



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 24th, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Established December 11, 1904

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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.



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 25 th	6:00 pm	Cantor Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Musicians & Cantor Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Full Choir Rehearsal
Tues. 26 th		NO MASS
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Committee Meeting
Wed. 27 th	9:00 am	NO MASS
	7:00 pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Thurs. 28 th	9:00 am	Mass +Mike Diakuw
	6:30 pm	First Reconciliation Preparation
Fri. 29 th	8:00 am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00 am	Mass +Benito Kho & +Loreta Naldo
Sat. 30 th	10:00 am	First Reconciliation Retreat
		First Sunday of Advent
Sat. 30 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 1 st	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00am	Mass for the People



Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday	November 30	5pm	1 st Sunday of Advent	<i>Hope</i>
Sunday	December 1	9am & 11am	1 st Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday	December 3	7pm		
Wednesday	December 4	9am		
Thursday	December 5	9am		
		6:30pm	Celebration of First Reconciliation	
Friday	December 6	9am		
Saturday	December 7	5pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent	<i>Love</i>
Sunday	December 8	9am & 11am	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
Monday	December 9	7pm	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Tuesday	December 10	7pm		
Wednesday	December 11	9am		
Thursday	December 12	9am		
		7pm	Advent Penitential Service	
Friday	December 13	9am		
Saturday	December 14	5pm	3 rd Sunday of Advent	<i>Joy</i>
Sunday	December 15	9am & 11am	3 rd Sunday of Advent	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Monday	December 16	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Tuesday	December 17	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Wednesday	December 18	10am	Nursing Home (South Chapel)	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Thursday	December 19	2:30pm	Yorkton Crossing Retirement Living	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Friday	December 20	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Saturday	December 21	5pm	4 th Sunday of Advent	<i>Peace</i>
Sunday	December 22	9am & 11am	4 th Sunday of Advent	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Monday	December 23	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King,
mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray,
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office

RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

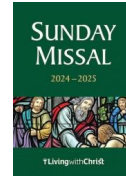
Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date



Advent Penitential Service

Thursday, December 12th @ 7pm

Several priests will be in attendance



The **2024-2025 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area until the middle of January. Quantities limited. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their children for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office.

SIGNS of GRACE™

Sacraments of

First Eucharist and Confirmation preparation will begin in the New Year.

Children who are in Grade 2 and above are invited to participate. If you have not received a registration form, please email the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca

The initial Parent Meeting (attendance is mandatory) is Thursday, January 30 at 6:30pm. The registration fee is due at that time.

If you have any questions please contact Rene and Ophelia (Catechists) at adanerene@gmail.com

**Blessing of Advent Wreaths at each Mass
the First Sunday of Advent
(November 30/December 1)**

Do you have a family Advent wreath that you would like blessed? Bring it to Mass the First Sunday of Advent!

Contact the Parish Office to reserve a set of Advent candles and wreath that you may decorate at home and bring to be blessed the First Sunday of Advent. Limited supply. Cost: \$25.00



News from the CWL



Christmas Potluck Social on Wed., Dec. 4 in the parish hall for CWL Members, Spouses/Significant others, and Widowers of Members who have passed. Social hour will begin at 4:30, supper at 5:30 with a program to follow. Sign-up sheets for attendance and potluck dishes are in the welcome area of the church.

Membership drive weekends on Nov. 23/24 and Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Fees will remain at \$35 for the year. Our local council subsidizes an additional \$7.50 per member, thanks to fundraising efforts and personal donations, to cover the yearly membership fees that are paid to the National council. Fees may be paid in cash, by cheque made out to St. Gerard CWL, or e-transfer to pell@sasktel.net. If your financial institution requires a security answer and question, please use What is this for? and CWLMembership.

Next general meeting is January 7, 2025



News from the Knights of Columbus



November 25 Articles for "The Word" due
November 30 Put up Keep Christ in Christmas - 9.00
Bingo-afternoon-12.00
December 3 General Meeting-after Mass

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

The Social Action Committee is thrilled to present once again, *The Giving Tree*, ready to bring holiday cheer to those most in need.



We invite you to select a tag—or several—and shop for the listed items. When returning your unwrapped gifts, please attach the tag and feel free to use one of our gift bags for an extra touch. Your kindness will bring joy and hope to others this Christmas. Thank you for being a beacon of light in our community this holiday season!



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Your Majesty

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

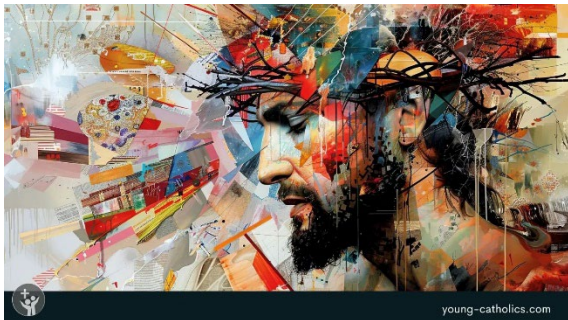
This an interesting form of address. It is not really a title, like Queen or Lord. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, such as “ruler.” It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty, and why do we attribute it to some people?

Originally, people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today’s feast show that Jesus turned upside down the ideas of kingship and royal majesty.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom “dominion, splendor, and kingship” (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man: a heavenly being who comes “amid the clouds” (1:7) as “ruler of the kings of the earth” (1:5).

In the gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It’s clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today’s responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus, not Caesar, is Lord.

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Lord Jesus, King of kings, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Guide us to live in Your truth and love. May we always seek to serve others and honour You as our eternal King. Amen.



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AN ABBY JOHNSON FILM

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WE CAN MAKE
ABORTION
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ABBY JOHNSON

SUNDAY

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WITH ABBY JOHNSON

Is the shocking exposé of the abortion industry and its darkest secrets. After telling her story in the best-selling book *Unplanned* and the subsequent dramatic film of the same name, Abby wanted to dive deeper into her story of transformation from celebrated leader at Planned Parenthood to the outspoken pro-life leader who is now rescuing those with even more horrific experiences than her. Her message is one of bringing the Truth with a call to exemplify the heart of Christ as an army of radical PRO LIFE and PRO LOVE women and men who are called to have the grace and mercy of God even for the wicked.

DECEMBER

15

2024

3:00 PM

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL
280 GLADSTONE AVE. NORTH
YORKTON, SK

TO WATCH THE TRAILER, VISIT: UNTHINKABLEDOC.COM

Archbishop’s Appeal: Alternate Donation Options Amid Canada Post Strike

We recognize that the ongoing Canada Post strike may impact your plans to contribute to this year’s Archbishop’s Appeal, especially as we near the end of the year when many wish to ensure their donations count toward 2024 charitable giving.

To ensure your generous gifts are received in a timely manner, we encourage you to consider alternate donation methods, which can be found online at archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/donate-archbishops-appeal

If you are paying by cheque, please issue it to “**St. Gerard Church**” and place in the collection basket at Mass or drop off during regular office hours. The amount will be included in your 2024 annual charitable donation receipt.



Parish Goal: \$44,216
Raised to date: \$ 8,285