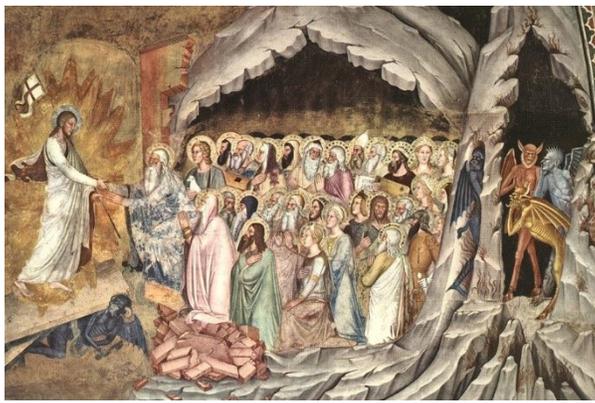


St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish





The Lord's descent into hell

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: “My Lord be with you all”. Christ answered him: “And with your spirit”. He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light”.

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth.

For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that

was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

An Ancient Homily by Early Church Fathers.

http://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010414_omelia-sabato-santo_en.html

Prayer

Almighty, ever-living God, whose Only-begotten Son descended to the realm of the dead, and rose from there to glory, grant that your faithful people, who were buried with him in baptism, may, by his resurrection, obtain eternal life.

(We make our prayer) through our Lord.
(Through Christ our Lord.)

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are so happy that you are here to celebrate the Holy Mass with us!

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 21 st	Parish Office Closed
Mon. 21 st - Fri. 25 th	NO MASS
Fri. 25 th	Knights of Columbus State Convention begins

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat. 26 th	5:00 pm	Holy Mass for the People
Sun. 27 th	9:00 am	Holy Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Holy Mass for the People

CONTACT US

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 27th, 2025

We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Saturday	April 26 th	5:00 pm
Sunday	April 27 th	9:00 am 11:00 am



Our Liturgy Committee, with the help of all other Ministries observe **Name Tag Sunday** the first weekend of every month. This is an opportunity to build up a Family of Faithful, gathering together to celebrate One Body of Christ.

Knowing other Parish Family members by name makes a difference when celebrating Holy Mass, praying for one another, and fulfilling the Commandments of God - "Love of Neighbour".

All are invited for fellowship and refreshments.

Beginning Saturday, May 3rd The Weekend Holy Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday Mass	10:00 am

Children's Liturgy

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, there is an average of 30 to 40 children attending Children's Liturgy each Sunday! We have been so pleased with the interest in this program!

The intended age for Children's Liturgy is 4 to 8 years old.

If your child is younger than age four, please bring him/her or send an older sibling to assist.

There are opportunities open for children of all ages to participate in the coin collection, the "Our Father" prayer at the altar, and the playing of instruments during the final hymn.



All-Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm
(Please use south entrance)

**New Singers and Musicians
Welcome!**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays at 6pm followed by Holy Mass

Fridays at 8am followed by Holy Mass

As Catholics, we believe that at each mass, during the consecration, the priest speaks these words "this is my body which will be given up for you" and at that instant, the miracle of transubstantiation occurs. The bread and wine that we offer becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true presence in the form of bread and wine. It Is Christ!

Adoration is when a consecrated host is placed in a monstrance (from the Latin monstrare, to show or view) for adoration (for us to adore Him).

Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before our Lord.

You can sit quietly and say nothing, just keeping Him company like you would with a dear friend.

*Stay for one minute on your way to work or school.
Or stay for the entire hour. Feel His love and His peace!*



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 if needed.

SIGNS of GRACE™

Confirmation

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

First Eucharist

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

Please pray for our children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

After completing thirteen sessions with their parents, the Celebration at Holy Mass will be Sunday, June 8th at 2pm (Pentecost Sunday)



CONGRATULATIONS!

to our new disciples who were received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church this weekend:

David Dyste
Sheldon Newberg
Anthony Ntiamoah

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



EASTER BLESSINGS TO OUR CATHECHETICAL TEAMS

Baptism

Trevor & Laurel Baker
Curtis & Melissa Moen
Bri Borden

Confirmation

First Eucharist

First Reconciliation

Rene & Ophelia Adane
Sandra Archer

RCIA

Jody Chupa
Francis & Carol Deters
Carla Groenwald
Jerome Niezgoda
Sherri Malinowski



ST. GERARD PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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



ST. GERARD PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 2031

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization that includes charitable service and financial aid to our communities, parishes, families and members. It strives to build the Catholic Church by developing the spiritual growth of themselves and their families, serving parishes, building communities, and by evangelizing all people according to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Sunday, April 27th
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.



News from the Knights of Columbus



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



Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.



