



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**May 28, 2023**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Established December 11, 1904

**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES**  
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/1pm-4pm (closed Friday)  
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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. (29<sup>th</sup>) **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**  
NO MASS

Tues. (30<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm +Al & +Rita Herchuk

Wed. (31<sup>st</sup>) 7:00pm +Gerald Lund

Thurs. (1<sup>st</sup>) 9:00am +Olga Duff

Fri. (2<sup>nd</sup>) 9:00am Special Intentions

Sat. (3<sup>rd</sup>) 9:00am +Mildred Jackson

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5:00pm +Regina Rudolf

Sun. (4<sup>th</sup>) **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

9:00am +Bill & +Lorna Stubbings  
11:00am Mass for the People

### 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.



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.

**Stay Connected Online!**  
[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



So that we may know what is good, speak about the good, and do what is good, we pray, Come, Holy Spirit! Amen! Alleluia!

-The Redemptorists

## SUNDAY CONNECTION

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2.1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104.1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12.3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20.19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of

Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.

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### PARISH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

2pm – 4pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies	\$45 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$50 (10 dozen)
Cabbage rolls	\$30 ( 5 dozen)

**LAST CHANCE BEFORE FALL!**

# Blessing of the Graves



**Yorkton City Cemetery**  
Saturday, June 3, 2023

**Yorkton Memorial Gardens**  
Saturday, June 17, 2023

If your loved one is buried at the cemetery, please meet at the main gate at 1:00 pm. There will be a Prayer Service for all in attendance, and then Father Louis will bless the grave of your loved one.



St. Gerard's CWL invites you  
to their  
**STRAWBERRY TEA & BAKE SALE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

St. Gerard's Parish Hall  
125 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Yorkton

\$5.00 Admission

Enjoy Coffee or Tea, Angel Food Cake  
and Strawberries & Ice Cream

*Plus...a wonderful selection of baking  
and kitchen treasures for sale!*



News from the CWL



## 2023-2024 CWL OFFICERS

### EXECUTIVE

President	Deanna Pellatt & Christine Shuya
Vice-president	Anita Halliday
Past-president	Paulette Cooper
Secretary	Della Faul
Treasurer	Laura Asika

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Faith	Vacant
Service	Rosemarie Todos
Social Justice	Vacant
Pastoral Council Rep.	Marie Kruger

## CWL Social & BBQ

CWL Members and LADIES of the Parish are invited to attend the CWL Social & BBQ Supper on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Social Hour 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Supper at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available before and after weekend Masses. Deadline to purchase tickets is **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert for the supper, please sign the sheet on the table in the Welcome Area.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 29	Rosary led by the Knights - 5:30pm
June 4	Parish brunch after each Mass
June 7	Combined Planning & General Meeting - 7pm
June 8	Bingo - evening - 5pm
June 11	Council yearend celebration. RSVP Wayne before June 7 - phone/text 306.783.7380 or email <a href="mailto:wex13@sasktel.net">wex13@sasktel.net</a>

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



There will be a **K of C Parish Brunch** after each Mass **Sunday, June 4**, the last brunch before summer! Why not treat Dad to an early Father's Day breakfast and enjoy a delicious brunch with us!

All men in attendance can enter their name for a Father's Day prize draw! See you on June 4!

Please keep in your prayers the young people of our parish who will be receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion in June.





## Community in the Spirit

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Today is the last Sunday of the Easter Season, or Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. Pentecost has been called the birthday of the church. (I remember once, back in the experimental seventies, actually singing "Happy Birthday" as part of the opening hymn. Hmmm.)

Today's first reading describes a gathering of "devout Jews from every nation." They were celebrating Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover and a day on which tradition held that the law was given to Moses. Suddenly there is wind and tongues of fire and people speaking in different languages and understanding each other. After all this occurred, Peter stood up to explain and, at the end of his preaching, about three thousand professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized.

It is the Spirit's work to make community out of individuals. And not just individuals from the same family or the same neighborhood or even the same race, class, or language. We're talking strange people! We're talking people we wouldn't give a second glance. The Holy Spirit creates community out of those who are unlike us; people we don't want to be lumped with.

Our church community is not always what we want it to be. We may be too slow to respond or too quick to change. Our leaders may be too conservative, too liberal, too worldly or too out-of-touch. Our gatherings may be too much about all that fellowship stuff or too cold and inhospitable.

