



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 3rd, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 4 th	10:30 am	<i>Funeral Mass ~ Maxine Paydli</i>
Tues. 5 th	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (prep)
	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00 pm	Mass +Anastacio Tan Uy & +Efapania Cajilla
Wed. 6 th	7:30 pm	CWL General Meeting
	7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg
	9:00 am	Mass +Mike & +Mary Diakuw <i>followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
Thurs. 7 th	9:30 am	Perogy Bee (pinching)
	7:00 pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
	8:00 am	Perogy Bee (packaging)
	9:00 am	Mass +Jean Prince
Fri. 8 th	9:30 am	CWL Pudding Bee
	6:30 pm	First Reconciliation Preparation
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (use east entrance)
Sat. 9 th	8:00 am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00 am	Mass +Lorne Perepeluk
Sun. 10 th	7:00 pm	<i>Prayer Vigil ~ Brian Adamiak</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Funeral Mass ~ Brian Adamiak</i>
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sat. 9 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 10 th	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00am	Mass for the People

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

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings invite us to reflect on love, loyalty, and faithfulness. These themes are evident in the commands given in Deuteronomy, the eternal priesthood of Jesus in Hebrews, and Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandments in Mark.

THE LOVE OF THE KINGDOM In Mark, a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus responds by highlighting the importance of loving God and loving our neighbour. He tells the scribe, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God," showing that this kind of love is essential for the Kingdom.

For the Kingdom of God to flourish, we need to embrace this love that Jesus teaches. It's a love that looks beyond ourselves and reaches out to others. This love must be evident in our actions and relationships.

Jesus' emphasis on love as central to the Kingdom challenges us. It calls us to examine our own lives and see how we can better live out this commandment. Through this, we can help build God's Kingdom here on earth.

FAITHFUL LOVE IN JESUS' MESSAGE Jesus could have focused on many aspects of His nature, such as His wisdom or power. Instead, He emphasizes a faithful and steadfast love. This is the love that He shares perfectly with the Father and calls us to imitate.

Jesus shows us that faithful love is at the heart of His message. This love is constant and does not waver, even in difficult times. It is the kind of love that He has for us and wants us to show to one another.

By focusing on this faithful love, Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship with Him and with others. We are called to reflect this love in our daily lives, striving to be faithful in all that we do. This is the love that builds up the community and reflects the heart of Jesus' teachings.

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FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28b-34 *Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.*

As Christians, our moral behavior is guided by the two-part commandment taught by Jesus in today's Gospel: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Many of us learned to use this framework as an examination of conscience. By examining our lives through the lens of these commandments, we have learned that the challenge of these commandments is not in our desire to follow them but in our capacity to consistently honor these commandments in our daily lives.

For one week, identify and collect news reports of how Christians show their love for God by loving and serving their neighbor. Clip these news items and share what you have heard when you gather as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 12:28b-34. Talk about ways in which your family might contribute to the examples of Christian service you found. Choose one of these actions to do together as a family. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help us show love to our family members and friends. Pray together the Act of Love (see page 4).

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FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 16, 2024
10am to 12 noon
St. Gerard Parish Hall

Please pre-register by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449.

Presentations by:

Ray Bailey, Licensed Funeral Director
Michael Penner, Purple Shield Representative
Rev. Sathi Antony, Pastor at St. Gerard Parish

9:30am Refreshments
Lunch will be provided (free-will offering)

All are welcome to attend!



News from the CWL



November 5 General Meeting following 7pm Mass
November 10 CWL Ministry Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass.



News from the Knights of Columbus



November 5 Combined Planning & General Meeting after Mass
November 9 Bingo-afternoon-12.00
November 12 Knights & CWL Memorial Mass-7.00
November 15 Family Prayer-7.00
November 17 Parish Family Brunch-after both Masses

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The page has been updated. Check it out.



The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign Needs Volunteers

St Gerard Parish has committed to help on Dec 18, from 10am-6pm at the following locations: Parkland Mall, Save On Foods, Real Canadian Superstore and Walmart.

We need volunteers to do **two-hour shifts** and are very much in **need** of new volunteers this year! The kettles are the Salvation Army's main fundraiser and funds that are received support all their initiatives for the year.

Please text/call Bernadette at 306-782-0109 or Jenny at 306-620-2848 to book your shift. Must be 16 years to man a kettle.

Food Banks need your help! Across Canada food banks have provided food security and nutritious meals to more than 2 Million people, including those living in the City of Yorkton. We can all support the food banks locally by bringing a non-perishable food item and placing it in the Food Bank chest located in the Welcome Area.

As we approach the Christmas season and the New Year, let's all support the needy in our community.

[Food items donated at St. Gerard are given to the Salvation Army and the Soup Haven Lunch Program.]

