



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

October 13th, 2024

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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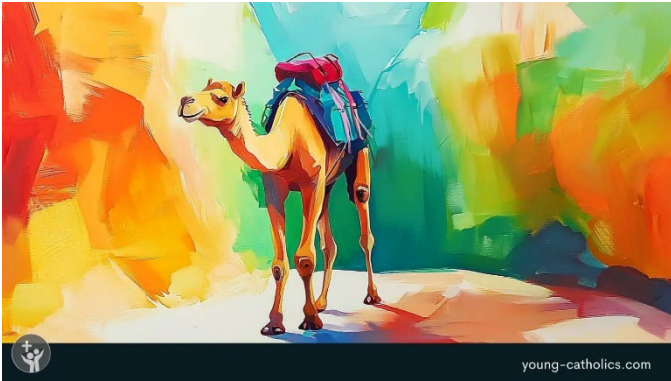
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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.



ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 14 th	5:30 pm	Rosary Prayer & St. Gerard Novena
Tues. 15 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & St. Gerard Novena
	7:00 pm	Mass Keith & Debbie Hayward
Wed. 16 th		Feast of Saint Gerard, Our Parish Patron
	9:00 am	Cabbage Roll Bee
	10:00 am	Mass at Nursing Home (South) +Gordon Jackson
	6:30 pm	Mass for the People
	7:00 pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Thurs. 17 th	9:00 am	Mass +Loretta Antosh
	2:30 pm	Mass at Yorkton Crossing Mary Ryhorski
	6:30 pm	First Reconciliation Preparation (Parish Hall)
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (lower level)
Fri. 18 th	8:00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:00 am	Mass +Elizabeth Adamiak
	7:00 pm	Family Prayer
		Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat. 19 th	4:30 pm	Rosary Prayer
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 20 th	8:30 am	Rosary Prayer
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00am	Mass for the People
		Parish Family Brunch following each Sunday Mass



The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B call us to seek wisdom, embrace God's word, and detach from worldly possessions. These teachings guide us on the path of discipleship and lead us to a deeper relationship with God. May we open our hearts to these messages and grow in our faith and commitment to Jesus.

VALUE OF WISDOM In the first reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Solomon prays for wisdom, asking for it above all other things. He says that wisdom is more valuable than power, wealth, and even health. This teaches us that true wisdom comes from God and is more precious than anything we can possess.

Solomon's choice shows that seeking God's wisdom should be our priority. Worldly riches and honors are temporary and can lead us away from God. But wisdom helps us live according to God's will and leads us to eternal life.

As we reflect on Solomon's prayer, let us ask God to grant us wisdom. Let us value it above all else and use it to guide our decisions and actions. Wisdom will help us to live faithfully and grow closer to God.

LIVING WORD OF GOD The second reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B from Hebrews tells us that God's word is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. This reminds us of the power of God's word in our lives.

God's word is not just written text; it is active and speaks to us personally. It reveals our innermost thoughts and guides us in the right path. We must read and reflect on the Scriptures, allowing them to shape our hearts and minds.

By embracing God's word, we let it guide our lives. It helps us discern right from wrong and keeps us on the path of righteousness. Let us commit to regular reading of the Bible, so we can grow in our understanding and love for God's word.

DETACHMENT FROM RICHES In the Gospel reading Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. This is a difficult command, but it highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches.

The young man is saddened because he has many possessions. Jesus' words show us that clinging to wealth can hinder our relationship with God. True discipleship requires letting go of material attachments and trusting fully in Jesus.

Jesus assures His disciples that while it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope. If we trust in God and seek His help, we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from following Jesus fully.

PRAYER Lord, grant us wisdom to seek Your will above all else. Help us to embrace Your word and detach from worldly possessions. Guide us in our journey of faith, so we may follow You faithfully and reach eternal life. 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

The Liturgy Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in our first Name Tag Sunday last weekend.

Many thanks to the volunteers in charge of the Name Tags, to the Family, Community and Social Committee for making the arrangements for refreshments after each Mass, and to Father Antony and Sandra for their help and guidance.

