



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 25<sup>th</sup>,  
2022

Twenty-sixth  
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 Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (26 <sup>th</sup> )	NO MASS
Tues. (27 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm +Aleta Re
Wed. (28 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am <b>NURSING HOME (NORTH)</b> +Joseph Paydli
	12:45pm <b>SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL</b> +Art Scherr
	7:00pm +John Jason Himpe
Thurs. (29 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am Joe & Mary Kowalyshyn
Fri. (30 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am +Rose Banga
	7:00pm <b>Prayer Service</b>
	<b>Nat'l Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>
Sat. (1 <sup>st</sup> )	9:00am +Teresa Boucher

5:00pm Mass for the People  
6:30pm Mass following Sacrament  
Preparation Session

Sun. (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME</b>
	9:00am +Adeline Kolodziejak
	11:00am +Alex Yaholnitsky

### 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.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.

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Loving and faithful God, help us to learn the true joy of living together as brothers and sisters with all your children. We pray in Jesus' name.

-The Redemptorists

## In Touch with the Word

### *Lazarus and the Rich Man*

#### **Scripture:**

• Amos 6.1,4-7. Amos attacks the rich and their indulgent lifestyles. The distress of the poor doesn't bother these rich people.

• 1 Timothy 6.11-16. Paul reminds Timothy that God alone is the One to focus on, the One to value above everything else.

◦ Luke 16.19-31. Jesus tells the story of Lazarus, who was poor while on earth, yet became rich in heaven.

#### **Theme:**

Jesus and Amos probably would not have any trouble with people being so very rich, as long as there were not any people who were so very poor. But when the needs of the very poor are ignored or caused by the very rich, it is very troubling indeed. Because this rich man in the Gospel valued money over service, he ended up paying for his greed in the eternal fires. Paul's message for us is to remember to value God over everything, including money.

#### **Reflection:**

This rich man does not seem to mind having a diseased, homeless man lying at his gate. He feasts right in front of Lazarus, unmindful that just his table scraps would be enough to satisfy the poor man's hunger.

- What do you do with your table scraps? Do you waste food and throw it away? Or do you pay attention to the amount of food you buy and eat so that it is not wasted?
- When you eat out in a restaurant, if you have food left over, do you take it home to eat later or do you let it be thrown away?
- What do your habits with food say about how highly you value food? Do your food habits encourage others to be less wasteful or more wasteful?
- How do your own personal food habits affect your attitude about world poverty and hunger? Do you find yourself contributing to food pantries, serving in food kitchens, and participating in walks and drives to raise money and food for poor people? If so, what is that involvement like? If not, what stands in the way of some kind of involvement?
- The Gospel teaches that those who are rich in this life will be suffering in the next, and that those who suffer in this life will be rich in the next. How is your life different when you take that message seriously?

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

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## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 108th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022 (25 September 2022)

### *Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*

Pope Francis invites us to approach migration as Isaiah did in a prophetic vision, that is, to consider "foreigners not invaders or destroyers, but willing laborers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. *Isaiah* 60:10-11)."

*Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.*

*Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.*

*Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.*

-Pope Francis, May 9, 2022



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**(RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you

or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

### Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.

**Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation** can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

## Prayer for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

O God, we praise and thank You for the blessings of life in Canada from your natural bounty and from the work of human hands.

We ask you to open our ears to the truths about our collective history from survivors of residential schools.


We ask you to open our minds to the complex and subtle ways in which past mistakes, arrogance, misuse of authority, and even sinfulness have damaged our social fabric.

We ask you to open our hearts, that we may continue to listen even when the truth challenges us, that we may commit ourselves in all humility to do what we can, and that we may support the efforts of others to restore these broken relationships.


We pray with confidence that, by your grace, we may grow into your community of love and forgiveness.

We make this prayer in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adapted from the Prayer for the Success of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission



### News from the Knights of Columbus



**Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.**

Sept. 25            Articles for "The Word" due


October is the Month of the Rosary. The Knights will lead the rosary prayer each Monday at 5:30pm in the month of October.

Oct. 5                Planning Meeting @ 7pm

The K of C Yorkton would like all those who have K of C Sask Charity appeal tickets (sold or unsold) to please return before the end of September.

We wish to thank all those who sold, bought the tickets. We do also have a few more tickets to sell!

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*



The Knights of Columbus No. 2031  
will be leading the

**~ Prayer Service ~  
National Day for  
Truth & Reconciliation**

Friday, September 30, 2022 at 7:00pm

*Please bring a non-perishable food item to be  
donated to the local food bank.*



# Bringing Home the Word

**Aspire to Greatness**  
By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we may idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success, however we define that word. Then with time, maybe a few setbacks, one or two genuine hardships, we gradually settle for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by and we no longer embrace the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of today's Gospel passage was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, a poor man he passed by and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could have helped, he refused to do so. How could one be so blind as to have everything and not be willing to offer leftover food to someone in need?


God opposes complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. In today's first reading, God upbraids the rich for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches (Amos 6:4). In the second reading we hear Saint Paul challenge the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. If we keep our eyes on him, we will never settle for anything but true greatness in the eyes of God.

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## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Canadian government proclaimed September 30th as a new national statutory holiday, a National day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families, and communities. The Catholic Church has a significant role and responsibility for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.


With the recent visit of Pope Francis on his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada, this day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the history of residential schools, and grow in our understanding towards a commitment to true healing and reconciliation.

**The Regina event will be on September 30, 2022 – 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral;** see the calendar event for full details at

[archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2022-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation](https://archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2022-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation)

You can also find more information on our website <https://archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2021-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation>

If you would like to contribute financially to the TRC Healing Fund, please visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/giving>



**New to the parish?? WELCOME!**  
Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 4:00pm- Baptism Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)  
7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)
- Tues. (27<sup>th</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (dough)
- Wed. (28<sup>th</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (pinching)  
7:30pm- Pastoral Council Meeting (*CWL Room*)
- Thurs. (29<sup>th</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
- Sat. (1<sup>st</sup>): 10:00am- Deanery Meeting  
5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (*Parish Hall*)
- Sun. (2<sup>nd</sup>): 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)