



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

November 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2022

Thirty-third 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

Mon. (14<sup>th</sup>) NO MASS  
 Tues. (15<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm +Merv Todos (4 yrs)  
 Wed. (16<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Olga Duff  
 10:00am **NURSING HOME SOUTH**  
 CANCELLED  
 Thurs. (17<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Joseph Paydli  
 2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**  
 +Jean Kulcsar  
 Fri. (18<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Manuel Bandibas &  
 +Eugenia Guasa  
 Sat. (19<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Darlene Bernath

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5:00pm +Mike Diakuw  
 6:30pm *Mass following the*  
*First Reconciliation Retreat*

Sun. (20<sup>th</sup>) **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
**KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

9:00am Mass for the People  
 11:00am +Donna Appell

### 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)



Faithful God, help us to believe in your promises and, when doubt assails us, be with us and show us the way. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

## In Touch with the Word

### *The Day Will Come*

#### **Scripture:**

•2 Malachi 3.19-20. Lo, the day is coming when the evil ones will be set on fire, and the faithful followers will see the sun of justice rise up.

•2 Thessalonians 3.7-12. Some members of the early church thought the end of the world was coming soon, that there was no need to do any work. Paul laid down the rule: If you do not work, you will not eat.

◦Luke 21.5-19. Jesus describes the coming of the day when not one stone will be left upon another. There will be earthquakes and famines, persecution and trials, but patient endurance will save us.

#### **Theme:**

The end of the world is a popular thing to discuss – in our day, in the time of the Christian Testament, and in the time of the Hebrew Scriptures. Lo, the day is coming when justice will be done, when one stone will not be left upon another. But it probably won't be tomorrow, so let's not quit our jobs to stay home and wait it out. And when it does come, although it will be filled with catastrophe, ultimately we will all be saved.

#### **Reflection:**

End-of-the-world descriptions are always exciting, mysterious, and intriguing: lots of images of destruction and fire and signs in the sky; not one stone will be left upon another.

- Have you ever worried about the end of the world? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to imagine it? What does your mental picture of it look like?
- A common response to doomsday predictions is to not worry about how the world might die, but instead how the world might live. Does this shift in perspective change the way you feel about these Scriptures?

When “that day” comes, Jesus tells us that some of us will be put to death. But his next sentence also says that not a hair of our head will be harmed.

- Do you have trouble reconciling these two juxtaposed contradictions? How can this make sense?
- How much fear do you have regarding the final judgement?
- How much faith and confidence do you have in God's promise of protection?

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

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.



## 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.

**\*\*The RCIA sessions are beginning in the very near future!**



### Divine Mercy Devotion

Wednesdays at 2pm  
(except the first Wed. of the month)



The Knights of Columbus are selling 2023 Parish Liturgical Calendars after each Mass in November! Only \$5.00 each!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues. (15<sup>th</sup>): 9:00am- Cabbage Roll Bee  
7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting  
(Meeting Room A)
- Wed. (16<sup>th</sup>): 7:00pm- Special General Meeting  
(Social Hall)
- Sat. (19<sup>th</sup>): 5:00pm- First Reconciliation Retreat  
(Social Hall)



## News from the CWL



The CWL will be selling 'Christmas Pudding' November 19 & 20 before and after all weekend Masses. Quarts \$20. Pints \$10.

The CWL will also be accepting **2023 memberships** before and after all weekend Masses on November 19 & 20 and November 26 & 27. Membership fees are \$35. Renew your membership before December 31 and have your name entered for a draw for a free membership.

Mark you calendar for the **CWL Christmas Social & Supper** on Wednesday, December 7 with Mass at 5:30 pm and Supper at 6:30pm. Cost is \$10 and tickets must be purchased in advance by November 30. We will have tickets available before and after Mass on November 19 & 20 and November 26 & 27. Proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to Bruno's Place.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



**Bingos will resume in the near future.**

- November 19 Family Prayer at 7:00pm
- November 20 Brunch after 9am & 11am Mass

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

## \*\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*\* FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
7:00pm – Social Hall**

In 2021 the Archdiocese of Regina requested that all parishes amend their **constitution and bylaws** to align with the new format and vision.

An ad hoc committee has developed a revised document which will be discussed and formally adopted at this Special Meeting. Copies of the draft document may be picked up from the large table in the Welcome Area. Or you may email the Parish Office to receive the document electronically.

Please familiarize yourself with the document prior to the meeting. Thank you.