He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection

Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving, instructive, and joyful animated presentation!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit www.formed.org/signup and search "Yorkton" and then select our parish. Enter your name and email, click the link sent to your email address, and then you are in! No passwords! No charge!

YOUTH MINISTRY

F The St. Gerard Youth Ministry is a
A group that focuses on grade 8 to 12
I students, offering them a feeling of
T belonging in our parish and an
H opportunity to connect with other youth.

F We focus on four F's - Faith,
E Fellowship, Food and Fun. Through
L these four F's we hope to engage the
L future of our church in developing
O their own faith, putting their faith into
W action and building bonds with others.
S Our goal is to have one youth event
H per month.

F These events may take on many
O formats: speakers, charitable work,
D games nights, adoration nights, music
I ministry, movie nights, bible studies
P and many more activities to help our
F youth grow in their faith and develop
O connection to our parish and
D community.

F For more information contact:
U Scott Hoffort 306.621.8291
N Colleen Hoffort 306.621.7582

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY



Do you love to sing and lead others in song? Do you play an instrument and want to share your talent? All youth Grades 4-12 may join the Youth Music Ministry!

The Youth Music Ministry leads our Parish Family in song once per month. Musicians and singers welcome!

For more information, please contact:
Scott Hoffort 306.621.8291
Rita Hilbig 306.621.6552

Throughout the year, the Social Action Ministry focuses on helping those in our local area who are in need.

Here are a few of the activities in which they are involved:



On an ongoing basis, supports the Salvation Army food bank by collecting non-perishable food items in a box located in the Welcome Area of the church. When there is a particular need, an appeal is made to our Parish Family.

Each year the Social Action Ministry organizes parish volunteers to assist with the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. In 2024, sixteen shifts were filled across four locations.



Each year the Ministry organizes *The Giving Tree*, ready to bring holiday cheer to those most in need in our Yorkton community. Parishioners select a tag—or several—and shop for the listed items – lists that provided by several local organizations.

In 2024, there were 269 gift tag requests (individuals and families) that were filled, bringing joy and hope to others this Christmas.



Their latest activity supports “Love Lives Here Yorkton” by preparing and serving from the LOVE BUS, providing nutritious meals, praying with and praying for members of our local community.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

In addition to serving refreshments at all Parish Family social events, including Name Tag Sunday, this ministry, led by Rosemarie Todos and Juliette Franke, serve our grieving families following Prayer Vigils and Funeral Masses.

They also serve our children preparing for the sacraments at both the Sacrament Retreats and following the Celebrations.

NEWCOMERS:

A warm welcome to you. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. Gerard. If you would like to become a registered member of our parish family, please pick up a registration form located on the table in the Welcome Area. If you wish, you may stop by the Parish Office. We will be happy to assist you in any way.

INFANT BAPTISM:

In the Archdiocese of Regina, parents are to complete a Baptism Preparation Course prior to arranging for their child’s baptism. For more information, or to register for the next Course, please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE:

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! The church wishes to assist you in preparing for this important sacrament. Couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve (12) months prior to the wedding date so that we can adequately prepare you to receive this sacrament.

RCIA:

The Church welcomes you as a son or daughter. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. Gerard. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about our faith, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The church is here for you in times of sickness. If you wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

RECONCILIATION:

Father Antony is available to hear your confession 30 minutes before Mass Tuesday to Friday. To make an appointment for another time, please contact the Parish Office.



Thank you to all who served during the Season of Lent, Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum.

From organizing the liturgies to decorating the church, thank you to the Liturgy Team, led by Colleen Haider, Marie Kruger, and Angela Brown.

For supporting the children in their service to the Lord, thank you to the parents of our Altar Servers and to our Altar Server Coordinator, Kathleen Bedard for her overwhelming support of children serving the Altar at Holy Mass!

For solemnizing the Triduum celebrations, thank you to our gifted Music Ministry.

For tirelessly giving their time and talent whenever and wherever needed, thank you to the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, and all Liturgical Ministers.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Parish grows with your Ministry of Discipleship through Time, Talent and Treasure.

If you are discerning to be involved in any of the areas of ministry, please contact Linda Maddaford, Stewardship Coordinator, at lmaddaford@live.ca We would love to have you! Blessings!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Today, we celebrate the joyous news of Jesus' Resurrection, the heart of our Christian faith.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has conquered sin and death, offering us the promise of new life and eternal hope.

As we celebrate the risen Lord, let us strive to live lives worthy of our faith, reflecting his love and hope in all that we do.

Let us be a light in the world, sharing the good news of Jesus with others and inviting them to experience the joy of His resurrection.

Happy Easter!

