



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup>

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

*The Parish Office is closed in honour of this day*

NO MASS

Tues. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am

Cabbage Roll Bee

6:00 pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

7:00 pm

**Mass** +Anastacio Tan Uy & +Adelaida Salvan Uy

7:30 pm

CWL General Meeting

Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**The Holy Guardian Angels (M)**

**7:00 pm**

**Mass** +Emile Bergeron

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am

**Mass** +David Jakubowski

Fri. 4<sup>th</sup>

**St. Francis of Assisi (M)**

*(final day of the Season of Creation)*

8:00 am

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

9:00 am

**Mass** Sylvia Marquette

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### NAME TAG SUNDAY

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm

*Rosary Prayer*

5:00 pm

**Mass** for the People

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am

*Rosary Prayer*

9:00 am

**Mass** for the People

11:00am

**Mass** 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

## ST. GERARD NAME TAG WEEKEND KICK OFF

Our Liturgy Committee, with the help of all other Ministries, will begin to observe “Name Tag Sunday” the first weekend of every month beginning in October!

This is in relation to building up a Family of Faithful, gathering together to celebrate One Body of Christ. Knowing other Parish Family members by name makes a difference when celebrating Holy Mass, praying for one another, and fulfilling the Commandments of God - “Love of Neighbour”.

Seeing someone on a regular basis but not knowing their name will never make a Parish Family. Celebrating One Jesus as strangers is not a Grace-filling Mass. That is why when God asked Moses to observe Passover, **“And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof.” (Exodus 12:43).**

Name Tag Sunday celebrations will help and Bless us to know everyone eventually, thus we will become one Body of Christ. We will rejoice with those who are happy and we will pray with those who are sad (**Romans 12:15**). Even though we are different, we are the one Body of Christ. St. Paul said, **“so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (Romans 12:5)**

God called us by Name. Let us share that name with others, to become God’s one family, for the fullness of His Grace on us.

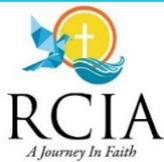
By Joyfully participating in Name Tag Sundays, we will become closer to one another, sharing the Love of God.

Come, let us celebrate Joyfully and Whole Heartedly!

All are invited after Mass for fellowship and refreshments.

**NAME TAG  
SUNDAY!**





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.

## Children's Liturgy

October children's liturgy days will be October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the 11 AM Mass.

A reminder that increased child involvement at the Sunday 11 AM masses will start October 6<sup>th</sup> and take place every Sunday even if there is no Children's Liturgy scheduled. Opportunities for children include a coin donation drop at the Altar during the Offertory hymn, joining hands at the Altar during the "Our Father" prayer, and playing instruments at the front of the church during the closing hymn. This is for children of any age. Please welcome and encourage your child to participate. Come up to the Altar with them the first few times if needed. We look forward to seeing your children engaging in the Mass!

We need VOLUNTEERS! Please email [prost.litz@hotmail.com](mailto:prost.litz@hotmail.com) if you are interested but missed the volunteer training sessions.

## Liturgical Ministries Workshop

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



### REGISTER TODAY FOR THE EXCITING BIBLE STUDY!

Registration forms are available on the table in the Welcome Area.

- Single - \$60
- Couple with one set of materials - \$75
- Couple with two sets of materials - \$100

The first session begins Wednesday, October 9



### News from the CWL



- October 1 General Meeting following 7pm Mass
- 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.
- December 4 Christmas Social. More information at a later date.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



- October 1 Planning meeting \*\*\*cancelled\*\*\*
- October 4 Bingo-evening-5.00
- October 8 General meeting-after Mass

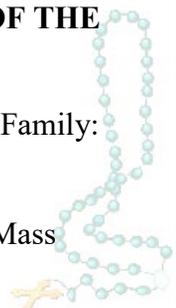
If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We will pray together as a Parish Family:

- Saturday - 4:30 pm
- Sunday - 8:30 am
- and 30 minutes prior to daily Mass

Monday – 5:30 pm  
(led by the Knights of Columbus)





### Isn't That a Bit Extreme? By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends, even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or healthcare workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been parenting for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

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### PARISH FUNDRAISER Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm (while supplies last!!!)

- Potato & onion perogies \$45 (10 dozen)
- Potato & cheddar perogies \$50 (10 dozen)
- Cabbage rolls \$30 ( 5 dozen)

**LAST CHANCE BEFORE  
THANKSGIVING!!**

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

### Gospel Reading Mark 9.38-43,45,47-48

*Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.*

The second part of today's Gospel contains a strong message for those who share the responsibility of fostering faith. It is indeed an awesome responsibility. Today's Gospel reminds us that faith is a lifelong journey toward God. We don't always get it all or even get it right. But we pray for the grace to acknowledge and build upon even the smallest signs of faith, in ourselves and in others. There are plenty of obstacles that might prevent the growth of faith. Let us pray that we are not contributing to the obstacles that might hinder another person's faith in Jesus.

As you gather as a family, observe that there are things in our lives that nurture our faith and things that can hinder it. Talk about some of the things that nurture our faith—healthy family relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, and so on. Name some of the things that might be an obstacle to faith—unhealthy relationships, scandals, and so on. Observe that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that we are to do everything we can to help one another have faith in Jesus and do all that we can to avoid creating obstacles that might hinder another person's faith. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48. Conclude by praying together that we will be a family that helps each other grow in faith. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 19, or the Lord's Prayer.

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**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)



The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B teach us about the presence of God's spirit, the right use of wealth, and the importance of recognizing good works in others. These lessons remind us to stay humble, be generous, and be inclusive. Reflecting on these themes helps us grow in our faith.

