



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Twenty-ninth 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 Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

#### ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup>		CWL Christmas Pudding Prep. <i>Rosary Prayer</i>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	
Tues. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 pm	Perogy Bee (Preparation)
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> +Randy Billay <i>followed by Pastoral Council Mtg</i>
Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Irene Prince <i>followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Perogy Bee (Pinching)
	10:00 am	<b>Mass at Nursing Home (North)</b> +Rosalie Woloschuk
	7:00 pm	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Donna Olshewski
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Liturgical Ministries Workshop</b>
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Claude Slogocki
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Liturgical Ministries Workshop</b>
		<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<i>Rosary Prayer</i>
	5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> for the People
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<i>Rosary Prayer</i>
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> 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



The readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B teach us about service, humility, and true leadership. These themes are found in the words of Isaiah, the letter to the Hebrews, and the Gospel of Mark. Reflecting on these passages helps us understand our role as followers of Christ.

**SUFFERING SERVANT** Isaiah 53:10-11 describes a servant who suffers for others. This servant takes on pain and sorrow to bring healing and forgiveness. This passage points to Jesus, who willingly suffered to save us from our sins.

Jesus's suffering was not in vain. By His wounds, we are healed. His sacrifice shows the depth of His love for us and calls us to love others in the same way. We are called to bear one another's burdens and share in their suffering.

In our lives, we will face challenges and suffering. Following Jesus's example, we should embrace these moments as opportunities to grow in love and service. By doing so, we reflect the love of Christ to those around us.

**CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD** Hebrews 4:14-16 speaks of Jesus as our high priest. He understands our weaknesses because He faced the same temptations. Because of this, we can approach God with confidence, knowing we will receive mercy.

Jesus is not distant or unapproachable. He knows what it is like to be human. He sympathizes with our struggles and is always ready to help us.

We are encouraged to draw near to God in prayer. Trusting in Jesus's understanding and mercy, we can find strength and grace in our times of need. Jesus, our high priest, bridges the gap between us and God.

**TRUE GREATNESS IN SERVICE** In Mark 10:35-45, James and John ask Jesus for positions of honor. Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from serving others. He came not to be served but to serve and give His life for many.

Jesus's response turns worldly ideas of power and authority upside down. True leadership in the Kingdom of God is about humility and service, not seeking honour for oneself. He calls us to follow His example.

This lesson challenges us to examine our desires and ambitions. Are we seeking personal glory, or are we willing to serve others selflessly? True greatness is found in humility and service, as shown by Jesus.

**PRAYER** Lord Jesus, help us to follow Your example of humble service. Teach us to love others as You love us. Give us the strength to serve selflessly and seek Your Kingdom above all. Amen.



## All-Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.  
6pm to 8pm

**The next rehearsal is October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Please use south entrance)*

### \*\*\*Liturgical Ministries Workshop\*\*\*

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

PLEASE USE CHURCH ENTRANCE

*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.*

*Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided.*

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am**  
(All Souls' Day)

Through the lighting of memorial candles, we will remember, by name, each of the people whose funeral was celebrated at St. Gerard Parish during the past year.

As well, there will be an opportunity for all in attendance to light a candle for a deceased loved one or friend.

Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful and moving liturgy. A light lunch will follow the Mass.

## November Memorial Display

As is our custom at St. Gerard, there will be a Memorial Display at the back of the church where parishioners may display funeral cards of their deceased loved ones. Please place the cards on the table and someone will display them for you.

Also, there will be a Book of Remembrance where you may write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends. We will keep them in our prayers during Masses in November.



## 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



*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## Christmas in November Update Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The "Christmas in November" Bake Sale and Raffle happens Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and can be returned to the church office. Raffle baskets will be on display commencing October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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



Parish Goal: \$ \$44,216





Bringing Home  
the Word **+**

## Can You Drink the Cup?

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honour. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish... my servant, the just one, shall justify the many..." (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role? Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

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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

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## FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 10.35-45 Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.*

In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death.

Invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. After reading the Gospel, talk with your family about Jesus' unique message to his disciples about how they are to exercise authority. Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life. Conclude by praying we may receive honour in God's eyes by learning to serve others in love.

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