We were very pleased with the Parish's response to our first "Name Tag Sunday". We will continue with this event the **first Sunday of every month.**



All-Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm

The next rehearsal is October 28th
(Please use south entrance)

****Liturgical Ministries Workshop****

**Thursday, October 24th at 7pm to 9pm or
Saturday, October 26th at 10am to noon.**

For all current ministers as well as those who would like to find out more about becoming a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, Minister of Hospitality, Sacristan. If you require childcare, please contact the Parish Office.



News from the CWL



Thank you to all who donated jars and lids for our Christmas Pudding Project. We appreciate your generosity. Preparation of the pudding has begun with two more preparation dates to follow – October 21 and November 4. Sale of the pudding will begin on November 9 and 10 at the weekend Masses. Get your pudding early as it sells out fast!

November 5 General Meeting following 7pm Mass
November 10 CWL Ministry Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. Please contact Deanna/Christine if you are available to volunteer for one of the ministries.



News from the Knights of Columbus



October 18 Family prayer – 7.00
October 19 Parish Family yard cleanup – 9.00
All who need help with your fall yard cleanup please call Arnel at 306.620.9613
October 20 Parish Brunch – after each Mass
Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

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



Are you a Christian (baptized in another tradition besides Catholic) interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?

Are you baptized Catholic in need of celebrating Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion? Are you not baptized yet have interest in the possibility of becoming a baptized Catholic Christian?

If you are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family. If you are a Catholic, still thinking of deepening your Faith?

If you have questions about the Church, God, and your faith, if you are struggling with doubts about God, if you are just curious about where God may be leading you, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Take Your Pick

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal toward which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

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Yorkton-Melville Deanery Pastoral Council

Presents:

LIVING HOPE

1. **Dying & Death: Then What?** ~ Virginia Battiste, Hospital Chaplain (Ret.)
2. **Emmaus Support Mental Health Ministry: Walking Together as Caregivers** – Peer Support Ministry ~ Mr. Deacon Eric & Mrs. Melissa Gurash

Saturday, October 26, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Henry's Church, 729 Main Street, Melville, SK

REGISTRATION: \$20/person—includes Lunch.

DEADLINE: October 23, 2024

For Information/to Register:

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Christmas in November Update Saturday November 23rd

Preparations for St. Gerard's 3rd annual Christmas in November Raffle and Bake Sale are underway. Raffle tickets will be available before and after masses starting October 12th. This year there will be 7 baskets for raffle, each valued at over \$200.

Cabbage rolls, perogies and spring rolls will be available as will a delicious choice of freshly prepared jams and jellies.

Parishioners are asked to donate a pan or 2 of squares or 1 or 2 dozen cookies to support this worthwhile event. Bakers wishing to provide fresh homemade baked breads or buns can also support our parish. Details for item drop off will be provided at a future date.

