

St. Gerard

October 23rd, 2022 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Roman Catholic Parish

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

CONTACT US

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/lpm-4pm (closed Friday)

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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. (24 th	NO MASS
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Tues. (25th) 7:00pm +Donna Olshewski

Wed.(26th) 9:00am +Claude Slogocki (3 years)

10:00am **NURSING HOME NORTH**

+Ivan Pollock

Thurs.(27th) 9:00am +Garry Fletcher (2 years)

2:30pm BENTLEY SENIORS' RESIDENCE

+Joseph Paydli

Fri. (28th) 9:00am + John Jason Himpe

Sat. (29th) 9:00am Willie Yacishyn

5:00pm +Ted Rudolf 6:30pm Mass following Sacrament Preparation Session

Sun. (30th) THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am +Eileen Boryski 11:00am Mass for the People



Rosary Prayer Mondays at 5:30pm during the month of October, led by the Knights of Columbus

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)

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Forgiving God, when we are tempted to imagine ourselves superior to others, please gently correct us and help us see others as you see them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

The Proud Pharisee and the Humble Sinner

Scripture:

- •Sirach 35.12-14,16-18. Sirach reminds us that God always hears the prayer of the poor, the oppressed, and the weak.
- •2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18. Paul reviews his life, telling Timothy that although he had been abandoned by many, still he fought the good fight, ran the good race, and is ready to be with Jesus.
- •Luke 18.9-14. Jesus tells the parable about the proud Pharisee and the humble sinner who both went to the temple to pray.

Theme:

The prayer of the lowly is always heard. Proud prayers, however, are not as effective. Every sinner can take comfort knowing that sincere and simple prayers are heard despite the sins of a past life. Paul knows this. He is all alone, exhausted by life, and he writes from prison, looking back at all he has been through, still confident that Jesus will be there for him.

Reflection:

Some people see salt and pepper as opposites, yet others see them as complements. Many opposites can also be seen as complements, in context. Like pride and humility: they seem like opposites, but each has a healthy place in a person with good self-esteem.

- What are you proud of? What do you know you are good at?
- What are you humbled by? What places, things, problems, or jobs simply overwhelm you?

Jesus contrasts the proud prayer of a Pharisee, who sees himself as better than others, with the humble prayer of an honest person, who sees sinfulness as something to seek forgiveness for. And clearly, it is the humble one who is closer to God.

- Is it possible to become too proud and too full of yourself? Why? When have you come close to being this way? What helped you regain your perspective?
- Is it also possible to become to ashamed about yourself? Why? When have you come close to being this way? What helped you regain your perspective?
- How can we find a balance between pride and humility in a way that Jesus would accept and approve?

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

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER EVENT

The outcome of the Fall Supper meeting concluded that there was not enough time nor resources available to proceed with this parish tradition. In its place a pre-Christmas bake sale and bazaar would be held on Saturday November 26th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in St. Gerard's Hall.

We ask local parishioners to participate and donate baking items (cookies, squares, Christmas cookies, etc.) of about 40 pieces. Please be aware of food and nut allergies with what you donate. Items for sale are to be delivered to St. Gerard's Church before Mass November 19/20 or on Monday November 21st during office hours.

In addition to baked goods, several donated Christmas baskets would be made available for a raffle and the with the sale of perogies and cabbage rolls that day.

Refreshments will be available as this will provide an opportunity to meet, greet and socialize since the pandemic restrictions. Thank you to all parishioners for your support and participation.



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

The new **Liturgical Ministries schedules** will be emailed this week. No email? No problem? Please pick up your copy in the Sacristy.



News from the CWL



The Knights of Columbus and CWL are hosting a Memorial Mass to honour deceased members on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30 pm followed by a banquet at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets for the banquet are \$25 per person and must be purchased by Wednesday, November 2. We will have tickets available at all weekend masses on October 22/23 and 29/30.



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



News from the Knights of Columbus Bingos will resume in the near future.



