



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 14th,
2021

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/1pm-4pm

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (15 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (16 th)	7:00pm +Amanda Flores
Wed. (17 th)	9:00am +Merv Todos
	10:00am NURSING HOME SOUTH
	Marcella Fedak
Thurs. (18 th)	9:00am +Walle Head
	2:30pm YORKTON CROSSING
	+Eugene Kuemper
Fri. (19 th)	9:00am +Alex Herchuk
Sat. (20 th)	9:00am Souls in Purgatory
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	5:00pm +Debra Churko
Sun. (21 st)	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	9:00am +John Dernisky
	11:00am Mass for the People

WELCOME BACK!

Please note the following changes for our parish per the **Archdiocese of Regina guidelines** (effective July 11, 2021) and the **Government of Saskatchewan Interim Health Order** (effective September 17, 2021):

- **Masks must be worn at all times until further notice**
- Masks & hand sanitizer will be provided.
- **Please sit in the pews that have hymnals and maintain two metres between households**
- The choir and singing has resumed
- Holy water will not be available in the Baptismal font at this time
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue

Please come! Everyone is welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)



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Lord, I am grateful you keep me safe in your love. You are my hope. Help me to trust you.

- From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and next Sunday we will celebrate the moment of the work of redemption when Christ becomes all in all, as St. Paul would say. It will be the day in which we pray “Thy Kingdom Come”! It is definitely the second coming of Christ. This is an opportunity for us to examine how we get ready for the end of the liturgical year, as well as the end of the world as we know it.

The first reading reminds us what will happen on that day, the end of the world as we know. When we hear these words, each of us must examine ourselves to see what they mean to us. They probably fill us with fear, but they also fill us with hope.

Indeed, the Prophet Daniel speaks of great distress in the world, but St. Michael, as the guardian Archangel of the Church, is watching over us and helping us in all of life’s trials.

It seems the end of the world is something distressing because the world as we know it is about to end. In these moments we must remember the Lord’s promises in the Beatitudes: “*Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven*”. We will gain the Kingdom of Heaven, justice, consolation, and mercy.

The Gospel reminds us that we will not know when Christ will return in glory and that we need to be attentive. When the Son of Man returns in glory his angels will go and gather his elect from everywhere. He encourages us not only to be alert but to persevere as He will leave no disciple behind. When these tribulations occur, he will be close, right at our door.

We don’t know when it will be the end, as Jesus confirms in the Gospel that “*no one knows, neither the Angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father*”. In contemplating the end of the world let us be vigilant, because a little healthy concern keeps us not only alert, but also fills us with hope because even though there will be these final battles, Jesus has already won.

If we continue to follow what Jesus’ message is in the Gospel today, we would see he says, “*Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come*” (Mark 13.33). To “beware, keep alert” means to set the Lord before us always and keep him at our right hand, as we hear in the responsorial Psalm today (Ps 16).

My dear sisters and brothers, we profess our belief in these truths when we pray the Nicene Creed “*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.*”

In order to live Jesus’ message for this week, I would recommend to you three things to do:

- Try to make your personal relationship with God a true priority through daily prayer, ongoing study of our faith, and frequent reception of the sacraments. This is what we can call keeping a healthy “God-life” in each of us.
- To share, with others, the news that Jesus has shared with us. Jesus died not only for those of us who are here today, but also for those who are not. If we don’t tell them the message of Jesus, who will?
- And to follow Jesus’ example in our daily lives. Jesus is honest, courageous, gentle, patient, forgiving, humble, pure, faithful... Every single day he gives us opportunities to learn to follow his example, getting our souls ready for the great adventure of heaven.

Let us do our part to put that knowledge to work by living the present time wisely, through a healthy God-life, a generous sharing of our faith, and a determined effort to follow in Jesus’ way.

Have a blessed weekend and keep warm for winter is upon us.