### A great "green" Christmas gift!

St. Mary's UCWLC are growing smiles by selling beautiful Christmas flower arrangements: premium poinsettias, holiday wreaths or hanging greenery. Plants are a great way to bring happiness to family and friends this holiday season. You can see the selections and order online at:

[stmarysucwl@growingsmilesfundraising.com](mailto:stmarysucwl@growingsmilesfundraising.com) or call Gwen at 306.621.8725



## Knowing When Our Prayers are Answered

By Mitch and Kathy Finley

When Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were very old, the angel Gabriel appeared and announced that their prayers had finally been answered: they are going to have a baby. This elderly couple had yearned for a child all their married lives. This baby is the fulfillment of their hopes and dreams, the end of their lifelong unhappiness. But Zechariah questioned the angel.

Sometimes it is difficult to recognize when our prayers have been answered. In some instances, we can imagine one, and only one, solution to our problem. The lonely don't recognize the opportunities for companionship. The envious don't appreciate their many blessings. The bored don't perceive their prospects for meaningful work, or potential to learn something new, or the possibility of an adventure. With our eyes fixed on some "prize," we miss the blessing offered us, or worse, we turn that blessing into a burden.

Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby grows up to be John the Baptist, the one who announces that the long-awaited Messiah is here, and that it's his cousin, Jesus. But even John doubted. After he was arrested, John sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Imagine John in jail—mistreated, hungry, scared, and wondering if he could have made a mistake. If Jesus is the Messiah, why isn't he busting John out of prison? Why is he letting him suffer? Jesus knows exactly what John needs to hear. He reminds John of the prophecies and what kind of Messiah he is—one who will manifest his mission in humble acts of service.

*The blind regain their sight.* Not only those physically blind but the spiritually blind who had been unable to see the good.

*The lame walk.* Not just the weak or disabled but those who are emotionally stuck, unable to make a change, to leave behind what is holding them back from being the people they were meant to be.

*Lepers are cleansed.* Not only those who ache with physical ailments but those who are rejected by society, those thought to be unclean and therefore unwelcome.

*The deaf hear.* Not only those physically deaf but those unable to hear the truth of God's love.

*The dead are raised.* All who know Jesus are invited to emerge from tombs where they live a half-life and walk into the light of the gospel.

*And the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.* This as much as any miracle is what drew the masses to Jesus. To hear the Good News, to be given a reason to hope—this is the One they have been waiting for. They believed!

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### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

#### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$ 46,774  
Amount Raised to Date: \$ 7,460 (16%)

**Ecumenical Prayer Service**  
*for those experiencing memory loss*

*Offering fellowship & support*

The third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm

**St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church**  
729 Main Street, Melville

For more information, contact Dave Hudy:  
306.728.5525

### 2023 GIVING PROGRAM

In the not-too-distant future, the 2023 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2022.

**Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving? No need for cash or cheques!** Plus, Pre-authorized Giving is assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form** and submit it to the Parish Office or via the Sunday collection. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

**OR you may e-transfer your donation instead!**  
Email [giving@stgerard.ca](mailto:giving@stgerard.ca) for more information.

## CATECHISM THEME: THE SECOND COMING

*675 Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.*

The second trial before the end of time is like the sin of Adam. People try to play God; they put their trust in others rather than their creator. As the Church teaches, we should beware of the easy solution, the charismatic leader who has the answers, or the means to manipulate that we cannot control. There are no short cuts to salvation. Our opposition to the easy way, our witness to the power of God, will lead to persecution. But our trust in God will engender faith in others.

*Have you ever been impressed by the unwavering Christian witness in another? Who was it? Why were you impressed? Did he or she face hardship? How did they endure the hardship?*

How impressed are we with appearances? After all, media, Hollywood, and much of computer software are built on appearance. Sometimes, we Americans are swayed and even hood-winked by appearances. There was calm before the storm. Then, there was a panic with a world that failed us. Are we lulled by calm? Are we surprised by panic?

The challenge Jesus put before us is clear vision. Can we see beyond the crises of life and nation? Can our faith help us to withstand the challenges of these uncertain times? With God's help, we can.

*Pray this week for the strength to see clearly. Look at the world at large, or at your world. Try to see beyond the troubles and look for God's will. Trust your prayer will be answered.*

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# CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 26, 2022

11:00am to 2:00pm

## UPDATE

Preparation for the St. Gerard "Christmas in November" fundraising event is in the final stages of planning.



