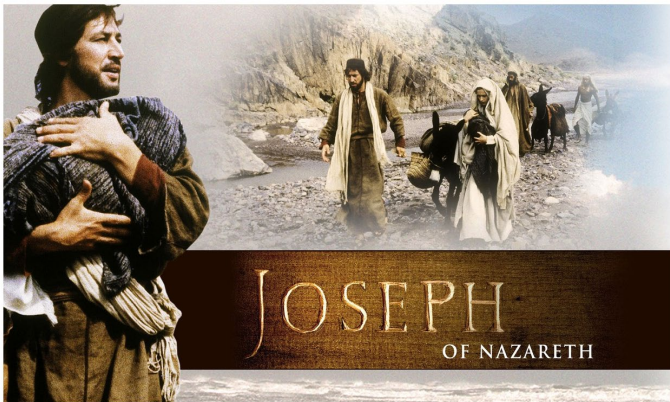
All parents who would like to bring their child/ren for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. **The next Preparation Session will be held for three Thursday evenings beginning May 1.** Childcare is provided.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Holy Mass during the Season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One hour prior to each weekday Holy Mass.

**Lenten Season
Penitential Rite with Adoration**
Tuesday, April 1st 7pm



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit www.formed.org/signup and search "Yorkton" and then select our parish. Enter your name and email, click the link that is sent to your email address, then you're in! No passwords! No charge!



Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm

All are welcome!

Do you have empty **Holy Water bottles** at home? Please return them so that they can be sanitized and reused this Easter. Thank you!

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 12th at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 13th at 10:00am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at
7:30pm

followed by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until 11:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12:00 noon and 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2:00pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night- 8:30pm

At the Mass of Easter Day – 10:00am



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 19

St. Joseph's Day

Bingo – evening – 5.00

Mar. 23

Parish Family brunch – 8.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The page has been updated. Check it out.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God (*breathe in*)
Have mercy on me, a sinner. (*breathe out*)



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Who Was This Man?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law; and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

Jesus' own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state, he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it's likely the disciples still had to learn what being God's Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus' relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

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CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2024 charitable donation receipts are available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4pm (closed 12noon to 1pm).

Thank you to all who contribute financially to our parish to support our good works!

WELCOME ALL YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 8 TO 12

Saturday, March 29: Young people in grades 9 - 12 (mature grade 8's also welcome) from around the Archdiocese are invited to come together for a celebration of community and faith at this year's **“My Gen” Youth Rally**. This one-day event is free of charge and happens at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School in Regina. It starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm. It will be a day of music, talks, games, prayer, service projects, sacraments and community.

For more information and to **REGISTER** contact Scott Hoffort at 306-621-8291 or Colleen Hoffort at 306-621-7582 as soon as possible so that travel arrangements, etc. can be made! Further info: www.mygenrally.ca



YOUTH REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- * What does God's covenant with Abram teach you about His commitment to you?
- * How can you trust in God's promises more fully in your life?
- * What does it mean to you to live as a citizen of heaven?
- * How can you let go of your own plans to see God's glory more clearly?
- * In what ways can you reflect God's light to others?

Lord, help us to trust in Your promises like Abram. Guide us to live as citizens of heaven, focusing on Your glory. Open our hearts to Your work in our lives. May we reflect Your love and light to the world. Amen.