The Knights of Columbus and the CWL will be hosting a Memorial Mass and banquet to honour our deceased members on November 9. Mass will be at 5.30 with the banquet to follow at 6.30. Tickets for the banquet are \$25 per person and must be purchased by November 2. The CWL and Knights will be selling tickets after each weekend mass on the weekends of October 22/23 and October 29/30. Please plan to attend to honour the memory of our faithful deceased members.

October 25 Articles for "The Word" due October 31 Rosary for Life at 5:30pm

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

Ecumenical (Non-denominational) Prayer Service

for those experiencing grief and loss

The first Wednesday of each month at 3pm, beginning Wednesday, November 2nd

St. Gerard Church 125 Third Ave N, Yorkton

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

Everyone welcome!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Friday, November 4th at 7:00 pm

The annual Memorial Mass is a special remembrance of those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Gerard during the past year, as well as for other deceased loved ones of our St. Gerard's Family who passed away in the last twelve months.

If your loved one's funeral was not celebrated at St. Gerard this year, and you would like them to be included in the Annual Memorial Mass, please speak with Father Louis after Mass before the end of October. You may drop off funeral cards on the table at the back of the church.

The Mass will include a reading of the names of all those we are remembering. Family of the deceased will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.

FAMILY CONNECTION

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgement of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalize that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

As a family, read today's Gospel, Luke 18:9-14. Discuss: What was wrong about the prayer of the Pharisee? How can we emulate the prayer of the tax collector?

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God's love for us is unconditional. www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection



A Simple Sinner, or Simply a Sinner?

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Scholars tell us that no other Gospel talks more about prayer than St. Luke's. Last Sunday's Gospel insisted that we persevere in our prayer. This week we are admonished to pray with humility and sincerity of heart. The prayer of a humble soul does pierce the clouds and rises to the throne of God (see Sirach 35:21).

The Pharisee, Jesus' example of pride, doesn't kneel, bow his head, or sit listening for God's word. Rather, he "takes up his position" and speaks a prayer "to himself," listing all of his sacrifices and virtues, apparently as evidence of how much he deserves God's blessings. We can almost read in his words the conviction of how lucky God is to have a Pharisee like him.

In contrast, the tax collector, considered by the Jews to be a sinner and collaborator with evil, slips into the back of the temple. He won't even lift his eyes up to God, as he is ashamed and keenly aware of his unworthiness. He only recalls his sins, beats his chest in penance, and asks for mercy. And, we are told, he goes home "justified." This is the power of humility before God. It is the necessary condition of our salvation and justification.

When we observe someone with Pharisaic presumption it produces in us an interior rejection. Yet, when we witness the vulnerability and self-effacement of one who admits weakness, we are moved to compassion and ready to forgive. If we who are imperfect respond like this, how much more will God respond with mercy to even the most hardened sinners who pray to him with a sincere heart?

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TODAY is World Mission Sunday October 23, 2022

The theme of this Missionary Month is: "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1.8).

One of the essential attitudes to every missionary action is humility. For the mission belongs to Christ. The Holy Spirit inspires in us both the will and work according to his good pleasure. The Holy Pope John Paul II said that if we want to stand in front of humans, we should always kneel in front of the Lord. The seeds of the missionary action take root in a humble and docile heart to God and bears fruit within the missionary apostolate. It is important to be aware of the urgency of bearing witness to our contemporaries.

All baptized people are called to be witness of Christ and to support the Universal Church in her mission. May Mary, Mother of all missionary disciples, intercede for us.

Please give generously to this universal collection.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$46,774

Giving is a key way to deepen our faith and to grow spiritually, an opportunity to live as disciples of Jesus. In our call to serve others, we join in the work of building God's kingdom here and now. Every donation to the Archbishop's Appeal helps fund the many ministries and community programs that seek to bear hope for those who need it most.