**Raffle tickets** are available before and after each weekend Mass; this is a great way to support our St. Gerard Family while at the same time having a chance to win one of five baskets valued at \$200 each. We encourage every family to pick up a ticket book and sell them to family and friends! Tickets are \$5 each. Baskets are on display in the Welcome Area!!

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Parishioners are asked to donate a pan of **squares or cookies** that will be made up into trays, and an **item(s) for the bake table such as a pie or a layer cake**. Items may be delivered the week of November 21 to 24, **Monday to Wednesday 10:00am to 3:00pm and Thursday noon to 7:00 pm.**

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Volunteers the week prior to our event and on event day are needed, another great way to support our St. Gerard Family!

*The next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm, Meeting Room A.*

*- Submitted by Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chairperson*

***P.S. Raffle tickets, perogies, cabbage rolls, spring rolls and baking will be available at the fundraiser!***

# Does the Catholic Church Allow Cremation?

Kristopher Seaman

Indeed, the Catholic Church allows for the option of cremating the body of the deceased person. However, the preference is that the body be buried (*Order of Christian Funerals* [OCF], Appendix, 414). Theologically, the physical body has a dignity of its own. This dignity is expressed, ritually and liturgically, by way of incensing, sprinkling, touching, prayer over the body, gathering with the body, and so on, during funeral liturgies, vigils, and burials. These rituals show that, indeed, the Christian community affirms the dignity, worth, and care of the one who awaits the final Resurrection of the dead. The human body is deserving of reverence, whether alive or dead.

The Church, moreover, clearly prefers that the body be present for the funeral liturgy, even though cremation may be an option. The Church asks that, following the funeral liturgy, but before the rite of committal (that is, burial or interment), the body may be cremated. During the vigil or wake and at the funeral liturgy, the body is present. Then, the body may be taken to be cremated, and buried or interred.

Cremated remains cannot be scattered or displayed in the home (OCF, Appendix, 417), rather, the remains are to be buried or interred, especially in a cemetery, mausoleum or columbarium (417). These are places where people can go to offer prayers for the deceased and mourn the physical loss. These spaces provide the psychological and spiritual separation between the deceased and the living, as well as the recognition that, even though deceased, this person is still a part of the Church. These spaces recognize that the Church is more than just the living but includes those who have gone before us in death and who await the final Resurrection of the dead.

In those cases when the body cannot be present for the liturgy, but the cremated remains will be at the funeral liturgy, the Church offers an appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals*—the ritual compendium of liturgies, rites, and

prayers from the time of death to final burial. This appendix provides options for the presence of cremated remains. It states that “the cremated remains of the body are to be placed in a worthy vessel. A small table or stand is prepared for them at the place normally occupied by the coffin. The vessel containing the cremated remains may be carried to its place in

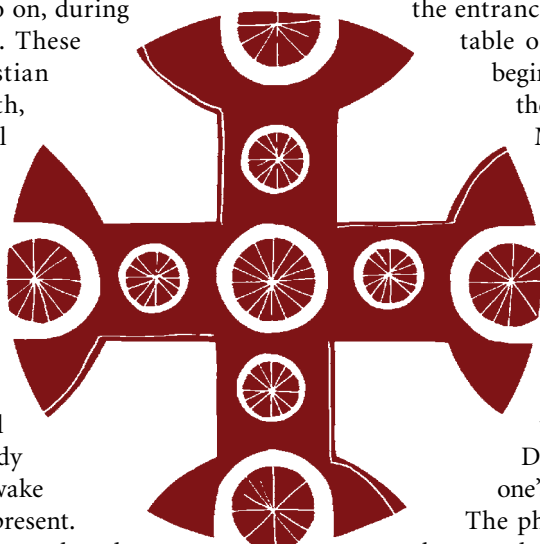
the entrance procession or may be placed on this table or stand sometime before the liturgy begins” (427). A burial pall is not placed over the worthy vessel of the cremated remains.

Many parishes now have ossuaries into which the cremated remains are placed as a way to contain, in a worthy manner, the cremated remains.

In Baptism, discipleship began. Discipleship continues throughout life, and does not end at death. God’s overflowing love in Jesus the Christ remains faithful to his covenant. God will not let death have the final word (4).

Death does not extinguish life but changes one’s relationship to God and to one another.

