



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

September 15th, 2024

Twenty-fourth 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'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 16 th		NO MASS
Tues. 17 th	9:30 am	Mass with St. Mary's School at St. Gerard
	6:00 pm	Mass +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
	6:00 pm	Children's Liturgy Training (lower level)
	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00 pm	Mass Mary Bybliw
Wed. 18 th	9:00 am	Mass +Marian Belitsky
	10:00 am	<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	1:00 pm	Mass at Nursing Home (South)
		+Jack Junek
		Mass at St. Paul's School
		Austin Hollinger
Thurs. 19 th	9:00 am	Mass +Eunice Nagy
	2:30 pm	Mass at Yorkton Crossing
		+Christopher Gray
	6:00 pm	Children's Liturgy Training (lower level)
	6:00 pm	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Fri. 20 th NEW	8:00 am	Mass +Bruce Wonchulanko
	9:00 am	<i>Knights of Columbus Family Prayer</i>
	7:00 pm	

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 21 st	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 22 nd	9:00 am	Mass for the People
		<i>followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>
	11:00am	Mass for the People
		<i>followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading Mark 8.27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 8:31-35. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. Conclude by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 116.

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UNLOCKING THE JOY OF THANKFULNESS



Psalm 116 is a prayer of gratitude to God. It expresses deep thanks for His help during times of trouble. The psalmist had faced serious difficulties, even to the point of death. But God listened to his cries and rescued him. This psalm is a way of saying thank you to God for His saving help.

The psalm begins by **declaring love for God** because He hears our prayers. The psalmist recalls how God saved him from distress and sorrow. He acknowledges that God is merciful and just. This recognition of God's care leads to a promise to stay faithful and continue to call on Him.

In the second part of the psalm, the writer expresses a **desire to repay God for His goodness**. He speaks of fulfilling vows and offering sacrifices of thanks. The psalmist wants to share his gratitude publicly, in the presence of all God's people. This shows the importance of community in worship and thanksgiving.

Psalm 116 is a reminder to **trust God in difficult times**. It teaches us to be grateful when God helps us through our troubles. The psalm encourages us to keep our promises to God and to express our thanks openly. It is a prayer that strengthens our relationship with God and with others.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Infant Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion for children Please contact the Parish Office

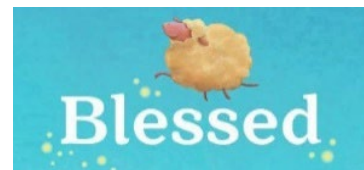
SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing Please contact the Parish Office. *After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323*

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATIONS

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



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

(For children who have already received First Holy Communion)

PARENTS MEETING (MUST ATTEND)
Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm

Registration and \$40 fee are due at the meeting. (A family rate is now available! Email office@stgerard.ca for more info.)

Frequently asked questions.....

“My child is in Grade 2. Can she attend the First Reconciliation Preparation?”

*At St. Gerard Parish the First Reconciliation Program is offered to children who have **already received** First Holy Eucharist.*

“My child is in Grade 2. When will the preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist begin?”

The initial Parent Meeting and registration for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist Program is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 6th. For families of who are registered with St. Gerard Parish and who have a child in Grade 2, there will be an email sent in January with further details.

All sessions will be held Thursday evenings.

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, etc.

Childcare will be provided.



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.

ST. GERARD (Our Parish Patron)

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16

As a Parish Family, we will pray the **St. Gerard Novena**:

October 7-11	7:00 pm
October 12	4:30 pm
October 13	8:30 am
	10:30 am
October 14	7:00 pm
October 15	6:00 pm



Bringing Home the Word

Faith or Works?

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa. It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

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Children's Liturgy

We need more volunteers to keep this program running. Please attend one of the training sessions in the Lower Level (use EAST entrance):

Tues. Sept. 17th at 6pm
Thurs. Sept. 19th at 6pm

If you are unable to make any of these dates, please email prost.litz@hotmail.com and we will try to arrange an alternate time for training.



News from the CWL



Christmas Pudding Project Do you have quart sealers that we can use? They can be placed by the CWL Room door in the lower level.



News from the Knights of Columbus



September 22 Parish Family Brunch
September 25 Articles for The Word due
September 26 Bingo-evening
September 27 Family Prayer Night-7.00
September 28 Exemplification-after Mass

The Knights of Columbus would like to remind those with Charity appeal ticket to please return by the end of Sept. Return to Ted Osicki or Henry Kweens, or put in to a envelope marked K of C and drop in the collection!

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

A Prayer of Trust and Thanks (Based on Psalm 116)

Lord, you hear me when I call out to you.
When I feel lost, you are there.
When I am scared, you calm my heart.
Thank you for listening to my prayers.

When life is hard, help me trust in you.
When I face challenges, remind me you are near.

Give me strength to keep going.
Help me remember that you always care.

I want to thank you for your help.
For the times you have saved me,
For the moments you gave me peace,
I am grateful, Lord.

Help me show my thanks through my actions.
Help me stay true to my promises.
Let my life reflect your love.
Guide me to live in a way that honors you.

Lord, I pray with others who trust in you.
Together, we lift up our voices.
We are grateful for your goodness,
And we praise your name. Amen.



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St Gerard Majella, “the Mothers’ Saint”, was an Italian Redemptorist lay brother whose intercession led to the miraculous healing of a mother near death from childbirth.

Gerard Majella was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a large but poor family.

His father died when he was twelve years old, and his mother sent him to his uncle to learn to be a tailor like his father was.

Gerard was devout as a young man and eventually worked for the bishop of Lacedonia. He fasted and prayed constantly and gave generously to the poor.

He wanted to be a Franciscan (Capuchin), but they rejected his application due to his poor health. He persevered, and at age 23 he joined the Redemptorist as a lay brother.

As a Redemptorist, he did many different jobs, whatever was needed, no matter how humble.

God gave him miraculous gifts of levitation, bilocation, and the gift of reading souls.

Near the end of his life, he dropped his handkerchief and a girl picked it up. She tried to return it to Gerard, but he told her to keep it because she may need it some day. Years after Gerard’s death, the girl grew up, got married, and became pregnant, but she went into early, painful labor and her baby’s life was in danger. She begged for Gerard’s handkerchief to be given to her, and when it was, her pain subsided and the baby was born healthy.

Our patron saint, St. Gerard, died October 16, 1755 at the age of 29. He had lived for six years a Redemptorist lay brother.

Because of the countless miracles people received through Gerard’s prayers, the Church began the canonization process soon after his death.

St. Gerard Majella was beatified on January 29, 1893 by Pope Leo XIII and canonized as a saint December 11, 1904 by Pope Pius X. St. Gerard Majella is the patron saint of childbirth, children, pregnant women, mothers, falsely accused people, good confessions, lay brothers, the Pro-Life movement, and unborn children.

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October 9 - November 27

St. Gerard Parish Hall

Fee: \$60.00

Please register as soon as possible (\$60.00 cash or cheque payable to St. Gerard Parish due at time of registration)

**For More Information
Contact the Parish Office**

306.782.2449

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I never would have read the Bible if it wasn't for this, and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty.

—Kyley D.



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