



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Resurrection of the Lord

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 THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Mon. (18 <sup>th</sup> )	NO MASS
Tues. (19 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am +Thomas Pasloski
Wed. (20 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am +Dorothy Taylor & +Walterean Popine
	10:00am <b>NURSING HOME (SOUTH)</b> +Angie Van Parys
Thurs. (21 <sup>st</sup> )	9:00am +Marge Slugoski
	2:30pm <b>YORKTON CROSSING</b> +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele
Fri. (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	9:00am +Elizabeth Beres
Sat. (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	9:00am +Karyn Schutz
	5:00pm +Brad Gutek
Sun. (24 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	9:00am Mass for the People
	11:00am +John Fedirko

## NEW GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE

We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in your actions and decisions, considering the greater good, and to follow the directives per the Archdiocese of Regina:

- We are a "mask-friendly" parish, meaning that wearing a mask is optional, and we respect those who continue to do so.
- Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection continues.
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace.
- Communion Ministers will wear a mask.
- If you are ill, elderly, or medically vulnerable in any way, you are urged to continue to take every precaution to keep yourself and others safe.



Khristos voskres! Krisztus feltamadt! Jesu Kristi ebiliwo! Helisituosi fuhuole! Cristo ha resucitado!  
 Christus is opgestaan! Le Christ est réssucité! Christus ist auferstanden! Christu uyirthezhunnettu!  
 Chúa Kitô đã Phục sinh Khristus zmartwyckwstal! si Cristo ay muling nabuhay

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Lord, your resurrection pierces the darkness of doubt and fear. May the power of your resurrection help me to deepen my love for you and all people.

- From *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*,  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## An Easter Message from Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of the Archdiocese of Regina, and all who are reading or viewing this little Easter message, warm greetings in the Risen Lord.

As I am recording this, we are preparing for the great celebrations of the Triduum, beginning with Holy Thursday, and a snowstorm is raging outside my office windows. In some places on the prairies they are suggesting it could be the worst snowstorm in decades. By the time you are watching or reading this, you will know! In any case, a great storm seems a fitting metaphor for what we have been living these past weeks, months, even years. For many, because of life torn asunder by war, or the experience and legacy of abuse, or the effects of a pandemic that won't go away, or other struggles without and within, many people are feeling like they - like we - are caught in a vicious storm, in our world or within ourselves.

As a community of faith, we have been invited, through the Lenten season, to walk with Jesus through the tumultuous events culminating in his trial, passion and death. If we walk through those events not feeling their harshness, because we are focused on the inevitable 'good end' of the resurrection, we miss part of the meaning that the Lord wants to share with us. Despite prophecies, the resurrection happened where it was not expected, at a place of total darkness and despair. The cross was the eye of the storm, and the tomb where Jesus was buried was not a quiet resting place so much as it was the place of wreckage after the storm had unleashed its worst.

When we find ourselves in places of deep discouragement, depression, or devastation, standing amidst the wreckage of our world, our society, or our lives, well, then we find ourselves standing where Jesus stood. Only God can bring forth life from such a disaster, only the one who authors our being can ultimately bring healing, transformation, and wholeness. And in remembering the event of the resurrection, in our Easter celebrations, we are reminded and assured that this is precisely what God desires to do. Christ is Risen! And that translates into our experience as this: God does for us what only God can do - lets us breathe again, lets us know and experience joy again, lets a deep hope be planted within us. We are not alone in this life. It is not without purpose. And we and all creation are ultimately in the hands of one who is infinitely good, merciful, just, forgiving, tender, embracing.

Seeing our lives and our world with paschal eyes does not block out the pain or the sense of overwhelm, the sadness or frustration of life. But it remembers, it remembers.... There is a way out of this mess. God knows the way out. And we are invited to dare to trust that the God who raised Jesus from the dead will also walk with us in our times of deepest trouble, and when all seems lost.

You have probably heard the saying, "old age is not for whimps." I think that saying could be expanded a little. There is nothing easy about childhood; or the teenage years; or the challenges of adulthood, parenthood, work, and communal life in a society marked by a deep brokenness. It is not easy at any age. When God authored human life, God did it in such a way as to draw us into God's heart, and the life and death of resurrection of Jesus tells us much about God's heart. There are experiences in life that are filled with blessing and wonder, with new life, with joy that takes our breath away. Experiences, we could say, that give us a glimpse of resurrection. There are also experiences which are harsh - even, we might say, crucifying. Worst still, we do it to each other. And we come before God with hands that are not only needy but also soiled, in need of a mercy as vast and wide as was revealed in the raising of Jesus from the dead. There is a paschal dimension to all of life, and God is at work in the midst of it, transforming us, inviting us into an ever deeper discipleship and ever deeper embrace of God's way of loving and transforming the world into divine life.

The Lord plants one other word in our hearts through this paschal season, and it is this: The crucified and risen Lord asks that we learn, day by day, to walk with each other; in particular, to accompany others when they are in great need, struggling, feeling lost or overwhelmed. In faith we believe it to be true that we are not alone. But we need each other's presence to grow, to believe, to trust. God wants to

work through us, to express solidarity with others, to show compassion, through us. So as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection, let us rejoice at the depths of our being that God is for and with us in this life, and let us find ways to embody God's life-giving presence to others in the rough and tumble of our days.

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter to each and all of you, and to all of your loved ones!