Here's the thing: nowhere in the gospels is there a suggestion that the Christian life is something we can do alone. Nowhere does it suggest that the church is a comfortable club of likeminded people. The church is messy and annoying and absolutely necessary to the Christian life.

That being said, a community formed by the Holy Spirit is an amazing experience. Usually we seek out like-minded people, folks who look like us, talk like us, think like us. Even for the most gregarious and open-minded folks, a few hours in the company of people whose ways are foreign to us is a strain, leaving us with fixed smiles and blank stares and a desire for solitude. At least that's what it does for me.

But there's an experience of community in the Spirit when you want to come back for more. I find it among the women of different congregations in Church Women United. I find it in a group we call Neighbors United— Undoing Racism. I find it in my parish choir, where folks of every economic and educational background meet and sing and pray and find themselves commiserating about their children, bringing meals when someone is sick, and laughing about...nothing. Just laughing because it is precious to be together and know this is what is meant by "community." Community in the Spirit will keep you young, give you courage when you are afraid, companionship when you are lonely, and help you find God in all things.

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## 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)

### Decolonizing Ourselves: Legislating Broken Promises, Past and Present

**Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm, on Zoom**

Join us online to learn about the problematic Natural Resources Transfer Acts of 1930 and reflect on their significance today in the context of inherent Indigenous rights, Treaties, the Alberta Sovereignty Act, and the Saskatchewan First Act.

Mary Culbertson, Treaty Commissioner  
Roger Epp, Professor, University of Alberta

*Presented by the KAIROS Prairies North Decolonization Group and the Treaty Land Sharing Network*

Register at <https://bit.ly/3GYETtr>



# Congratulations to the SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL



## CLASS OF 2023

Anderson, Kenneth

Asika, Jessica

Awasis-Kaye, Kisha

Bailey, Luke

Bilokreli, Kade

Bissonnette, Taylor

Bissonnette, Tyler

Bodnar, Jordan

Bryksa, John

Callychurn, Poorvash

Capili, Quins Eulla

Chilufya, Kapaya

Chupa, Kaylee

Clarkson, Lucas

Demaluan, Dimitri

Dionisio, Leyanne Rae

Drosky, Brynlee

Eckhart, Madeline

Erhaze, Maria

Esteban, Allyzandra

Fallis, Paris

Fedorowich, Paige

Flundra, Brooklyn

Gabriel, Abigail

Gerein, Connor

Haas, Caybreyn

Hannotte, Brooklyn

Hartman, Lillian

Hartman, Simon

Haughton, Daheel

Hoeber, Lukas

Hove, Delaney

Johnson, Elyse

Kahoot, Jake

Kematch, Melanie

Kienle, Aaliyah

Klemetski, James

Klingspon, Brayden

Klyne, Alyssa

Klyne, Katrina

Langan, Brayden

Laniya, Favour

Lavallee, Levi

Lawson, Adam

Lawson, Christian

Lawson, Sierra

Lemcke, Sophie

Long, Rye

Lozinski-Gage, Casey

Lupien, Tyrel

Major, Skylar-Rae

Malinowski, Jack

Matawaran, Gabriel

McInnes, Marion

McLeod, Jenna

McManus, Ty

Millare, Johann Angelo

Molo, Beatrice

Moralde, John Axl

Novak, Jana

O'Neill, Alia

Omiecinski, Layden

Ostapovitch, Jared

Pelly, Sierra

Prince, Dylan

Quewezance, Shaun

Revilla, Ryza

Ringdal, Ember

Riodique, Rommel

Sander, Alyssa

Shannon, Eli

Shumay, Corby

Smith, Abigail

Smith, Hudson

Smuk, Waylan

Stacheruk, Jordyn

Stickwood, Mariana

Stott, Tyla

Sully, Micah

Tyndall, Teeka

Van Der Loo, Sean

Wardle, Kade

Young, John



## Stop by the Parish Office

For a great assortment of bibles, books and religious articles  
including **Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion gifts:**