The physical body has a dignity of its own, because death does not sever the bonds of discipleship with God or with one another. One now lives differently, awaiting the final Resurrection. We, who mourn the death of another human person, pray that this person may be worthy of God’s abundant life in a new way. Death is not an end, but a transition into a new or changed way of having life in Christ Jesus. Cremation, while allowed, does not express the full dignity that God and humanity has for the deceased. Having the body present for the vigil and funeral liturgy, affords the community of disciples—that is, the Church—to express their grief, loss, prayers, and hopes for the new life of one who is born into eternal life. ♦



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# Archdiocese of Regina November 13 , 2022

## Bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CSA Education Committee

Over the last two years, many of the educational events that the Core Working Group has provided have been done through zoom. Although the pandemic is still with us, we are now in a position to meet in person. To this end, the Core Working Group has re-established an educational committee to oversee, coordinate and arrange workshops and presentations on a variety of topics around clergy sexual abuse. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss potential opportunities, we would invite you to contact the education committee at [csaeducation@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:csaeducation@archregina.sk.ca).

### Grief and Loss Accompaniment Workshop

There are many different kinds of Grief and Loss. Loss of relationships, loss of a loved one, ambiguous loss, and shattered assumptions. When people are in the middle of suffering a significant loss, there are many emotions to deal with. We will explore and look at how to accompany someone during this emotional time in their life. The workshop will focus on the language of accompaniment. Please join us on Saturday, November 19 from 1-5 pm via zoom. You can register by emailing [victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com).

**TF322: Reading For Consolation with Dr. Susan Johnston - Part 1** - Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett visit with the University of Regina English Department head, Dr. Susan Johnston as we discuss reading for consolation in difficult times. [thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/reading-for-consolation-with-dr-susan-johnston-part-1](http://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/reading-for-consolation-with-dr-susan-johnston-part-1)

### An Advent Dialogue

This Advent, join in a Baptist-Catholic dialogue on Christian experience. Join us on Zoom for this unique ecumenical journey with a series of five small-group theological reflection workshops. In each session, participants from the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada will join together with participants from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina to faithfully explore the experience of sacred Scripture in our daily lives. So, grab your coffee cup, and let your hair down, and begin a journey with friends old and new this Advent season.  
Group #1 - Wednesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (CST), November 23rd - December 21st, or  
Group #2 - Friday afternoons 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CST), November 25th - December 23rd/ To register, or for further information contact: [lynda.theoworkshops@usask.ca](mailto:lynda.theoworkshops@usask.ca)

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### Archbishops Appeal

In the ravages of wars and global crises, it might be tempting to ask the question of whether the end times are happening. As a people of faith, we believe in the second coming of Christ, but until he comes again, what should we do? That is the question posed to Jesus in the Gospel. But Jesus instructs that many people will say the end is coming, but we should be firm in our conviction that to be a people of faith means to be trusting that Jesus knows what he is doing.

We encounter this trusting relationship in our parishes. When we gather for Mass, we listen to the scriptures, encounter and wrestle with the tensions of our lives, and then something miraculous happens: Christ comes to us! When we receive the Eucharist, our souls are nourished, and Christ supports us in our lives until he comes again to the entire world. Your support to the Annual Appeal directly helps parish ministries and the education of clergy and lay people. Please continue to be generous so that our parishes receive the resources and personnel to effectively spread the Good News and support our communities. For more information or to donate, visit [archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/archbishops-appeal/](http://archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/archbishops-appeal/)



**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... the TRC's call to action #60 calls upon the four Settlement Agreement churches [Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist] to begin allocating funds for community-based healing and reconciliation projects. In response, the Archdiocese of Regina has established a TRC Healing Committee, comprised of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members to seek concrete ways of carrying this out.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 Thessalonians 3:9*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.



## LESSON FOUR – Cracking the Catechism Code!

What is a brief history of the Catechism?

Many scholars think the first known Catechism was the Didaché. Also known as the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, possibly written in the 2nd century AD. From an unknown author, the text survived as one manuscript with only 16 chapters, appearing to be the teachings written directly from apostolic preaching and perhaps the first Christian literary text and oldest catechism. Didaché is the Greek word that means “teaching”. The current Catechism of the Catholic Church originated from a Synod of Bishops in 1985. After 24,000 suggested revisions, Pope John Paul II officially approved the definitive version and publicized it on December 8th, 1992 with an apostolic constitution.

**What does it mean to believe in God? Qu'est-ce que cela veut dire « croire en Dieu » ?**

**3 Minute Catechism Video:** [CLICK HERE](http://archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/) (archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/)

**Text:** CCC#s 26, 161, 166, 183, 202, 222

**Pope Francis:** “Trusting in God means ... accepting that his salvation and his help should come to us in a different way from our expectations,” he said Jan. 25.