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

There is a Book of Remembrance, located on a table in the Welcome Area, where you may write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends. We will keep them in our prayers during Masses in November.



Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary? Would you like to be prayed for by name at Mass? If so, please contact the Parish Office.



Parish Goal: \$ \$44,216

FINANCIAL REPORT TO OCT. 31, 2024

Offertory Collection in October	\$22,701.72
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$234,019.33
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$235,664.68
Offertory Collection Surplus @ 10/31	\$1,645.35



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Take to Heart These Words

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

"Hear, O Israel!" (Deuteronomy 6:4) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of "pledge of allegiance" that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it, they confess that the Lord is their God—their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God's personal name. In its place, they substitute the word Lord. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: "I will be your God and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God's people, they will live according to the standards established by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their hearts, souls, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What Jesus did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. "Hear, O Israel! ... Take to heart these words" (Deuteronomy 6:4, 6).

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Dear God...

Help us to continue to keep
the memories of our loves ones alive
by living out the gifts and virtues
we treasured so much in their lives.

May our remembrance of them in this way
help their spirit to live on in us,
and may the virtues contribute
to building your kingdom here on earth.

Amen.



Eternal Father,
I offer you the most precious blood of
your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with
the Masses said throughout the world
today, for all the Holy Souls in
purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for
sinners in the universal Church, those in
my own home and within my family.
Amen.

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Christmas in November Update Saturday November 23rd

The "Christmas in November" Bake Sale and Raffle happens Saturday November 23rd from 11 AM till 2PM. Raffle tickets are now available for pick up and sale at the table at the back of the church. Please consider taking a book to sell to friends and neighbours. The return date for all tickets sold or unsold is Thursday November 21st and can be returned to the church office.

For those wishing to provide cookies, cakes or fresh baking, drop off information will be provided in future updates. Please consider providing a dozen or 2 of your best cookies or a batch of fresh buns, breads or rolls.

If you cannot attend this year and wish to support this event through a free-will offering, please place into an envelope marked 'Christmas in November' and place in the collection basket or drop off at the office.

All monies generated from this worthwhile event will be used to help the church's good works. Thank you for your continued support.

~Submitted by Mark Bell,
Christmas in November Committee Chairperson

St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.</i></p>					<p>1 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 9:30am Mass at St. Gerard with St. Alphonsus School 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass</p>	<p>2 ALL SOULS' DAY 10:30am Annual Memorial Mass NAME TAG SUNDAY 5pm Mass</p>
<p>3 31st Sunday OT NAME TAG SUNDAY 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	4	<p>5 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm Mass 7:30pm CWL Meeting 7:30pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg</p>	<p>6 9am Mass 9:30am Perogy Bee 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9am Mass 9:30am CWL Pudding Bee 6:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>8 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	<p>9 5pm Mass</p>
<p>10 32nd Sunday OT 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	<p>11 REMEMBRANCE DAY  Lest we forget</p>	<p>12 7pm Knights of Columbus & CWL Memorial Mass</p>	<p>13 9am Mass 9:30am Perogy Bee 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14 9am Mass 6:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session</p>	<p>15 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass 7pm Family Prayer</p>	<p>16 10am Funeral Planning Workshop 2pm Social Action Potluck & Giving Tree Setup 5pm Mass</p>
<p>17 33rd Sunday OT 9am Mass 11am Mass Knights of Columbus Parish Family Brunch following each Mass 2pm YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING</p>	18	<p>19 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Liturgy Meeting</p>	<p>20 9am Mass 10am Mass at Nursing Home (South) 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21 9am Mass 2:30pm Mass at Yorkton Crossing 6:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p>22 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	<p>23 11am "Christmas in November" Fundraiser 5pm Mass</p>
<p>24 FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	<p>25 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p>27 9am Mass 10am Mass at Nursing Home (North) 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>28 9am Mass 6:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session</p>	<p>29 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	<p>30 10am First Reconciliation Retreat NAME TAG SUNDAY 5pm Mass</p>

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER.....

Saturday, November 16

Funeral Planning Workshop

Please pre-register by contacting the Parish Office at 306.782.2449

Giving Tree Campaign

Potluck at 2pm followed by setting up the Giving Tree. Many hands are needed! Read the bulletin next week for details and contact information.

Sunday, November 17

Youth Ministry Gathering

Parish Youth are invited to come to the initial gathering. Meet Scott and Colleen, our new Youth Ministers! Please use the south entrance. More details to follow....

Saturday, November 23

"Christmas in November" Fundraiser

Check out the information in the Parish bulletin!

Sunday, November 24

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING)

Sunday, December 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessing of Advent Wreaths at each Mass

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

Read the bulletin next week for information on how to purchase a set of Advent candles and wreath from the Parish Office that you can decorate at home and bring to be blessed. Limited supply.