Fr. Louis Nguyen



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bible Study

begins

Monday, November 29th at 7pm
(lower level hall – please use east entrance)

Contact the Parish Office to register!
306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca



News from the CWL



Membership fees for 2022 will be collected in November.
The fee is remaining the same as last year - \$30.00



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call
Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca



Let's stand with the oppressed in their quest for recognition

In Honduras and Cambodia, organizations supported by Development and Peace are raising the voices of communities oppressed by a model of economic development that violates their rights. The Honduran Center for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC) trains environmental leaders to defend natural resources, the environment and human rights. In Cambodia, Development and Partnership in Action (DPA)'s mission is, in part, to enable communities affected by extractive industries to gain advocacy skills so they can organize and defend their rights.

We can support these partners by recognizing the role we can play in an unjust global system and taking action to change it. This year, the action highlighted by the *People and Planet First* campaign is about holding Canadian companies accountable for their operations abroad - to ensure that Canada is not complicit in the violation of the rights of our brothers and sisters. Get involved at <https://devp.org/en>



Please support the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

The Social Justice Committee is seeking **20 people** who can volunteer on **Thursday, December 2nd** to staff a kettle location. There are **5 locations** across the City of Yorkton where your support is needed! **(4-two-hour time slots times 5 locations = 20 people needed!)**

If you have 2 hours that you can spare from 10am to 6pm please contact Mark Bell at 306.620.6482 or leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



St. Gerard Parish Goal	- \$45,768
Giving to Date	- \$13,305
Percentage of Goal to Date	- 29.1%

The Legacy of Clergy Sexual Abuse: What Can We Do Now? How Can We Help?

Please come and join Bishop Don and the Archdiocesan Core Working Group for Clergy Sexual Abuse, on **November 25th at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this presentation and engaging conversation on the topic of clergy sexual abuse.

If you have any questions or wish to register, please email: victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com



The 2021 Giving Tree Campaign has begun! The program supports less fortunate families, children and needy individuals in our community with personal items, clothing or small presents to be provided for the Christmas Season.

- 1 Take an ornament off the Giving Tree.
- 2 Acquire the item(s) and place in an **OPEN** Christmas gift bag. Please do not wrap the items. **Securely attach the ornament to the gift bag.**
- 3 All items are to be returned to the base of the Giving Tree **by Sunday, December 19th.**



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Do Everything Well
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

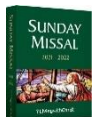
The huge fresco behind the Sistine Chapel altar, *The Last Judgment*, may be the greatest representation of the coming of Christ at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Christ the judge with the Virgin at his side represented in a halo, surrounded by a crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a double crown of swirling bodies. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, all with exquisite attention to detail.

Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the chapel was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings and diplomats at most. The Sistine Chapel would receive less foot traffic in Michelangelo's time than a medium- to small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for God and his patron, the pope.

Similarly, if we act with generosity and love, whether observed by millions or no one, we will follow the path to true freedom and love. We do what is right, not to be seen, but because we want to be true to God, ourselves, and others. Living like this, we will have no reason to fear the Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last Judgment* in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe someday, by more eyes than you ever imagined!

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The **2021-2022 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.

What is a Sunday Missal? It is a book that includes all of the texts of the Sunday Mass (readings, prayers, and responses) as well as traditional Catholic prayers and prayers for specific intentions.

Reading and meditating on the scriptures in the Sunday Missal prior to Sunday Mass is a great way to prepare for the liturgy.

2022 Giving Program

In the next few weeks, the 2022 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2021. If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive a set for 2022, **please complete a Parish Registration Form**, located on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

Have you considered switching from collection envelopes to Pre-Authorized Giving? NOW IS THE TIME!!

