



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 9th, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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. 10 th		NO MASS
Tues. 11 th	6:00pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00pm	Holy Mass +Chako Kanala
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wed. 12 th	9:00am	Holy Mass +Muriel Guy
	7:00pm	Bible Study - No Greater Love
Thurs. 13 th	12:10pm	Holy Mass +Tony Kryski
	6:30pm	<i>followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
	7:00pm	You are Loved Session 4
	7:00pm	RCIA (Lower Level)
	7:00pm	Centering Prayer (Lower Level)
Fri. 14 th	7:00pm	<i>The Way of the Cross followed by</i>
		Holy Mass +Christian Arvay
Sat. 15 th	9:30am	Pastoral Workshop presented by the Archdiocese of Regina

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat. 15 th	5:00pm	Holy Mass for the People (70 min.)
Sun. 16 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 <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
Baptism/RCIA:	Please contact the Parish Office
Matrimony:	Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

Children's Liturgy

Did you know Children's Liturgy restarted in our Parish just 1 year ago? Our Parish was without this program for several years. We started out only offering the liturgy two to three times a month and it has since blossomed to every 11AM Mass thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Since reviving this program, we have had an average of 30 to 40 children attending each Sunday! We have been so pleased with the interest in this program! However, we want to remind parents that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Regina encourage that children who have received the Sacrament of Communion remain with the Assembly for the full Mass. Older children/parents attending with younger children to help them feel comfortable and assist remain welcome.

The intended age for Children's Liturgy is 4 to 8 years old. Due to limited volunteers and the volume of children in attendance we need your help in ensuring only children in this age range attend.

If your child is younger than age 4, please send an older sibling or an adult with the child to assist. If your child is older than the age of 8 and is not helping a younger sibling, we ask that they remain with the Assembly.

We still have opportunities open for children of all ages such as the coin collection, the 'Our Father' prayer at the altar, and the playing of instruments at the final hymn.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Reconciliation with Adoration

Tuesday, April 1st 7pm

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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!

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



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 9 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
Mar. 11 Meeting - after Holy Mass
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.

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



Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Philippe Nguyen Tri Thuc, brother of Father Louis Nguyen, our previous Pastor. May Philippe rest in the peace of Christ, and may the Holy Spirit grant Father Louis and his family comfort in their grief.



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

It's All Gift

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

There is one word that could almost be erased from our religious vocabulary. That word is "earn." So many of us take on a Lenten program of penance to earn God's forgiveness. Or we engage in prayer to earn indulgences that will lessen our time in purgatory. Somewhere along the line, we missed the class in which the primacy of God's free gift of grace was taught. Consequently, we still might use language that emphasizes our own hard-won merit apart from God rather than freely given love as the basis of all that follows. Today's first reading refutes such thinking.

The passage from Deuteronomy contains an important creedal statement, describing the heart of ancient Israel's faith. The people were instructed by Moses to commemorate the event of their founding as the special people of God. The creedal statement was probably recited during that commemoration. The statement itself describes how God called their ancestor and, from that ancestor, called forth a great people, delivered those people out of slavery, and then settled them in a land that became their own. Every event was God's work. The people did nothing to deserve it. It was all gift. Why did God choose these people, make them great, free them, settle them, and provide them with abundant harvests? Because they were good? No! Because God is good. They earned nothing, deserved nothing. It was all gift.

Why is it so difficult for us to realize that we really do not give gifts to God? It's just the opposite. When it comes to God's grace, it's all gift.

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Best wishes to

Mary B., Stella F. & Vera W.

who are celebrating a birthday today!

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

THE FASTING AND FEASTING PRAYER

- Fast from judging others;
feast on Christ within them.
- Fast from emphasis on difference;
feast on our bonds.
- Fast from fear of illness;
feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from apparent darkness;
feast on God's light.
- Fast from words that cut down;
feast on speech that uplifts.
- Fast from gossip; feast on affirmations.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on hope.
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.
- Fast from negatives; feast on encouragement.
- Fast from resentment; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
- Fast from self-centeredness;
feast on compassion.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from giving up; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from the shadows of sorrow;
feast on trust in God.
- Fast from focusing on problems;
feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from anxiety; feast on faith.

www.young-catholics.com