



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 16th, 2022
Twenty-ninth
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

CONTACT US

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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. (17th) NO MASS
 Tues. (18th) 7:00pm +Bernice Streifel
 Wed. (19th) 9:00am +Peter Loster (10 yrs)
 10:00am **NURSING HOME SOUTH**
 +Joseph Paydli
 Thurs. (20th) 9:00am +Lauretta Schwitzer
 2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**
 +Olga Duff
 Fri. (21st) 9:00am +Purísima Montebon
 Sat. (22nd) 9:00am +Olga Duff

5:00pm +Rene Berthelette
 6:30pm Mass following Sacrament
 Preparation Session

Sun. (23rd) **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Merlin Mroske

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.



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



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

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Faithful God, forgive us our lack of constancy and inspire us in our prayer that we may come to know and love you and your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

The Persistent Widow

Scripture:

- Exodus 17.8-13. As long as Moses kept his arms up Joshua remained victorious in battle. When Moses could no longer persist on his own, Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms for him.
- 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2. Paul challenges Timothy to not lose patience, and to stay with his task of preaching the word, remembering who his teachers were.
- Luke 18.1-8. In a parable Jesus praises the determination of a widow who is finally given justice, even by a corrupt judge, because she was tenacious. Her persistence wore the judge out. That is how we need to be.

Theme:

Don't give up. Be persistent. Be tenacious. Be determined. Persevere. Don't lose patience. Keep going. This is a consistent message coming to us from Moses, Paul, and Jesus. It is especially true of our prayer life. Jesus promises that God will answer prayers and bring justice – but will people believe and patiently persevere?

Reflection:

When things take so much time, it is easy to run out of patience. Often we are tempted to give up and stop trying.

- What is an accomplishment that took you a lot of time and persistence, but that was finally successful? How did you keep believing in yourself during the process? Did you ever lose faith?
- What is something you did give up on? Was it truly time to let it go? Or do you sometimes have regrets and wish you had been more persistent?

Jesus tells us the story of the tenacious widow as a parable about prayer. Many people have a hard time praying, saying that it does nothing for them and that they feel as if they are talking to a wall and not being heard. But many other people would offer the insight that the purpose of prayer is not for us to change God, but for God to change us. If so, being persistent will give us extra time to be changed.

- Is your prayer life active and fulfilling? Do you feel connected with God? Or do you feel like giving up since “nothing is happening”?
- What might help you become more like that tenacious widow with your prayer life? What might help “something happen”?

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.

- Submitted by Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chairperson



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is planned for early 2023. Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. office@stgerard.ca



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

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 and someone will mount for you.*

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.



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.

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



If you are interested in playing **Knights of Columbus Curling** you can enter as a team or as an individual. Begins **October 24th**. Please contact Jeff Kaspick by email or phone at ljkaspick@sasktel.net or 1.306.621.2394 (evenings or weekends).



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



Missionary Families of Christ

Defending Faith, Family & Life

INVITATION

WHO: All Parishioners & guests

WHAT: Family Prayer and Worship Night with Missionary Families of Christ – Yorkton

WHEN: October 22, 2022 Saturday, 7pm-8:30pm

WHERE: Saint Gerard's lower-level hall

Bring your family and friends to join us for an hour of prayer and worship. Enjoy singing and praising the Lord with joyful songs of praise and worship.

Please contact Bro. Ferdie at 306.620.2239 for more information. Admission is free. Refreshment will be served during our fellowship.

Matthew 18:20 *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*



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.



Bringing Home the Word

Prayer: A Powerful Battle

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in telling this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle with Amalek.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says to him, "Lord, Lord." He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also knows that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we are persistent in praying to him.

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World Mission Sunday

October 23, 2022

The universal collection for **World Mission Sunday** is unique: its fruits are distributed worldwide according to the needs of the poorest dioceses. Everyone contributes to the cause and this allows the survival of the poorest dioceses, especially those who do not benefit from twinning or privileged contact with the West. Your donations are vital to the daily work of the missionary Church. Your financial assistance provides places of prayer and worship, improved health care and education for the poor and for the needs of our missionaries. Your donations will also go to the training of thousands of catechists who share the Gospel message of love.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Our parish goal for the Archbishop's Appeal is **\$46,774**. Together we can reach our goal if each of us freely shares from the abundance that God has blessed us with. These funds will provide the continuation of many programs that enrich the lives of those around us. Please prayerfully consider donating to this year's Appeal.



Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to join us in celebrating 55 years of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Our friends and partners once again request our support in their fight for justice and human dignity, which represents a call to continue our campaign: *People and Planet First*. Learn about the status of ongoing calls for corporate accountability in the Canadian investment and mining sectors and join us for in an inspiring discussion on Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti* (All brothers and sisters).

Our Yorkton workshop will take place October 23rd at St. Gerard's from 1pm-4:30pm and will include a presentation by Tashia Toupin, Social Justice Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Regina. A light lunch will be available after the 11am Mass.

Together, we will help renew our passion for action and rediscover our call to be good stewards of creation! Come out for some good fellowship and help us put *People and Planet First*! For more information, & to RSVP for lunch, please contact: Héléne at mdmhelene@gmail.com



Lord, I am grateful that you listen to me. Make my whole life a prayer of thanksgiving in honour of your goodness and love.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Mon. (17th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (dough)
- Tues. (18th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting
(Meeting Room A)
- Wed. (19th): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
- Sat. (22nd): 5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (Parish Hall)
- Sun. (23rd): 1:00pm- Development & Peace workshop
7:00pm- Marriage Prep (Lower Level)

Catechism Theme: Prayer and the First Commandment

2098 The acts of faith, hope, charity enjoined by the first commandment are accomplished in prayer. Lifting up the mind toward God is an expression of our adoration of God: prayer of praise and thanksgiving, intercession and petition. Prayer is an indispensable condition for being able to obey God's commandments. "[We] ought always to pray and not lose heart."

Constantly praying for God's will builds up not only faith (trust in God), but hope (in his will) and charity (concern for all his creatures). Praising and thanking a benevolent God strengthens trust, which, in turn, gives hope. Interceding on others' behalf deepens bonds of friendship and love. Prayer petitions based upon these other prayer types will naturally increase faith, hope, and love. They will empower us to obey God's commands.

Why do we pray? Does our prayer flow from petition to praise, thanks, and intercession? Or is our petition a response to the praise and thanks due to a loving God and to the intercession of those in need? Let us seek God first in prayers of praise and thanks, and place others' needs on an equal footing with our own. In this way, we can always grow in our prayer life.

How has your prayer life grown in the face of adversity? How persistent are you in prayer?

The gospel presents us with many challenges. First, is our prayer petition centered on ourselves or upon God's will? In other words, are we willing to seek God's will in our lives? Only then, we will be able to sustain faith.

Second, if our prayer petition is centered on God's will, do we have the persistence to pray constantly for his will? Is our faith strong enough to trust God with an unknown future?

And, finally, are we willing to patiently wait for God to act? Will we remember that God sometimes acts at the last minute, but always the right time?

Reflect on those last questions this week. Take one area in your life and place it in God's hands. Make the same petition every day. At the end of the week, look back on your petition, not for an outcome, but for the way the petition affected you. Are you willing to continue with the petition, or do you feel like giving up? (Be honest with yourself!) If you feel like giving up, don't despair. Instead, thank God for the opportunity to pray and move onto the next area in your life.

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Archdiocese of Regina October 16, 2022

Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Archdiocese of Regina
AGM

Wednesday, October 26
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Online

Archdiocese of Regina 2021 AGM

The Annual General Meeting for 2021 will be held online on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 PM. Register for the meeting [online](#), email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651 ext 6734. The 2021 annual report can be read [HERE](#).

TF318: A Catholic Approach to Horror Movies - Part 1

October is not only a time for pumpkin spiced lattes and crunch leaves. It is also the time we see Halloween decor fill store aisles and horror flicks in the theaters. How should Catholics approach horror movies? Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett talk memento mori, the reality of evil, the Conjuring, the Book of Revelation, and more.

Show Snippet: "You know, a lot of the same people who would say "I would never watch a horror movie," are the same people who would say, "I would never read the Book of Revelation," or "I read it once and, no thanks, it's not for me..."

thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/a-catholic-approach-to-horror-movies-part-1



Archbishops Appeal

Anyone who has tried to start a new exercise regimen or learn an instrument understands that it takes persistence. Being persistent in anything is hard though – it asks us to endure resistance, at times being un-comfortable or boring. The readings today help us understand that our faith is like a muscle that needs to be exercised. At times our faith comes easily, but other times it takes persistence to grow in the spiritual life.

