

St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

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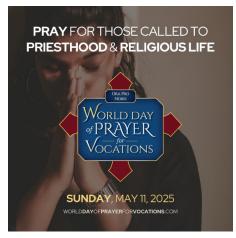
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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 5 th	to Fri. 9 th	NO MASS
Mon. 5 th	5:30pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary Prayer
Tues. 6th	7:00pm	CWL General Meeting
	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Budget Mtg
Thurs. 8th	6:30pm	You are Sent Session 1
	7:00pm	Baptism Prep 2/3 (Lower Level)
	7:00pm	Centering Prayer (Lower Level)

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sat. 10th 5:00pm **Holy Mass** for the People (70 min.) Sun. 11th **10:00am Holy Mass** for the People (75 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

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C offer important lessons about obedience to God, worship, and love. They remind us of the joy and responsibility that come with following Jesus. These reflections help us understand and apply these lessons in our lives.

Obedience to God The apostles stood firm in their faith when questioned by the high priest. They insisted on obeying God rather than men. This teaches us the importance of staying true to God's commands, even when it is difficult.

Obedience to God requires courage and trust. The apostles knew that following God might bring them suffering, but they chose to obey Him anyway. This kind of faith inspires us to make similar choices in our own lives.

We face many situations where we must choose between obeying God or following the world. The apostles' example encourages us to stand firm in our faith. By putting God first, we show our commitment to His will.

Worship of the Lamb In the second reading from Revelation, John sees countless angels and every creature worshiping the Lamb. This vision shows us that Jesus is worthy of all honor and praise. It reminds us that worship is central to our faith.

Worship brings us closer to God. When we join in the worship of Jesus, we acknowledge His greatness and our need for Him. It helps us focus on what truly matters and strengthens our relationship with Him.

The scene in Revelation invites us to be part of this great chorus of praise. Every time we worship, we join with all of creation in giving glory to Jesus. This shared worship unites us with believers everywhere and brings us joy.

Love for Jesus In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Each time, Peter affirms his love, and Jesus tells him to care for His followers. This conversation highlights the importance of love and responsibility in our faith.

Loving Jesus means more than words. It means taking action. Jesus asked Peter to show his love by caring for others. This teaches us that true love for Jesus is shown in how we treat those around us.

Our actions reflect our love for Jesus. When we help and support others, we are living out His command to love. By caring for others, we show that our love for Jesus is genuine and strong.

From Followers to Friends Also in the Gospel, Jesus calls Peter and the disciples beyond the teacher-student relationship. Up to this point, he has been their rabbi or "great one" and they have been his followers. He moves from being their rabbi to calling them friends. This marks a deeper level of relationship with Jesus.

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed their feet, showing that he came to serve. This act turned their understanding upside down. Jesus showed that true greatness lies in serving others. Here at the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus calls Peter (and us) to a deep love. This is not a superficial friendship, but a call to give our whole selves to Jesus. Our journey with Jesus also moves from knowledge to deep, lasting commitment.

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Beginning Saturday, May 3rd

The Weekend Holy Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday 5:00 pm **Sunday Mass** 10:00 am



There will be no Children's Liturgy Sunday, May 11 and Sunday, May 18

MUSIC MINISTRY CONTACT UPDATE

ALL SINGERS TAKE NOTE....

We are reviewing the list of email addresses that we send hymn lists to! *If you would like to continue to receive the hymn lists*, please contact Chris Fisher:

chrisandjimalways@live.ca or text 306.814.7280

Deadline is May 11th

STEWARDSHIP

Our Parish grows with your Ministry of Discipleship through Time, Talent and Treasure. If you are discerning to be involved in any of the areas of ministry, please contact:

Linda Maddaford, Stewardship Coordinator, at lmaddaford@live.ca

We would love to have you! Blessings!

Share the Love: Help Fill Our Food Bank!



St. Gerard is encouraging all parishioners to help those facing food insecurity by donating to the food bank. To make giving simple and accessible, our Social Action

Committee has introduced a monthly donation focus. Each month, we'll highlight specific, affordable items to contribute.

For the rest of April and the whole month of May, we ask each parishioner to donate canned fruits and vegetables. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need. Please leave your donations in the designated food collection area. Thank you for your kindness and support!



News from the CWL



May 6 General Meeting at 7pm

News from the Knights of Columbus



May 6 Budget Meeting at 7pm May 8 Bingo – evening – 5.00

May 11 Mother's Day

Start of Baby Bottle Campaign

May 13 General Meeting – election of officers –

following Holy Mass

May 16 Family Prayer – 7.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664. More info: www.kofc-2031.ca



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





Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger in What Catholics Believe as he answers the most asked questions about how Catholics choose a new pope. What is a papal conclave? How does the voting process work? Can someone who isn't a cardinal become pope? Why are cardinals locked in the Sistine Chapel? Learn the fascinating traditions, rules, and the role of the Holy Spirit in the election of a pope.

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Who Was This Man?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Three times, Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words, "You know...". With these words, Peter acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that Jesus knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus but by the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO APRIL 30, 2025

Offertory Collection in April \$26,541.55

Prorated year-to-date offertory \$101,346.18

budget

Actual year-to-date offertory \$95,111.40

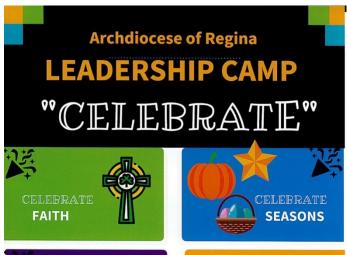
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CELEBRATE
Older Campers
Aug 10 @7pm Aug 13 @ 1pm
Those entering Gr. 10 - U

CELEBRATE
YOUNGER Campers
Aug 14 @1pm Aug 16 @ 1pm
Those entering Gr. 7 - 9

To register: bit.ly/oyyam-camp
COST: \$200 (sponsorship available)
Contact oyyam@archregina.sk.ca with any questions.



Prayer for the Election of a Pope

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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