Archdiocese of Regina 2021 AGM

The Annual General Meeting for 2021 will be held online on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 PM. To register, email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651 ext. 6734.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (24th): 9:00am- Cabbage Roll Bee (prep)

7:00pm- "Christmas in November"

Committee Meeting (MRA)

Tues. (25th): 9:00am- Cabbage Roll Bee

Wed. (26th): 7:00pm- Pastoral Council Meeting

(CWL Room)

Sat. (29th): 5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (*Parish Hall*) Sun. (30th): 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level*)

Catechism Theme: Prayer as God's Gift

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

This paragraph from the Catechism places the moral of the parable in relief. In spite of our Catholic experience, even our knowledge of prayer forms, we do not know how to approach God. Because we are creatures, we should not be able to approach the Unknowable; to presume otherwise is to place ourselves on God's level, which is clearly absurd. Yet, because of faith, we dare to approach and ask; because of humility, we are open to receive prayer as a gift.

God gives all good things to us, even prayer. This might be a good time to look upon our prayer lives and reflect on God's goodness to us. How have our prayers, our prayer habits, our insights from prayer, even our urges to pray gifts from God? How has prayer and the need for prayer humbled us? How has prayer brought us closer to God?

Who's in charge of the heart? This question cuts to the heart of spirituality. That which stands at the very core of the person becomes the battleground. Are we in charge? Or is God?

If we believe God is in charge, how do we know God is close? We cannot know (or brag) through our own efforts. We can only know when we allow God in. When we open our hearts to him. And his love.

Opening the heart is a life-long process. We progress one moment and one issue at a time. We can take a quick measure by looking at our focus. Is it one focused on God and others? Or, is it focused on the self?

This is not an "either-or" proposition, but a continuum. We focus on ourselves in some issues. But we focus outside the self in others. This week, take an issue that you might find a self-oriented. Place the issue before God. And, see what happens.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Archdiocese of Regina Website Update

We are currently making important changes to our website. Some pages may not display properly and some links may not work. All of these issues are currently being addressed. Thank you for your patience in the coming days as we complete these updates.

TF319: A Catholic Approach To Horror Movies - Part 2

Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett continue their discussion on a Catholic approach to horror movies and the role of discernment in engaging in any kind of entertainment. **Show Snippet:** "If we're starting off asking, "How do Catholics approach horror films?"; I think that's a great summary of what we've been talking about...with discernment; good, interior discernment."

This podcast is made possible through generous donations to our Archbishop's Appeal. Donations can be made at archregina.sk.ca/giving.

thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/a-catholic-approach-to-horror-movies-part-2

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

Archbishops Appeal

Today is world mission Sunday, which reminds us of the missionary activity of the Church. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that God does not have any favorite people and hears the cries of the vulnerable and marginalized.

St. Paul reminds us too that even those who have no one to stand up for them are still held in the Heart of the Lord, echoing Sirach in our duty to ensure solidarity with the oppressed, the poor, the marginalized, the strangers.

The gospel hits us hard – do we sometimes want to distance ourselves from others? Do we place ourselves on a pedestal? Do we become blind to the needs of the poor and the world? We sometimes think of missionary work as being done in a country far away, detached from our lives. There are many ways of being a missionary in our communities, both in terms of our own generous response to the Lord in working in that ministry, but also in our support of those missionaries near and far. Through the Annual Appeal, your contributions are used to help support the missionary activity of the Church. We need to reach out to those that have not heard the Good News of the Gospel, and your support helps make this a reality.



The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information on how to register, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at



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BULLETIN BOARD

The Catechism: from zero to hero in 3 minutes! Is the Catechism of the Catholic Church a "universal Catechism"?

Yes, because it is to be used as the reference point for all local catechisms throughout the Universal Church. In an earlier draft, the Catechism of the Catholic Church was titled the Catechism of the Universal Church, but never used. Local catechisms are created according to the needs of a specific culture, age, spiritual life, social and ecclesial conditions. The current Catechism of the Catholic Church was given by Saint John Paul II on the 30th anniversary of Vatican II on October 11th, 1992 and 2022 marked the 60th anniversary.

Lesson Two:

What is the soul? Quel est le âme?

CLICK HERE (archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/) to watch a 3 minute video in English or French on the catechist webpage of the Archdiocese website, or read the text in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC #'s 365-368.

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...')

Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee.

