



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Thirty-first 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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*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

Tues. (1<sup>st</sup>)      **ALL SAINTS DAY**  
7:00pm +Carlos & +Elena Espino

Wed.(2<sup>nd</sup>)      **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**  
**10:00am** +Alexis Misa  
7:00pm +Romeo Odsigue

Thurs.(3<sup>rd</sup>)      9:00am +Alex & +Agnes Wirl  
2:30pm **GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES**  
+Joseph Paydli

Fri. (4<sup>th</sup>)      9:00am +Janet Gress  
7:00pm *Annual Memorial Mass*

Sat. (5<sup>th</sup>)      9:00am +Rev. Peter Thang Nguyen  
1:00pm *Matsalla-Malishesky Wedding*

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5:00pm +Mike & +Mary Diakuw  
6:30pm *Mass after Sacrament Prep*  
Adam Rieger

Sun. (6<sup>th</sup>) **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00am Mass for the People  
11:00am +Joseph Paydli

### SACRAMENTS

**Infant Baptism:** Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

**RCIA:** For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

**Matrimony:** Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

**Anointing:** Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



#### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

**Stay Connected Online!**

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Merciful God, help us to be like Zacchaeus, who was eager to know Jesus; and like Jesus, who noticed those whom others shunned. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

## In Touch with the Word

### Zacchaeus

#### Scripture:

- Wisdom 11.22-12.1. God made the whole world, and God loves all of us, even forgiving us when we sin.
- 2 Thessalonians 1.11-2.2. May God make you worthy of what you are called to do, so God's name might be glorified.
- Luke 19.1-10. Jesus calls Zacchaeus down from a tree so they can dine together. Zacchaeus, a tax collector, proclaims a promise to be fair and honest in his work.

#### Theme:

God created us, God calls us forth to be our best, and God loves us, even when we sin. Like Zacchaeus, we can begin again and keep our promise to do better. We are always forgiven.

#### Reflection:

Zacchaeus obviously wanted to see Jesus, because he climbed a tree in order to see better. Jesus must have recognized his determination, because he picked him out right away, much to the disappointment of the crowd who regarded Zacchaeus as a sinner.

- Sometimes we know we need help with something, so we put ourselves in the position of being noticed. It is subtler and safer than asking outright. When have you wanted someone to help you with something, but instead of asking directly, you either dropped hints or you allowed the other person to observe or learn about your situation? Did it work? Did you get the help you wanted, or did you then have to try a more direct approach?
- When has someone else given you a hint of needing help? Did you help? Or were you not observant enough to pick up on the hint?

Zacchaeus was chosen by Jesus. He heard the crowd's accusations about him, assessed their truth, and proclaimed his intention to amend his ways. Jesus believed him and affirmed that salvation had come to his house. It was a moment of conversion for Zacchaeus and for the crowd. Zacchaeus learned he was worthy and so did everyone else.

- When was your "worth" affirmed or acknowledged by others? What were the circumstances, and what was that like for you? What "truth" is difficult for you to hear? How could you put the hearing of this truth into action in your daily life?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006

## THE BURDEN OF JUDGEMENT

Imagine having no need at all to judge anybody. Imagine having no desire to decide whether someone is a good or bad person. Imagine being completely free from the feeling that you have to make up your mind about the morality of someone's behavior. Imagine that you could say: "I am judging no one!"

Imagine — wouldn't that be true inner freedom? . . . But we can only let go of the heavy burden of judging others when we don't mind carrying the light burden of being judged!

Can we free ourselves from the need to judge others? Yes, by claiming for ourselves the truth that we are the Beloved Daughters and Sons of God. As long as we continue to live as if we are what we do, what we have, and what other people think about us, we will remain filled with judgements, opinions, evaluations, and condemnations. We will remain addicted to the need to put people and things in their "right" place. To the degree that we embrace the truth that our identity is not rooted in our success, power, or popularity, we can let go of our need to judge. "Do not judge so that you may not be judged; for with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get" (Matthew 7:1).



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

The next Baptism Preparation Session is planned for early 2023. To register, please email the Parish Office. [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

### Ecumenical (Non-denominational)

#### Prayer Service

*for those experiencing grief and loss*

The first Wednesday of each month at 3pm,  
***beginning Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>***

St. Gerard Church  
125 Third Ave N, Yorkton

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Everyone welcome!

## FAMILY CONNECTION

### ALL SAINTS

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favourite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

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## News from the CWL



The regular CWL monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2 in the CWL room following the 7 pm "All Souls' Day" Mass. Also, all members are invited to attend the K of C/CWL Memorial Mass on Wed., Nov. 9 at 5:30 pm, followed by the banquet. Tickets for the banquet are \$25.00/person and must be purchased by Wed., Nov. 2



## News from the Knights of Columbus



### Bingos will resume in the near future.

October 31	Rosary for Life at 5:30pm
November 2	Combined Meeting at 7:00pm
November 9	Memorial Mass at 5.30pm followed by supper in Hall

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



The Knights of Columbus will be selling 2023 Parish Calendars in November! Only \$5.00 each! Watch the bulletin for sale dates.

## CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER UPDATE

Plans for our Christmas in November event scheduled for November 26, 2022 are proceeding. Raffle tickets are available before and after Saturday / Sunday mass at the church entrance. To clarify comments received we are asking parishioners to donate a pan of squares or cookies and an item for the bake table. These items can be dropped off at the parish hall the week of November 21 to 24<sup>th</sup>. Items can be delivered Monday to Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 7:00 PM.

*- Submitted by Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chairperson*

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$ 46,774  
Amount Raised to Date: \$ 4,360 (9.3%)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (31 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00am- Perogy Bee (dough)
Tues. (1 <sup>st</sup> ):	9:00am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
Wed. (2 <sup>nd</sup> ):	9:00am- Perogy Bee (packaging) 7:00pm- K of C Combined Meeting 7:30pm- CWL General Meeting
Thurs. (3 <sup>rd</sup> ):	6:00pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg. (Meeting Room A)
Sat. (5 <sup>th</sup> ):	5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (Parish Hall)

Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem and passes through the town of Jericho. His intention was to move right through town, yet when he catches sight of Zacchaeus, he stops. Jesus was on the move, yet not so obsessed with plans and objectives that he didn't notice the needy soul of Zacchaeus peering down upon him from the branches of a sycamore tree.

Part of being an apostle of Christ is having a heart that is always attuned to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. We cannot be so consumed with our plans that we miss opportunities to attend to those on our path. Zacchaeus was a public sinner, a publican, a man among the hated tax collectors and collaborators of the Romans. Rather than a person to visit he was, for the Jews, someone to be shunned. Not for Jesus! He came to seek and save the lost. And Zacchaeus wanted to be found. He was so driven to see Jesus, he made himself look ridiculous by climbing a tree, admitting to his short stature and curiosity.

How many souls along our path are showing their unquenchable thirst to discover Jesus and, even more, to be discovered by him? Some, while amassing worldly riches, realize their deep hunger can only be satisfied by something else. Only spiritual goods can satiate the Spirit. Let's be willing to go off-road and facilitate these encounters with Jesus—of course, after we ourselves have been encountered by him.

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### A Day for Prayers, Remembering

When I first arrived in Dublin, Ireland, to study, it was suggested that I visit the National Leprechaun Museum. Sure that I would not enjoy it, I didn't give it much thought. In a few months, I was given a research desk with other doctoral students, including one whom I later discovered worked in the Leprechaun Museum. When I asked about the museum, he told me it was created to preserve and catalog the old Irish folktales before they were lost or forgotten.

A couple of months later, a storyteller from the museum made a presentation to the university's Theological Society on how the Irish celebrated and understood Halloween. He told us it was the day when it was considered that the souls were the closest to the physical realm, and households would perform certain rituals so the souls would be at peace. The rituals also acknowledged the closeness of death. When the nights are growing longer, and light seems momentary, a culture turns to nature as a way of reminding themselves of death. Halloween, the Solemnity of All Saints, and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), it seems to me, are popularly held closely together. We remember those who have gone before us: the good, the holy (the saints), and the seemingly ordinary person (all souls). This memory is alive in the Church, perhaps in household customs (such as those in parts of Ireland), and in nature itself.

In some ways, the close connection makes a lot of sense. On November 1, we remember all those who have gone before us who imitated and participated in Christ's holiness. They now remind us, pray for us, show us that holiness is obtainable and that we are called to imitate and participate in Christ's holiness. On All Souls' Day, we pray for all the faithful who have passed before us. We also recognize the need presently to pray to God for empowerment to live Christ's holiness.

A good lens to the day is either of the options of the Second Reading (Romans 5:5–11 or Romans 6:3–9). Sin prevents us from flourishing, prevents unity with God and with one another. Both readings address the need to turn away from sin, to turn to God who in Christ saved us from sin so that we may live imbued with God's holiness. We live in hope that we might, like the saints, live in true unity with God and one another.

From the day when the Commemoration for the All the Faithful Departed was first celebrated in the tenth century, there has been a focus on prayers for all who have died. Unlike a funeral liturgy, during which prayers are for a particular person as he/she transitions to renewed life in Christ, All Souls' Day is about *everyone* who has gone before us. This feast, then, is both a reminder of our need to pray for and be healed by God's merciful love and a day to be reminded of those of us who have died, asking for the healing of all who await the fullness of unity with God's merciful love.

While we may not always think of leprechauns on All Souls' Day, we may be reminded of the importance of keeping the memory alive of the significant stories and people who have gone before us—whether saints or other souls. As Christian disciples, our important heritage is always rooted in the call toward God's holiness, shown to us by Christ Jesus, his holiness imitated by the saints, and which, it is hoped, we are empowered to imitate and participate in.