



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 2nd, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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.

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 3 rd		NO MASS
	7:00pm	CWL General Meeting
Tues. 4 th	9:30am	Cabbage Roll Bee
	3:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
	6:30pm	<i>Rite for the Burning of Palms</i>
	7:00pm	Holy Mass +Douglas Hayden
Wed. 5 th		ASH WEDNESDAY
	9:30 am	Holy Mass (w/ Elementary Schools)
	11:00 am	Distribution of Ashes at SHHS
	1:15 pm	Holy Mass (w/ Elementary Schools)
	7:00 pm	Holy Mass for the Parish
Thurs. 6 th	12:10pm	Holy Mass +Owen O'Neill <i>followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
	6:30pm	You are Loved Session 3
	7:00pm	RCIA (Lower Level)
Fri. 7 th	10:30am	<i>World Day of Prayer Service</i>
	7:00pm	<i>The Way of the Cross followed by</i> Holy Mass +Sylvia Marquette
		First Sunday of Lent
Sat. 8 th	5:00pm	Holy Mass for the People (70 min.)
	6:15pm	Youth Ministry Movie Night
Sun. 9 th	9:00am	Holy Mass for the People (75 min.)
	11:00am	Holy Mass for the People (80 min.)

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

2025 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 4th

3pm-6pm

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Free-will Offering

6:30pm

Rite for the Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday, followed by Holy Mass

Wednesday, March 5th

9:30am

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard

11:00am

Distribution of Ashes at Sacred Heart High

1:15pm

Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard

7pm

Holy Mass for the Parish

Tuesday, April 1st

7pm

Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

9am Mass, followed by Divine Mercy Devotion

7pm Bible Study

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

12:10pm Mass, followed by Lenten Lunch

7pm RCIA

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Holy

Mass

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

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

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 12th at 5pm

Sunday, April 13th at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7:30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12noon and 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

At the Mass of Easter Day – 10am

Lent is approaching fast!

On **Ash Wednesday**, March 5, millions of Catholics throughout the world will gather to begin the season of Lent, a solemn period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that will prepare us for the Easter celebration. When we receive these ashes, we are reminded that “we are dust and to dust we shall return.” This is a ritual in which we are invited to look within ourselves and discover that we need God’s mercy.

Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting*** and of **abstinence from meat****.

May we embrace this period of introspective preparation for Easter with open hearts. May we also look outward to those who need us the most.

*Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

**The law of “abstinence from meat” binds those who are 14 and older; the law of “fasting” binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

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News from the CWL



Please note that our **March General Meeting** will be on Monday, March 3 at 7:00 pm (rather than the first Tuesday which is Shrove Tuesday).



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 4 Shrove Tuesday supper
Mar. 7 Knights lead The Way of the Cross
Mar. 9 Bingo – afternoon - 15.00
Mar. 11 Meeting - after Holy Mass

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL WORKSHOP

At St. Gerard Parish

Saturday, March 15
9:30am to 3pm

Topic: Pastoral Development of our Parish

For all Parishioners, especially all the Council members, Committees and Parish Organizations.

Please register with the Parish Office as lunch will be served.

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

LENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE!

Adults – **Lenten Gospel Reflections**
(by Bishop Robert Barron)
Families – **Journey with Jesus**
Children – **Journey 'Round Jerusalem**
A is for Ashes

Limited quantities.

Children's Liturgy

Lent is a time of reflection, preparation, and simpler liturgical elements within Mass. Please note during the Season of Lent we will refrain from having the children play instruments at the final hymn. The coin collection and prayer at the altar will still take place.



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Who are You? Really!

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Like it or not, we often get our sense of who we are from others. Some people either make us feel worthwhile or treat us like we have little value. We all want to be accepted, to be part of the crowd, to look like we have made it. This is one reason we fall for so many fads of the day: "Everyone has one." "Everyone is doing it." Teenagers aren't the only ones who think like this. It may take a long time before we can move beyond the opinions of others. Many never do.

So, who are you? Really! Are you hiding behind something, some pretense? Are you trying to look like someone you're not? Today's readings remind us, as many have said, "Actions speak louder than words," and as Christ said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). What is deepest within us eventually shows itself.

Sirach offers several examples of this. He claims that sometimes the dark side of our personalities comes out when we least expect it. But then there are times when we surprise even ourselves with our own goodness. Luke offers similar examples from both nature and human experience. Try as we might, we cannot completely hide who we truly are. And why should we? The last phrase of today's gospel is profound: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). That is where we find who we are. Really!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 12:45pm

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 will be available at each entrance March 15th and 16th.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO FEB. 28, 2025

Offertory Collection in February	\$21,799.15
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$47,692.32
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$40,631.85
Offertory Collection <u>Deficit</u> @ 02/28	\$7,060.47

WELCOME ALL YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 8 TO 12

Please mark this date as
you will not want to miss out on
A LOT of FUN!!!

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

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.