Did you know... Treaty 4 also gave newcomers many freedoms not allowed in the countries of their birth, such as freedom to own land, to worship without persecution, to become self-sufficient, to protest without fear of retaliation, to make a good living off the land and resources, etc. This remains true for newcomers to Canada today. First Nation had all these freedoms prior to the arrival of the newcomers, however, many of these freedoms were taken away after Treaty 4 was made and the Indian Act of 1876 was imposed on Indigenous peoples. Their lands were taken away which led to the inability to make a sustainable living. The land was to be shared, not taken away.

Camp Monahan's Christmas Dinner is back!

Come enjoy an evening of great music, food and dancing on Saturday, November 26 all in support of our summer programming. Tickets may be purchased online at eventbrite.ca For more information visit our website at campmonahan.ca, call (306)522-1047, or email campmonahan@sasktel.net.

Archdiocese of Regina Bulletin Submissions
To submit a bulletin announcement for inclusion in the diocesan bulletin announcements, please email it by Tuesday before noon to communications@archregina.sk.ca.

2022 Wîcihitowin Indigenous Engagement Conference

November 28 and 29. This year, the 2022 Wîcihitowin Conference will centre on the Indigenous principle of witnessing or bearing witness. In keeping with the oral traditions of Indigenous Peoples, witnesses are called upon to be the keepers of history when an event of historic significance occurs. This act—one which holds great responsibility—also helps validate, legitimize, and recognize the importance of conducting business in a good way while building and maintaining relationships. Attendees of the 8th Wîcihitowin Conference, will be asked to retain and care for the teachings they witness and experience and, most importantly, to share it with those within their personal and professional communities.

Register TODAY to listen and learn from Survivors and experts, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners The Honourable Murray Sinclair, Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild, and Dr. Marie Wilson, along with Chief Cadmus Delorme and others who are leading the way in reconciliACTION. The Wîcihitowin conference is for everyone, so mark your calendars and visit www.wicihitowin.ca to register to attend in-person at TCU place in Saskatoon or online from wherever you are.

Saskatchewan ProLife Association Employment Opportunity

Are you looking for a rewarding and fulfilling job promoting a basic tenet of our faith – the sanctity of life? This is your opportunity!! We are in need of a committed individual to manage our work.

POSITION: Office Coordinator. Full time position based in REGINA (partial work-from-home may be possible) Find full job description at saskprolife.com/events

CHAS 79th Annual Convention

On October 27th - 28th, 2022 the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan will hold its 79th Annual Convention at Queen's House of Retreats in Saskatoon! Hospitality is such an important part of caring that leads to healing. This year's convention theme is Hospitality: The Link that Builds Community. We are very pleased to announce that Fr. Ron Rolheiser will be a keynote speaker. The convention will cover topics such as palliative care, addiction recovery, and care for people with dementia and it will feature panelists who will help us appreciate the steps we need to take toward reconciliation with our Indigenous and Metis sisters and brothers. Register at queenshouse.org

Trinity Manor at Westerra: Welcome Home!

Isn't it time you put aside the chores, the grocery shopping, the cooking, and the dishes? We recognize the cultural, physical, and social importance of food. Food not only feeds the body, but feeds the heart and spirit as well. Our all-inclusive plan means you get to enjoy daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner from our own Red Seal Executive Chef. No dishes, no cooking, no cleaning, and no worries. Trinity Manor located in the beautiful Westerra neighbourhood of Regina, is part of the Emmanuel Care community. Emmanuel Care is a healthcare ministry of the Catholic Church. The residents note "I'm so grateful to have mass in the chapel (we know we have a chair), I don't have to wear my boots and I don't need to start my car". Attend daily mass, or spend time in quiet reflection in our beautiful chapel. This is a new beginning with new friends to meet, and a lot of stimulating and entertaining activities starting at \$2245. End your day by enjoying the wild life and country sunsets, 10 mins from downtown. What's included in our all-inclusive plan? Contact Janet at 306-550-8077 for more information, or to book your personal tour now. Visit us at trinitymanorregina.ca.