



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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Caretaker.....			

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (15<sup>th</sup>) 11:00am *Funeral Mass-Anne Kormos*

Tues. (16<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm +Bernard Gibney

Wed. (17<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Mildred Jackson

*Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion*

10:00am **NURSING HOME (SOUTH)**

Thurs. (18<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Horace Jackson

2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**

Allen Dierker

Fri. (19<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Rita McCuaig

Sat. (20<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am NO MASS

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5:00pm +Mike Diakuw

Sun. (21<sup>st</sup>) **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

9:00am Mass for the People

11:00am +Nestor Kindratsky



**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.

The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary Prayer each Monday at 5:30pm during "Marian" month.

*May devotions highlight the special sharing of the Blessed Virgin in the Paschal Mystery of Christ her son.*

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[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, inspire us to lead holy, faith-filled, generous lives. Amen! Alleluia!

-The Redemptorists

## SUNDAY CONNECTION

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 8.5-8,14-17*

The People of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 66.1-7,16,20*

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 3.15-18*

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

### Gospel Reading

John 14.15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness.

The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit, will God's revelation and love be known.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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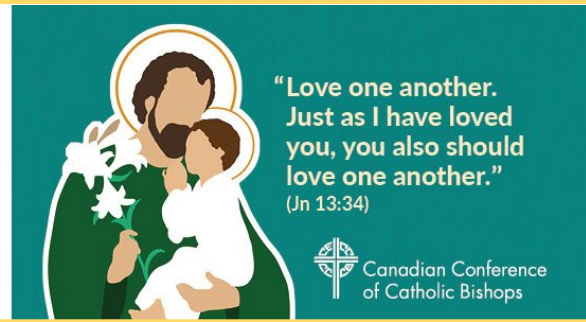
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



National  
*Family & Life Week*  
May 7-14, 2023 *Love one another*

[www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)



*"Love one another.  
Just as I have loved  
you, you also should  
love one another."  
(Jn 13:34)*

Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held **TODAY Sunday, May 14 at 3pm (Lower Level Hall)**. Please use east entrance.

**This will be the last session until the fall.**

## CENTERING PRAYER

**Thursday, May 25 at 7pm**  
**Lower Level**  
*(please use east entrance)*



## FOR MARRIAGE ACCOMPANIMENT AND ENRICHMENT

Heavenly Father,

*I thank you for the gift of my spouse and for the gift of each one of our children.*

*You know our hearts and our needs. You know we desire to live faithfully our promises to you and to each other.*

*We oftentimes find ourselves hurting each other and creating wounds in each other's heart that we never wanted to cause.*

*We recognize the gaps in our family caused by selfishness that have made us live distantly from you and each other.*

*We want to invite you to fill our hearts with your presence and make us a family united in you.*

*Inspired by the example of the Holy Family may our family always be a living gospel, giving witness to your love in our world.*

Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Mtg.  
(Meeting Room A)



## News from the CWL



June 10 CWL Spring Tea (details to follow)  
June 14 CWL Wind-up Social (details to follow)



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 14 Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our parish  
Bingo – evening -5pm  
May 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
May 27 Family prayer after Mass  
Bingo – afternoon – 12pm  
June 4 Parish brunch (last one until the fall)

**Please remember that May is Marian month.**

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

Options Pregnancy Center (Regina)

## Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

*Administered by the Knights of Columbus No. 2031*

Take a baby bottle home on Mother's Day, fill it with money or a cheque, and then return the bottle on Father's Day. Your gift will help equip their Center to care for the women, men and families impacted by an unexpected pregnancy, and will provide financial support for additional health care services that they provide.



## OFFERING COMPASSION FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LITTLE ONES

O loving God, out of the depths, we cry to you.

*Come near to those who mourn the loss of a preborn infant or child, for you know our hearts and share our tears especially in times of grief and sorrow. Guide us with your grace to recognize you are always with us, even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death.*

*Almighty God, who knew us and formed us in the womb, we ask that you enfold every grieving heart and every child in heaven into your tender loving care; by your Spirit, we ask for your kindness and grace. Amen.*



## Bringing Home the Word **+**

### What is Your Hope?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope: not hope that, but hope in. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine hope for those who believe in God is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything... because God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us.

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### Holy Trinity Anglican Church

June 1 and 2 - 9AM - 6:30 PM

June 3 - 9AM 'til 12P

Everyone welcome!

## 2023-2024 PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Mark Bell
Secretary	Joanne Geysen
Liturgical	Colleen Haider
Public Relations	Jonathan Rosas
CWL Rep.	Marie Kruger
K of C Rep.	Keith Hayward

**(6 vacancies)**

### Parish Finance Council

Chairperson	Nathan Bewcyk
Hall	Nick Andrusyk

**(3 vacancies)**

### FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES



*Father in heaven, you created us in your divine image.*

*May every person living with a disability experience true belonging in a loving community.*

*Guide us to pursue our call to work for justice and fullness of life for all persons with disabilities.*

*Graciously help us to open new and creative spaces to invite all persons to participate meaningfully in parish and community life.*

*Help us to contribute to the Church and, together, be a sign of the unity of the Body of Christ. Amen.*

### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

#### Forming Intentional Disciples

The Archdiocese of Regina's Lay Formation Program is the longest continually operating Lay Formation program in the country, providing parishes with strong, well-formed lay men and women to further the mission of the Gospel. Our weekend sessions at Campion College will deepen your understanding of Church and faith through solid teaching by experts in their respective fields. Strengthen your ability to assess your God-given gifts and talents and discern how best to offer them in service. Register now for our fall intake and become an evangelizing disciple of Jesus Christ. For more information on how to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash, at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)



## Catholic Education Week

May 14 – 21, 2023

Each year, Catholic Schools in Saskatchewan participate in a week-long celebration to remember, promote, and appreciate the gift of Catholic Education. In our province, this special week encompasses World Catholic Education Day which is always celebrated on Ascension Thursday – this year on May 18.