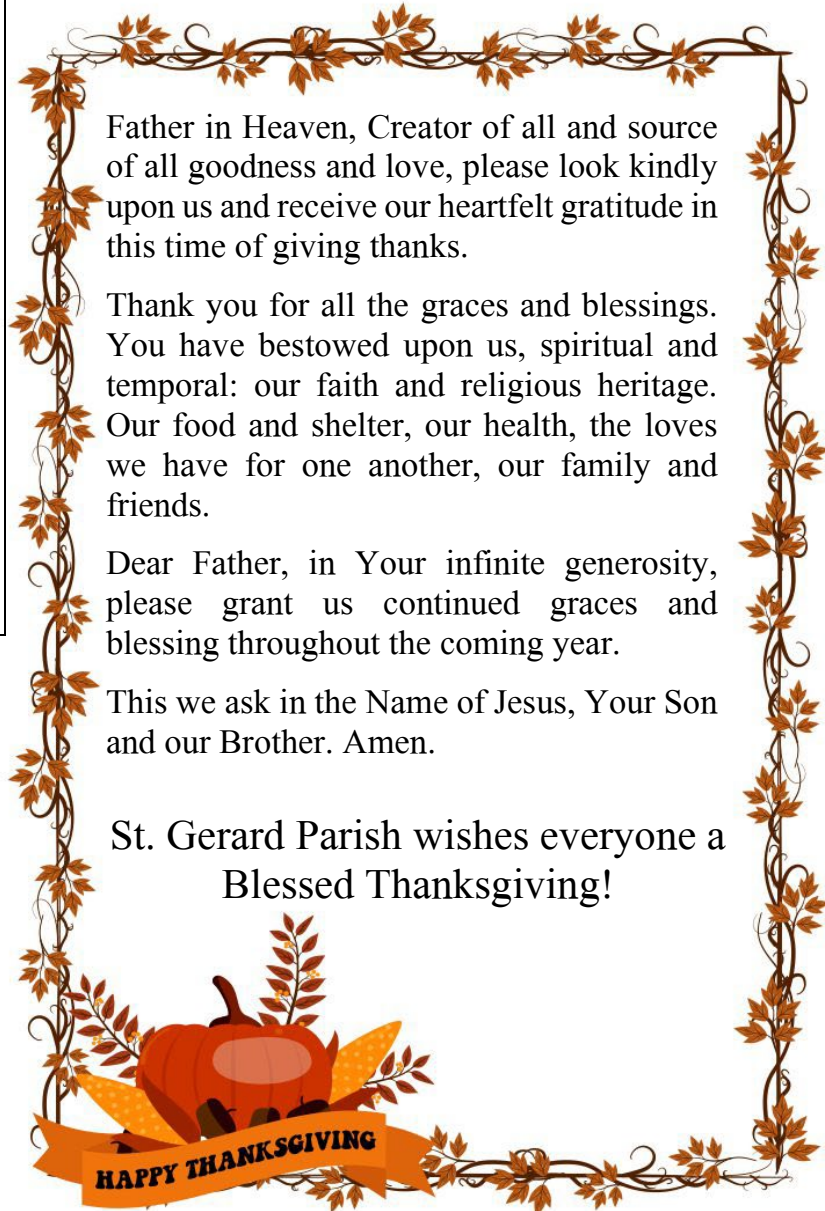
Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

St. Gerard Parish wishes everyone a
Blessed Thanksgiving!



GRATEFUL TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

From a treatise on Prayer and Praise by Saint Ambrose, bishop

Pray especially for the whole body of the Church.

Offer God a sacrifice of praise and fulfill your vows to the Most High. If you praise God, you offer your vow and fulfill the promise you have made. So the Samaritan leper, healed by the Lord's word of command, gained greater credit than the other nine; he alone returned to Christ, praising God and giving thanks. Jesus said of him: *There was no one to come back and thank God except this foreigner.* He tells him: *Stand up and go on your way, for your faith has made you whole.*

The Lord Jesus, in his divine wisdom, taught you about the goodness of the Father, who knows how to give good things, so that you might ask for the things that are good from Goodness itself. He urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance. Lengthy prayers are usually filled with empty words, while neglect of prayer results in indifference to prayer.

Again, Christ urges you, when you ask forgiveness for yourself, to be especially generous to others, so that your actions may commend your prayer. The Apostle, too, teaches you how to pray; you must avoid anger and contentiousness, so that your prayer may be serene and wholesome. He tells you also that every place is a place of prayer, though our Savior says: *Go into your room.*

But by "room" you must understand, not a room enclosed by walls that imprison your body, but the room that is within you, the room where you hide your thoughts, where you keep your

affections. This room of prayer is always with you, wherever you are, and it is always a secret room, where only God can see you.

You are told to pray especially for the people, that is, for the whole body, for all its members, the family of your mother the Church; the badge of membership in this body is love for each other. If you pray only for yourself, you pray for yourself alone. If each one prays for himself, he received less from God's goodness than the one who prays on behalf of others. But as it is, because each prays for all, all are in fact praying for each one.

To conclude, if you pray only for yourself, you will be praying, as we said, for yourself alone. But if you pray for all, all will pray for you, for you are included in all. In this way there is a great recompense; through the prayers of each individual, the intercession of the whole people is gained for each individual. There is here no pride, but an increase of humility and a richer harvest from prayer.

Please read Psalm 50.