My Angel pewter picture frame	\$6.00	Communion remembrance tokens	\$2.50
Wood baptismal cross	\$6.75	First Eucharist pocket token	\$3.00
Multi-coloured wood cross 5"	\$9.75	Colorful filigree bracelet "My First Communion"	\$4.00
Pewter cross for baby boy, blue ribbon, 3 1/2"	\$11.50	Wooden cross with prayer card	\$5.50
Pewter cross for baby girl, pink ribbon, 3 1/2"	\$11.50	Gilt and white enamel metal cross, pewter chalice, 5"	\$7.75
Baptized in Christ baptism cross	\$17.75	Silver chalice pendant with stone on chain, 13"	\$11.00
Mat Porcelain "Madonna" night light statue, 5"	\$15.00	Black beads and cord with a communion charm bracelet	\$13.00
Confirmation bookmark	\$1.00	Crucifix - silver metal on base, 6"	\$10.00
Confirmation prayer card - "Prayer for Light"	\$1.25	Crucifix - antique silver-plated metal, 8"	\$10.00
Heart-shaped, "Confirmation" pewter pocket token	\$1.50	Crucifix - silver-finish on wooden cross, 4 7/8"	\$13.00
Holy spirit pocket token	\$3.00	Crucifix - light colour wood, silver finish corpus, 8"	\$13.75
Colorful filigree bracelet "My Confirmation"	\$4.00	Crucifix - plexiglass - silver metal corpus, 8 1/4"	\$16.00
Boxed rosary, 6mm, red wooden beads	\$6.75	Crucifix - Olive Wood, silver corpus, 6"	\$22.00
Boxed rosary, 4mm, red plastic beads, cross 11"	\$8.25	Crucifix - olive wood, metal corpus, 10"	\$26.00
Adj. leather necklace with dove-engraved cross, 32"	\$9.25	Crucifix - dark-colour wood, 10"	\$27.00
Bracelet - Boxed with dove-inserted hearts, 7"	\$9.75	Necklace - wood cross, gold corpus with lace	\$3.00
Pewter cross & dove, rhodium-plated chain 24"	\$11.00	Boxed bracelets for kids, assorted colours	\$3.25
Bevelled mini mirror with pewter Holy Spirit	\$11.50	Colored wooden flower necklace	\$4.50
Pewter cross with chalice & dove, 6"	\$20.00	Wooden bracelet, dark brown beads and cross	\$4.50
Blessings & Prayers	\$14.00	Guardian Angel medal and 18" chain	\$6.00
Catholic Baby's First Bible (board book)	\$15.00	Silver-finish football pendant necklace	\$10.00
Catholic Youth Bible	\$25.00	Necklace - "Hope" silver-plated metal pendant	\$17.50

**Just in.... a good selection of rosaries. Quantities limited!**

**PICNIC in the PARK**  
Multicultural Community BBQ  
June 10, 2023  
Weinmaster Park 11am  
hosted by the Yorkton Ministerial Association

FREE UKRAINIAN, NIGERIAN, FILIPINO,  
FIRST NATION, SOUTH KOREAN  
& CARIBBEAN CUISINE!

**LEADERSHIP CAMP 2023**  
Journeying Together!

For those ENTERING Grade 7 - 9:  
July 17 @ 1:00pm until July 20 @ 11:00am

For those ENTERING Grade 10 - 1st yr. Uni:  
July 17 @ 1:00pm until July 21 @ 2:00pm

Join us for sunshine, games, art, sports, beach time, great food, and great people! Learn more about growing in faith and in leadership!

Located at Glen Harbour Kids Camp (40 minutes from Regina)  
Bus transportation out to camp provided. Spots are limited!

Grades 7-9 \$175  
Grades 10-U \$200

Question?  
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An initiative of the Archdiocese of Regina  
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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Scan to register!  
bit.ly/oyyam-camp

7TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

**YOU ARE MY SON**

YOU ARE MY SON, WHOSE  
LOOKS WITH YOU I AM  
WELL PLEASED  
MARK 3:11

SPEAKER  
**Peco Gavrilides**

EVENT  
SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2023  
CHRIST THE KING PARISH

REGISTER  
**\$150**  
Deadline: Sep 15, 2023  
After the 15th, \$200 registration fee

2239 GARNET STREET  
REGINA, SK

TO REGISTER, EMAIL:  
regina@made4greatness.ca

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The **Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina, will be happening again this year. We start on August 11th in Yorkton and finish on August 14th at Rama. This is a guided pilgrimage with rest stops, meals, support vehicles, and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. For more information see our website at [www.stphilomena.ca](http://www.stphilomena.ca) or phone 306 728 5525.