Pre-authorized Giving is convenient, assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form** and submit it to the Parish Office. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

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PARISH FUNDRAISER Friday, November 19th 2pm – 5pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies	\$35 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40 (10 dozen)
Cabbage rolls	\$25 (5 dozen)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, perogies and cabbage rolls will be available drive-through only (no walk-ups). Please remain in your vehicle and someone will take your order.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (14th): 1:00pm- Sacrament Preparation
(beginning with Mass)
- Mon. (15th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (Dough-making)
- Tues. (16th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (Pinching)
7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting
- Wed. (17th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (Packaging)
- Thurs. (18th): 7:00pm- RCIA
- Sat. (20th): 9:00am- Sacrament Retreat &
Celebration (Group 1)
1:00pm- Sacrament Retreat &
Celebration (Group 2)

2021 GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN

Submitted by the Social Justice Committee

It is with great enthusiasm that we wish to announce that the St. Gerard's Giving Tree Campaign will begin Saturday, November 13th and will run until Sunday, December 19th.

This will be the sixth year that the Giving Tree Campaign will make the Christmas season a little brighter for needy persons and families in Yorkton and the surrounding area.

Over the years this program has grown significantly. In 2020 we filled the needs of 80 households amounting to over 150 persons and 180 gift items.

The Giving Tree, with parishioner support, helps to make someone's Christmas a little brighter as we provide them with much-needed items. The items range from clothing for members of the household (mitts, scarves, jackets, ski pants for children) to small Christmas toys for children who would not necessarily have these on Christmas morning. Personal toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) for individuals assist those who may not have the financial capacity to purchase these items after purchasing food for their family. Pre-paid phone cards are a gift that helps someone to call family and loved ones to wish them well in the Christmas season.

All of the items that are identified in our Giving Tree Campaign go to needy individuals and households who are supported by one of the following agencies:

SIGN Provides leadership, programs and services that assist, support and empower children, adults and families to achieve lifelong success, leading to strong and caring citizens and communities.

Salvation Army Provides social service programs including hunger relief for individuals and families through food banks and feeding programs, Christmas assistance such as food hampers and toys, and many other programs.

Yorkton Transitional Homes for Youth Provides youth in Yorkton with opportunities for safe, affordable living arrangements, supporting their path to independence.

Shelwin House shelters women and children fleeing abusive relationships and provides them with much-needed support in their time of crisis.

Yorkton & District Nursing Home residents who are without family support greatly appreciate being remembered at Christmastime.

Whitespruce Provincial Training Centre is a reduced custody facility near Orcadia designed to facilitate offender labour market attachment. Offenders are offered higher level vocational skills training to assist them in becoming more employable.

Each of the decorations on the Giving Tree is targeted to the needs of a particular individual. If you are able to acquire all of the items on the decoration (2-3 items), either by yourself or in conjunction with a friend or another family, that's GREAT!

All items are to be returned in an **open** Christmas gift bag **with the tree decoration attached to the bag no later than Sunday, December 19th**. The tree decoration is our tracing mechanism and will assist our committee to make certain that the right gifts get to the right persons.

Thank you for your continued support while making someone's Christmas much brighter!

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Ending Times"

This Week...

Apocalyptic literature is a symbolic, powerful style that is meant to bring hope to the oppressed and to warn those who oppress. Its purpose is not so much to give specific predictions but to describe the future in terms that are familiar to people, terms that often describe glorious events of the past. Both Daniel and Mark use this style of literature in today's readings. Because the end of the liturgical year is upon us (a new year starts with the first Sunday of Advent; next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the year), we are hearing about the end times. In Hebrews Jesus is also described in heaven as if waiting for the end.

For Your Reflection

There is often a lot of talk and frenzy about the end of the world coming. It especially happens with certain natural phenomenon such as comets, eclipses and meteor showers. It's important to understand that Jesus insisted we cannot know the day or the hour that we cannot predict when this will happen. Sometimes unusual events in the heavens are just natural phenomenon for us to enjoy, not to worry about.

- Do you worry about the end of the world? If so, why? If not, why not?
- When you hear talk about predictions of the end of time, how do you feel? What do you say? What do you think about?
- Do you ever worry about dying? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Are you interested in cosmic happenings - planet alignments, comets, stars, and the like? How so?

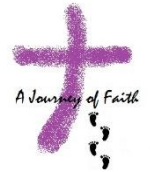
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.

LOST SOMETHING?



Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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