This year's theme, *We Are Many, We Are One*, reminds us that we have been called to grow as individuals and to grow in community. With all the complexities of our world and our communities today, we can stray from the peace that comes when we are in communion with one another. In our unity, we celebrate our diversity, all uniquely created by God in His image. We read in Corinthians that if one member suffers, we all suffer; and if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Unity brings us peace and understanding.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions to Catholic education provided by our students, staff, families, parishes, and the Board of Education as well as the impact of Catholic Education in our province. The week is marked by special activities such as prayer celebrations and service activities in Catholic schools across the province.

May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold... and especially this week, the blessing of Catholic Education.



## Catholic Education Week

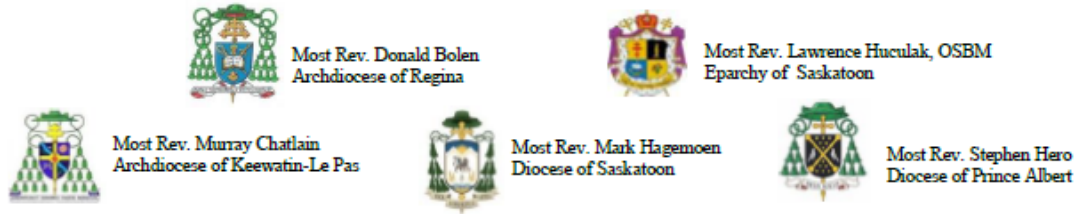
### 2023 Prayer

We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ.  
Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within;  
when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts;  
when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand;  
when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy;  
and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all,  
for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are.

We are many, we are one.

Amen.

# CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN



## Catholic Education Week May 14-20, 2023

We, the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, are pleased to invite all to celebrate World Catholic Education Day on May 18, 2023, and to keep May 14 to May 20 as Catholic Education Week in our province. This year's theme is "Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One" which is taken from St. Paul: "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." (Rom 12:5)

The Lord Jesus surprised and challenged his contemporaries by inviting people of all races, languages, and nationalities to be his disciples. The richness and diversity of the human family has been reflected in the Church from the beginning and continues to grow through the ages.

We can be proud of our Catholic schools in Saskatchewan which strive to be respectful and encouraging places of welcome and encounter for all. Jesus Christ is the model that Catholic educators and students have before them daily, and Jesus continues to provoke hearts and minds to seek the truth together in charity. (See Eph 4:15)

The Church is called to hold the diversity of people in a loving unity in Christ. This, we believe, is a reflection and sharing in the very unity and Trinity of God. As humans dealing with our brokenness and frustration, we are tempted sometimes to divide and tear apart. We seek and trust in Jesus Christ and His Good News to find the pathway from fear to dialogue; from indifference to hope and transformative engagement; from brokenness and polarization to unity honouring diversity which builds up in love.

In this Easter season and as the school year is quickly rolling toward a much-needed summer break, it is a good moment to pause together and thank God for the gift and challenge

of Catholic education. As St. Paul tells us so powerfully, our oneness with Christ is inseparable from our oneness with each other: “individually we are members, one of another.” (Rom 12:5.)

We cannot walk a path toward God alone: we need each other and are incomplete without our neighbour. But it is Christ who “fully reveals” us to ourselves, who clarifies our calling, and helps us to journey together. (See Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes* 22)

This always requires much love, listening, patience and forgiveness as we reflect on God’s Word and prayerfully seek answers to the questions that arise among us today. May the witness of the many Saints and holy persons who have walked Our Lord’s path with faith and courage, inspire us to walk, and even run, as we strive to have the same mind and heart of Jesus Christ in all things! (See Phil. 2:5ff)

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Donald Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina



Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, OSBM  
Administrator of the Eparchy of Saskatoon



Most Rev. Murray Chatlain  
Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas



Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen  
Bishop of Saskatoon



Most Rev. Stephen Hero  
Bishop of Prince Albert



## *Walking Together*

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division invites you to a walk for all students, families, staff, & parish members in celebration of Catholic Education Week and in recognition of our shared journey.

A Silver Collection will be available, with proceeds supporting the [Toonies for Tuition](#) campaign.

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

St. Michael's School  
407 Darlington Street East

Gathering: 5:30 pm

Walk: 5:45 pm

BBQ to follow

To assist in planning, please register online via the Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools website ([www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca)) or at any CTTCS school or Division Office between May 1 and May 15. Registrations forms will also be available at St. Michael's School the day of the walk.

*Believe...Belong...Become...*

Please check the school division's website – [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca) – to register for a community *Walking Together* event happening during Catholic Education Week. You may also wish to contact your local school to find out about other special events taking place.