



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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

*Holy Week*



Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b> + Adeline Markham
Tues. 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> + Joanne Fedirko
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Holy Mass</b> Henry & Lorraine Kweens
	10:00 am	<i>Communion Service at Nursing Home (Chapel)</i>
	6:30 pm	Triduum Choir Rehearsal

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thurs. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	
	7:30 pm	Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm</i>

Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	<b>OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	
	12:00 pm	3:00 pm

Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
	2:00 pm	Blessing of Festive Food

#### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 pm	<b>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>
Sun. 20 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	<b>Holy Mass of Easter Day</b> <i>(No Children's Liturgy)</i>

## How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

*The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is sometimes preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.*

### 1. **Make the Sign of the Cross.**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### 2. **Optional Opening Prayers**

*Leader: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.*

All: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!  
(Three Times)

### 3. **Our Father**

### 4. **Hail Mary**

### 5. **The Apostle's Creed**

### 6. **The Eternal Father**

All: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In atonement for our sins and those of the world.

### 7. **On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade**

*Leader: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,*

All: have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 8. **Repeat for the remaining decades:**

Saying the “Eternal Father” on the Our Father bead and then ten “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion” on the following Hail Mary beads.

### 9. **Conclude with Holy God**

All: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Three Times)

### 10. **Closing Prayer**

All: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

*Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27<sup>th</sup>).*

## 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



## Baptism - The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their child/ren for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. **The next Preparation Session will be held for three Thursday evenings beginning May 1.** Childcare is provided.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Solemn Holy Mass at 11:00 am

Please note that this Holy Mass will be much longer than usual. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the 5:00 pm Saturday or the 9:00 am Sunday Mass that weekend.



## News from the Knights of Columbus

Apr. 19 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00  
Apr. 25 Articles for “The Word” due  
Apr. 25-27 State Convention

*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)*



## CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2024 charitable donation receipts are available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Thank you for your contribution!



## The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

**Our parish has a FORMED subscription.** Visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup) and search “Yorkton” and then select our parish. Enter your name and email, click the link that is sent to your email address, then you're in! No passwords! No charge!

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Copies of the Novena, which begins Good Friday, are available this week in the church and at the Parish Office.

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Saturday	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm
Sunday	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 11:00 am

Due to the shortage of Liturgical Ministers, the

## Summer Weekend Holy Mass Schedule

**will begin Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
(through Sunday, August 31 inclusive)

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
5:00 pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
**10:00 am**



Bringing Home  
the Word **+**

## He Cannot Save Himself

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Some of us might wonder, as did many of the bystanders on the way to Calvary, why Jesus allowed matters to reach the point they did. We might ask: *He saved others; why didn't he save himself?* Jesus certainly had the power. He demonstrated it often as he traveled the villages and countryside of Israel. Through the centuries, theologians have turned that question over and over, upside down, and inside out. Hadn't he done enough to reveal his identity?

Every answer offered has thrown a bit of light on the question. Still, no answer has adequately resolved the issue. The question of Jesus' suffering and death is a mystery of our faith. Holy Week offers us an opportunity to reflect on this mystery, to discover something that might deepen that faith and transform our lives—if only a bit.

For example, the goal of Jesus' ministry was the establishment of the reign of God. Everything he said and did pointed to this goal. He never faltered, never backed down in the face of opposition. He was steadfast in his commitment to what he believed was God's will for him, regardless of the price he might have to pay. And pay a tremendous price he did. Jesus' faithfulness to God's will is a model for us. We have responsibilities, some of which might make significant demands of us. Do we hold fast, or do we look for a way out? Holy Week calls us to follow him in his commitment.

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On Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), we reflect on the Passion of Our Lord, a story we hear every year. To deepen your experience, try reading the Passion narrative prayerfully on your own. Imagine yourself as a bystander, observing the events, feeling the emotions, and sensing the atmosphere. Consider the sights, sounds, and smells as you journey through the narrative.

During Holy Week, the Church invites us to think about the Passion in a deeper way. It is easy to hear the story quickly at Mass and then forget about it. But when we take time to slow down and reflect on it, we can learn so much more. We can see Jesus' love and sacrifice in a new way.

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## PLACING OF THE PALM BRANCHES IN THE HOME

### Leader:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of the universe and source of mercy and love, you sent your Son in human flesh to be our king.

He proclaimed that your kingdom is near, and taught that those who rule must be servant of all. He crowned his life, not with the glory of this world, but by fulfilling your will and offering his life for the salvation of the world.

On the third day you raised him in glory and exalted him at your right hand.

Today we proudly carry this palm branch in his honour, and place it in our home as a sign of his victory over sin and death.

May the presence of the palm branch remind us of the glory of your kingdom and inspire us to love and serve you in others.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

(from *Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*)



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we remember your journey to the cross on Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday.), help us to welcome you into our lives with open hearts.

Grant us the strength to follow your teachings and trust in your plan for us.

May we always seek to serve you faithfully. Amen.