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

In the Archdiocese of Regina, Baptism Preparation is required prior to your child's baptism.

To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.



## Are you planning a marriage in 2022? Congratulations!

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to make arrangements to meet with Father Louis.

## WELCOMERS, LECTORS, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS (USHERS), MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you were not on the most recent schedule, **PLEASE** consider serving your parish once again.

*Or if you haven't ministered before* and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

To be added to the schedule for May to August, contact the Parish Office by Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Phone 306.782.2449/email [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

The new schedules will be available the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCOME EVERYONE!

If you would like more information about our parish please take this bulletin home, browse the information in the Welcome Area, or visit our parish website [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)

**Become a part of our parish family!** If this is your spiritual home, we invite you to register with the parish. Please complete a beige form located on the large table in the Welcome Area. You can drop it off at the Parish Office, or place it in the collection "basket" at Mass.



## News from the CWL



**THANK YOU** to everyone for the overwhelming response for the CWL Pie Sale. Thank you to everyone who bought pies, to the CWL members who generously donated most of the groceries, and to everyone who gave of their time to help in any way to make and sell pies. A special thank you to Rosemarie Todos for organizing and overseeing this CWL fundraiser. A job well done! Approximately \$715.00 was realized for charity.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



**Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.**

*If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## Every Sunday is 'Little Easter'

If Christ had not risen from the dead, there would be no Eucharist as we know it. We might have a meal commemorating his Last Supper. But it would only be a memorial, a re-enactment...

But the Eucharist is not a re-enactment. It is real. It is "live."

It is the risen Lord himself who leads every celebration of the Eucharist. It isn't something we do on our own.

The Church teaches that the Mass is "the action of Christ and the People of God." It is the risen Lord, in his glorified human body, who calls us together, who hosts the celebration, and invites us to join him as he continues to give himself – and us – to the God he calls Abba.

Christ did rise from the dead. That's why we get together every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. And that's why every Sunday has traditionally been called "Little Easter."

- Little Black Book for Lent 2022  
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# Bringing Home the Word

## Finding Treasure on Easter

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A key to our faith is the testimony of the apostles who witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead. For this reason, the Easter scriptural passages carefully record who saw him, when, and under what circumstances.

Particularly powerful is the testimony of Mary Magdalene. She was at the foot of the cross with Mary and John. She saw Jesus' passion and death in all its brutal reality: carrying the cross, the nailing, spearing, his last agonizing words, lowering his body from the cross, cleaning his corpse, and anointing it according to Jewish customs. She would have wrapped him in linen and then stood outside the tomb as soldiers sealed it shut. She, more than anyone, could testify that he was most definitely dead.

Imagine her surprise when, early Sunday morning, she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After Peter and John came to confirm that it was as she said, Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb. Having been forgiven much, she loved much. Saint Gregory the Great comments that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him, for perseverance is essential to any good deed.

Often, we need to persevere in pursuing Jesus. He doesn't reveal himself to mere curiosity seekers. Rather, he rewards those who seek him with sincerity and who have accepted him deeply. Jesus would find the person who was seeking him. He called her by name because he knew her as no one else. She had found her lost treasure and held on to it with all her loving strength.

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### Catechism Themes: CCC 641-644

The appearance of the Lord caused strong mixed feelings among his first followers. The women's testimony would cause skepticism, even cynicism, among the disciples. The thought of Resurrection was so counter-intuitive it seemed impossible.

Why then did faith in the Risen One flourish? This question points to the second piece of historical evidence for the reasonable nature of faith in the Resurrection. The appearance of the Risen Christ caused a chain reaction, resulting in a strength of character, a radical change in fearful people. In the face of this change, to propose the opposite thesis, that the faith of the followers produced the "myth" of the Resurrection, seemed impossible.

*How does faith in the Resurrection change your outlook on tragedy? On death?*

Critical events of life, those experiences and people who change us, have far more influence than the illusion of life's change through will-power alone. In fact, these experiences and people can bolster the decisions we make, the will-power we possess, because they give us the very reasons to change.

The symbolic image of personal change that the Resurrection evokes has power because it grounds itself in the experience of the empty tomb and the appearance of the Risen Lord. The experience of the Risen Christ changes us, empowers us, and emboldens us, because it points to a life beyond the tomb.

*In your mind, image the scene at the empty tomb. Image the joy and fear of the women. Reflect on that image and those feelings this week.*

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## An Easter Blessing




Through the resurrection of Jesus  
God has redeemed us and made us his children.  
May God bless us with joy. Amen.

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.  
May we inherit everlasting life. Amen.

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.  
May our lives be holy, so that we  
will be united with Jesus forever. Amen. +

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## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "The Folded Linen Cloths"

#### **This Week...**

To believe that Jesus rose from the dead is to believe in something that never happened before. Minds have to adjust to seeing things differently. Old ways of thinking have to be thrown out and new ways of thinking brought in. The Resurrection happened, Jesus is the Messiah, and the only remaining trace of death is the folded linen cloths left in the tomb.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The napkin and linen cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this "death business" for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to now the sufferings of death again.

- Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way?

Obviously Mary, Peter, and the other disciples were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

- Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

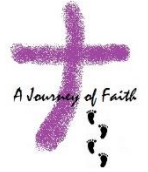
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter*, 2004



**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.

*And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.*

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## LOST SOMETHING?



**Mitts, toques, etc.** – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

**Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc.** – contact the Parish Office.

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## OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

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