**GOD'S SPIRIT IS FREE** In the first reading, God's spirit rests on Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the gathering. This surprises everyone, including Moses. Moses explains that God can choose anyone to share His spirit.

This story teaches us that God's spirit is not limited. God can work through anyone, regardless of where they are. We should be open to seeing God's work in unexpected places and people.

When we accept that God's spirit can be present in anyone, we become more inclusive. We see that everyone has the potential to share God's message. This helps us to appreciate the diverse ways God works in the world.

**WARNING AGAINST WEALTH** In the second reading, James gives a strong warning to the rich. He condemns those who hoard wealth and exploit others. He emphasizes that wealth should be used to help others.

James wants us to see the dangers of being greedy. Wealth can make us selfish and blind to the needs of others. True wealth is found in sharing and caring for those less fortunate.

This teaching reminds us to use our resources wisely. We are called to be generous and just. By helping others, we live out our faith in practical ways.

**INCLUSIVE MINISTRY** In the Gospel, the disciples see someone casting out demons in Jesus' name and try to stop him. Jesus tells them not to stop him because anyone who is not against us is for us. Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable.

This lesson shows us the importance of being inclusive in our ministry. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work, even if they are not part of our group. Jesus values all efforts done in His name.

By recognizing and supporting the good works of others, we build a stronger community. We are all working towards the same goal. This spirit of inclusiveness strengthens our faith and unity.

**PRAYER** Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognize and support the good works done in Your name. Amen.



## THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS MEMORIAL DAY: OCTOBER 2

*"For he hath given his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." - Psalm 90:11*

The truth that each and every human soul has a Guardian Angel who protects us from both spiritual and physical evil has been shown throughout the Old Testament, and is made very clear in the New.

It is written that the Lord Jesus was strengthened by an angel in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that an angel delivered St. Peter from prison in the Acts of the Apostles.

But Jesus makes the existence and function of guardian angels explicit when he says, *"See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven."* (Matthew 18:10).

In saying this Jesus points out that all people, even little children, have a guardian angel, and that the angels are always in Heaven, always looking at the face of God throughout their mission on earth, which is to guide and protect us throughout our pilgrimage to the house of our Father. As St. Paul says, *"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?"* (Hebrews 1:14).

However, they guide us to Heaven only if we desire it. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that angels cannot act directly upon our will or intellect, although they can do so on our senses and imaginations – thus encouraging us to make the right decisions. In Heaven our guardian angels, though no longer needing to guide us to salvation, will continually enlighten us.

Prayer to the guardian angels is encouraged, and the habit of remembering their presence and support leads to friendship with them. The prayer to the guardian angels has been present in the Church since at least the beginning of the 12th century:

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.*

*"Let us affectionately love His angels as counselors and defenders appointed by the Father and placed over us. They are faithful; they are prudent; they are powerful; Let us only follow them, let us remain close to them, and in the protection of the God of heaven let us abide."* St. Bernard of Clairvaux



## ST. GERARD (Our Parish Patron) FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16

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.

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

October 7 (Mon.)	5:30 pm (with Rosary)	October 13 (Sun.)	8:30 am (with Rosary)
October 8 to 11	7:00 pm	October 14 (Mon.)	5:30 pm (with Rosary)
October 12 (Sat.)	4:30 pm (with Rosary)	October 15	6:00 pm (with Adoration)



# St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

## October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>October is the Month of the Holy Rosary</b></p> <p><i>Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> 9am Cabbage Roll Bee</p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm CWL Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS (M)</p> <p>7pm Mass</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9am Mass</p>	<p><b>4</b> ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (M) 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11am-1pm Perogy &amp; Cabbage Roll Fundraiser</p> <p><b>NAME TAG SUNDAY</b> 4:30pm Rosary Prayer 5pm Mass</p>
<p><b>6 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT</b> <b>NAME TAG SUNDAY</b></p> <p>8:30am Rosary Prayer 9am Mass 11am Mass with Children's Liturgy</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>5:30pm K of C Rosary &amp; Novena to St. Gerard</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7pm Novena to St. Gerard 7:30pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7pm Novena to St. Gerard followed by Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7pm Novena to St. Gerard 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7pm Novena to St. Gerard</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>4:30pm Rosary Prayer &amp; Novena to St. Gerard 5pm Mass</p>
<p><b>13 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT</b></p> <p>8:30am Rosary Prayer &amp; Novena to St. Gerard 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>5:30pm K of C Rosary &amp; Novena to St. Gerard</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena to St. Gerard 7pm Mass</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>FEAST OF ST GERARD</b></p> <p>10am Mass at Nursing Home (South) 6:30pm Mass followed by Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9am Mass 2:30pm Mass at Yorkton Crossing 6:30pm First Reconciliation Preparation Session 7pm Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p> <p>7pm Knights of Columbus Family Prayer</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4:30pm Rosary Prayer 5pm Mass</p>
<p><b>20 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT</b> 8:30am Rosary Prayer 9am Mass 11am Mass with Children's Liturgy Knights of Columbus Parish Family Brunch following each Mass</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:30pm K of C Rosary</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9am Mass 10am Mass at Nursing Home (North)</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9am Mass</p> <p>7pm Liturgical Ministries Workshop</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass</p>	<p><b>26</b> 10am Liturgical Ministries Workshop</p> <p>4:30pm Rosary Prayer 5pm Mass</p>
<p><b>27 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT</b></p> <p>8:30am Rosary Prayer 9am Mass 11am Mass</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>5:30pm K of C Rosary 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9am Mass</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9am Mass</p> <p>7:00pm K of C Mass for the Beatification of Fr. McGivney</p>	<p><b>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup></b></p> <p><b>GO AND INVITE EVERYONE</b> to the banquet </p>	