



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

April 14th, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Mon. 15 th to Fri. 19 th		NO MASS
Tues. 16 th	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Wed. 17 th	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vocation Sunday)

Sat. 20 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 21 st	9:00 am	Mass for the People <i>Followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>
	11:00 am	Mass for the People <i>Followed by Parish Family Brunch</i>



SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:	Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment
Anointing:	Please contact the Parish Office <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
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

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

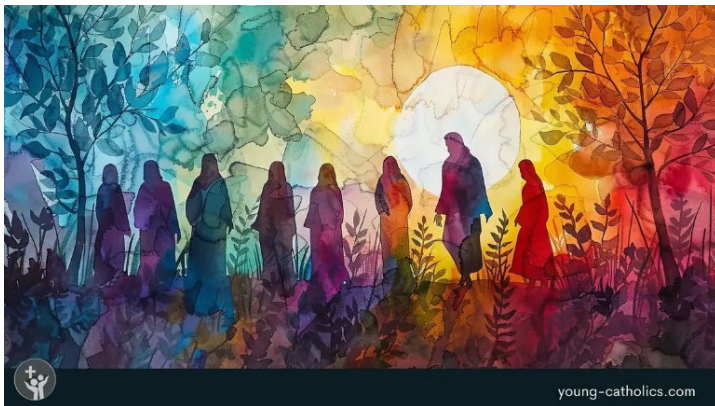
Luke 24:35-48 *Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.*

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ.

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Living in the Light of the Resurrection

The readings for this Sunday also challenge us to live as witnesses to the Resurrection, embodying the hope and renewal it signifies. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical event; it is a reality that has the power to transform our lives today. By rising from the dead, Jesus has conquered sin and death, opening the way for us to live in newness of life.

In the second reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B, John reminds us that Jesus is our advocate with the Father, the one who atones for our sins. This reassurance is not limited to us but extends to the whole world. It is a call to live our lives in a way that reflects the truth of the Resurrection, obeying God's commands and walking in the light of His love. True knowledge of Jesus comes through living in accordance with His teachings, embracing His call to love God and our neighbours.

As witnesses to the Resurrection, we are called to share the message of forgiveness and hope with the world. Jesus' instruction to His disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations is also a mandate for us. In a world marked by division and despair, the message of the Resurrection is a beacon of hope. It is a reminder that love is stronger than death, and that God's mercy can transform even the darkest situations.

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BAPTISM
*The First Sacrament of
Initiation*

All parents who would like to bring their children for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. The next sessions will be held in June (dates to be determined).



CONGRATULATIONS!

to our new disciples who were welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church Sunday, April 7, 2024:

Kurt Fahlman Nadine Kreklewich

*Baptized in Christ,
sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit,
and one with Christ in the Eucharist*

and to

**Lois Bucsis
Hunter Frankfurt Matthew McKee**

who were received into

**Full Communion
with the
Roman Catholic Church**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

May God continue to bless you
through the fullness of the Body of Christ.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS**

According to the criteria of the Archdiocese of Regina, the following must be followed if you wish to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Have **passion** for the **Vision** of St. Gerard Parish.
- Can **commit** to being a representative on Parish Council, and are **available** for workshops and Parish Vision Programs.
- A follower **of Stewardship** (time, talent and treasure).

If this describes you, please consider being part of the Parish Council! Nomination forms will be available at the Parish Office in the coming weeks.



News from the CWL



The Catholic Women's League encourages us to live the life intended by Christ and exemplified by Mary.

Membership in the League is a gift that provides the opportunity to care for one another and dedicate ourselves to a life of faith, service, and social justice. It is a wonderful way to develop relationships and friendships with our CWL Sisters.

To learn more about the Catholic Women's League please contact:

Deanna pell@sasktel.net or
Christine m.shuya@sasktel.net



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 12-14 State Convention – Regina
April 18 Bingo – evening – 5.00
April 20 Family prayer – 7.00
April 21 Parish Family Brunch
April 28 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

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

Yorkton-Melville Deanery Pastoral Council
Presents:

LIVING HOPE

- 1 Dying & Death: Then What? Near-Death-Experience/Nearing-Death Awareness & MAiD ~ Presenter: Virginia Battiste, Retired Hospital Chaplain
- 2 Emmaus Support Mental Health Ministry: Walking Together as Caregivers – Peer Support Ministry ~ Presenters: Deacon Eric & Melissa Gurash

Saturday, May 4, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's RC Church, Canora, SK

REGISTRATION: \$20/person – includes Lunch.
DEADLINE: May 1, 2024
For Information/to Register: Lynda Statchuk
Phone/Text 306-338-7410

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 26, 2024 following the 11am Mass

As a parishioner, it is your right and your responsibility to attend this meeting, and is an opportunity to offer suggestions.

Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks!



Bringing Home the Word **+**

What Will it Take?

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

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2023-2024 ST. GERARD PARISH COUNCIL

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ST. GERARD PARISH CARETAKER POSITION

Applications are being accepted for the St. Gerard Parish Caretaker position:

- 30 – 40 hours per week
- Flexibility of hours depending on the events calendar each week (evenings, weekends)
- Cleaning, care and maintenance of the church building, hall, rectory and grounds
- Interviews will be arranged for the selected individuals made by the HR Committee
- Stop by or contact the Parish Office for details on job description

Please submit all applications and resumes to the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at: nate.bewcyk@gmail.com

Nathan Bewcyk, Finance Council Chair
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*Thank you to Glenn Walz
for his service to St. Gerard Parish.
We wish him all the best in his
future endeavours.*