

St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday Advent 9am Mass 11am Mass 	2	3 9:00am Cabbage Roll Bee 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass 7:30pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg	4 9am Mass 4:30pm CWL Christmas Social	5 9am Mass CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION	6 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass	7 5pm Mass
8 2nd Sunday Advent 9am Mass 11am Mass 	9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 7pm Mass	10 9:00am Perogy Bee 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass	11 9am Mass 6pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Social	12 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES 9am Mass 7pm Penitential Service	13 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Mass	14 Missionary Families of Christ Christmas Party 5pm Mass
15 3rd Sunday Advent 9am Mass 11am Mass 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass 	16 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass	17 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass 7:30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting	18 10am Mass at Nursing Home (South Chapel) 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass	19 Happy Anniversary Father Antony! 2:30pm Mass at Yorkton Crossing 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass	20 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass	21 5pm Mass
22 4th Sunday Advent 9am Mass 11am Mass 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass 	23 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Novena Mass	24 5pm Christmas Eve Mass (with incense) 8:30pm Christmas Night Mass	25  10am Mass of Christmas Day	26 NO MASS	27 NO MASS	28 5pm Mass
29 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 9am Mass 11am Mass	30	31 EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 5pm Mass	<i>God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.</i>			

2025 Parish Giving Program

THE SUNDAY OFFERING

The weekly collection humbly expresses the community's faith. The silent routine accompanies the spirit of selflessness that unites believers. Whether your gift is large or small, the collection expresses what we have in common – a desire to share.

In the Mass, the collection occurs at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Its placement is significant. It is not an admission fee to get into the building. It is part of the heart of the Mass. Every Mass celebrates the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That sacrifice unfolds before our eyes as the gifts we bring, the bread and wine, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and offered to God.

This sacrificial action begins when we carry bread and wine to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. They represent our offering to God and our communion with God. Just as the Body and Blood of Christ bring heavenly nourishment to our community, so the collection brings material aid. That material aid is no small matter. Your church depends on your gift.

The charity which underlies the collection results from faith. We believe that what we have comes from God, and we know it was given for the enjoyment of all. A habit of giving comes from the heart that has learned the satisfactions of generosity. A habit of giving offers us peace in that we are doing our part to make the world a better, more generous place.

It is our responsibility to contribute generously for the priceless gift that we receive at the Holy Eucharist.

ONLINE GIVING - PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

What is a Pre-Authorized Giving Program? It is a way to financially support the parish through semi-monthly or monthly contributions from your personal bank account. There is NO cost to participate. Pre-authorized Giving is assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services.

How does it relate to the use of weekly envelopes? If you participate in the Pre-Authorized Giving Program, it replaces the use of weekly envelopes. Envelopes for special appeals are available to you. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

How do I sign up? For those wanting to utilize the Pre-Authorized Giving Program you may complete the form located on the table in the Welcome Area and return it to the Parish Office by mail, email, or through the Sunday collection basket.

ONLINE GIVING – E-TRANSFER

How do I e-transfer a contribution? Email giving@stgerard.ca for more information.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Sunday offertory envelopes are available. If you have not had offertory envelopes in the past, please complete the New Parishioner Registration form and return it to the Parish Office by mail, email, or through the Sunday collection basket. You may include cash or cheque in the Sunday offertory envelope.

NOTE: If you have Sunday offertory envelopes dated 2024, there will be a box for you to pick up for 2025. Once the date has passed, please do not use the offertory envelopes as envelope numbers change each year. For example, if you have envelopes dated 2021, please recycle.

All contributions made by one of the above methods will be included in a charitable donation receipt which is issued annually before the end of February.