The account of Moses being persistent in his help to the army of Israel, Paul's exhortation to Timothy to be persistent in following the Gospel, and Jesus's parable of the dishonest judge show us that we must be persistent in our faith. We can never annoy God with our prayers! The more we enter into prayer and do the work of the Church, the more our spiritual muscles are exercised. But, as we know, many hands make light work. With your generous support to the Annual Appeal, the archdiocese is able to provide many people the support they need to minister to the needs of the Church. The gospel challenges us to think of the ways we can contribute to building up the people of God and the works of the Church. What will your contribution be?



"I had heard about the program for many years, but I didn't apply until a parishioner returned from Formation weekends, glowing with joy. I found it wonderful to spend time with other Catholics who were also interested in learning more about the faith – I looked forward to every session with first-rate presenters."

- Heather Deis,
St. Cecilia Parish, Regina

At Lay Formation we are passionate about:

-  *Becoming **More Deeply Aware** of God's personal love and activity in our lives.*
-  *Encountering **Jesus Christ**, discovering his plan of sheer goodness for us, and deepening our relationship with Him.*
-  ***More Intentionally** integrating our faith in our daily life and service to Christ.*
-  *Receiving the **Spiritual and Formational Tools** we need to follow Christ's commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19)*



"The Lay Formation program was a very rich opportunity for me to learn the Catechism I felt I missed in my early years. Along with a better foundation to understanding our faith, the many wonderful experiences in spirituality and prayer enriched me greatly, and have given me new pathways for my journey with God."

- Bob Wihlidal,
Holy Child Parish, Regina

The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program Forming Intentional Disciples

"There is always hope. This community provides strength and a place to share and express where you are at and how you are feeling. There is a range of ages and people involved. I am a young mom among grandparents and although there is this dynamic difference among us, there is compassion and understanding." - Farrah Semegen, Holy Child Parish, Regina.

We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake. For more information on how to register or our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be

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If you have life, you have questions. If you have a Catechism, you have answers!

What is a catechism?

The word catechism comes from a Greek word that means “to echo”. For the Catholic Church, catechism refers to passing along the teachings of Jesus given to the apostles. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a book that every Catholic should own. It contains everything Jesus wants the Church to teach about living-out the reality of the Catholic Faith as God reveals it. It is a perfect union of knowledge and living where truth and love exist together, as summed up by Jesus’ words: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. A catechism is a text that is conveyed in a way to help understand the fundamental Christian truths. The Catechism is divided into four sections that are considered the pillars of faith: 1.) The Creed, 2.) The Sacraments & Liturgy, 3.) Life in Christ (morality) and 4.) Prayer.

Lesson One:

What is a human? What is reason & will? Qu’est-ce que l’humanité? Qu’est-ce que la raison et la volonté ? Visit archregina.sk.ca/catechetical-support-parishes (to watch a three minute catechism video available in English and French on the catechist page of our website, or read the text in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers 31-36, 1704 (CCC #'s 32-36, 1704).

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 benefitted the settlers and newcomers through the peaceful access to lands for settlement, farming, railways, and development, peaceful settlement in this territory, minimal costs for westward expansion and the prevention of costly wars with First Nations peoples, and the protection of lands by stopping American expansion. (OTC, 2008, We are All Treaty People, p.13)

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 Wicahitowin Indigenous Engagement Conference

November 28 and 29. This year, the 2022 Wicahitowin 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 Wicahitowin 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 Wicahitowin conference is for everyone, so mark your calendars and visit www.wicahitowin.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! Experience the true meaning of retirement with a world of choices, beautiful architecture, and a variety of programs and services. Your neighbours are caring people who make you feel welcome. One of our residents said, “If I was still living in my home, I would be so isolated now. But, living at Trinity Manor I have friends all around me”.

Regina’s own Trinity Manor, a part of Emmanuel Care, is under the leadership and sponsorship of the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan. Whether you need assisted living, short stay, customized care plans, or to age in place, we are challenging the standard for retirement living. With our affordable pricing starting at \$2245, enjoy premium retirement living at affordable rates! Attend daily mass, receive the sacraments, or spend time in quiet reflection in our tranquil chapel. Start your day by enjoying the country sunrise, 10 mins from downtown. Book your personal tour now by contacting Janet at 306-550-8077 or visit us at trinitymanorregina.ca.