**Pope Paul VI, Dei Verbum n. 2:** “addresses men as his friends” ([Dei Verbum](http://vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html), n. 2).

**Pope Benedict XVI:** “Believing in God means adherence, ... acceptance, ... and obedience ... Faith is a personal act and a free response... out of love, (God) ‘speaks to men and women as friends.’” General Audience: Jan. 23, 2013.

**Sacred Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1, 8-10, Romans 12.3

## Becoming a Church of Closeness: The Challenges & Opportunities of Synodality

Catholics around the world want to respond to Pope Francis’ vision of becoming a “Church of closeness”. But what does it mean to live out synodality practically in the parish?

We get it — learning how to live out such a big and bold vision in a local parish isn’t always clear. This is why

Divine Renovation and Alpha invite you to our online event, happening Friday, November 18: Becoming a Church of Closeness:

The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality. Join in this global conversation, where you will:

- Participate in a discussion with Sr. Nathalie Becquart on synodality and why we’re called to become a Church of closeness
- Learn practical ways you can implement synodality in your parish
- Connect with Catholics from across the world who share a passion for mission and evangelization

Here’s what you need to do:

1. Register today for Becoming a Church of Closeness: The Challenges and Opportunities of Synodality at [divinerenovation.org/synod](http://divinerenovation.org/synod).
2. Invite a fellow priests or parishioners to join you.
3. Be equipped to become a strong, thriving parish that brings people to Jesus!

Register today at: [divinerenovation.org/synod/](http://divinerenovation.org/synod/)

Friday, Nov. 18, 2022 • | Noon |

## Myriam Family Retreat Day

Saturday, November 19th - 10 AM - 4 PM

**Searching for light, let us be bearers of hope!**

*Including Holy hour, talks and sharing, and Lunch, in the beauty of nature and the silence of the Countryside at our house of prayer in McLean, Sk, 45 km East of Regina.*

To register and get the directions or to follow online, please contact Sr. Stephanie at 306-761-0528 or by email [pss.prairies@famillemymriam.org](mailto:pss.prairies@famillemymriam.org)

**Secular Franciscans** – A Franciscan Vocation for Catholic Women or Men, Married or Single: Do you want to be a better Catholic? Draw nearer to God? Become more Christ-like? Perhaps you have a vocation to a of men and women, married and single, who live and work in the world, but who follow a way of life that’s faithful to the original Rule written by St. Francis of Assisi, but adapted to today’s circumstances. Members of the Order find direction, inspiration, encouragement and support to reach spiritual goals in a community (fraternity) of Secular Franciscans near your community. History: In 1209, St. Francis of Assisi established the First Order of the Franciscan family (Order of Friars Minor) for men. Later with St. Clare of Assisi, he founded the Second Order (the Poor Clares), and finally in 1221, he instituted the Third Order (Secular Franciscans) for men and women who were unable to leave their homes, families, or work. What is involved: Secular Franciscans do not take vows. Instead, they make a pledge (or solemn promises) to observe for life the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. Admission is open to anyone who is not already a member of another religious or secular Order, who is 18 years or older, a practicing Catholic of good moral character, peace-loving and faithful to the teachings of the Church and loyal to the Apostolic See. In addition to help in leading a spiritually rich and fulfilling Christian life, members of the Secular Franciscans also share in all the merits of the world-wide Franciscan family (over one million members today), benefitting from the Masses, prayers, good works, and sacrifices of all First Order Friars, Second Order Poor Clares, Third Order Regular friars and nuns, and brother and sister Secular Franciscans. For more information: contact Paulette Matovich 1-306-561-7793.

## CWLF Leadership Program 2023

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2023 cohort of our Leadership Program, scheduled to begin in June 2023 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work. For more information or to apply, visit [form.jotform.com/222445350741248](http://form.jotform.com/222445350741248)

## Facilities Manager – Christ the King Parish

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish has a vacant position (part-time, flexible schedule, averaging 15 - 20 hours/week) responsible for management of maintenance, repairs, cleaning and security of the buildings, contents, and grounds of the parish. To obtain a copy of the job description and competencies required for this role, please contact the parish office at 306-586-9020. Please submit by email to [humanresources@christtheking.ca](mailto:humanresources@christtheking.ca) or in person at the parish office, 3239 Garnet Street, Regina. Applications must be received by November 15, 2022.