



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Fourth Sunday of  
Easter  
(Vocation Sunday)

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. 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs. 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Lower Level)
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - 04.28 11am Mass

#### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> for the People
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	11:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People



#### 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

## FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18 *Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.*

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

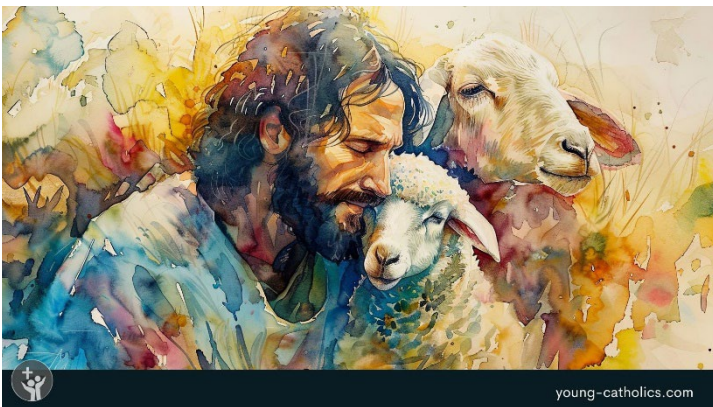
When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honor our commitment. Pray together:

### Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,  
Teach me true generosity.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.  
To give without counting the cost,  
To fight heedless of wounds,  
To labour without seeking rest,  
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward  
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.  
Amen.

[www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/)

## YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The 4th Sunday of Easter Year B is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel reading features Jesus describing Himself as the Good Shepherd. This imagery highlights His role in guiding, protecting, and sacrificing for His flock, emphasizing His care and commitment to all who follow Him.

To apply the message of the Good Shepherd in daily life, consider ways to listen more attentively to Jesus' voice through prayer, Scripture reading, and participating in community worship. Reflect on how you can emulate His sacrificial love and care for others in your actions and decisions. Seek ways to foster unity and inclusivity in your community, mirroring the Good Shepherd's call for one flock under one shepherd.

[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)



## 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 TBD).



### All-Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.  
6pm to 8pm

The next rehearsal is April 29<sup>th</sup>  
*(Please use south entrance)*

## May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our St. Gerard Parish Family will pray the Holy Rosary thirty minutes before each weekend Holy Mass in the month of May. As we honour the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, and our Mother, please join us as we pray for our community and the entire world.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes. Please also pray for all young people, that they may know the personal love of the Lord for them and respond with open and generous hearts.



### 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:

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### News from the Knights of Columbus



April 21 Parish Family Brunch  
April 25 Articles for "The Word" due  
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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*

## 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 are available at the Parish Office.*

## 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!





### The Good Shepherd

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with illustrations of the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty was not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.* As "the Good Shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.*

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### FINANCIAL REPORT TO MARCH 31, 2024

Offertory Collection in March	\$34,502.71
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$70,750.03
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$75,760.52
Offertory Collection Surplus @ 03/31	<b>\$5,010.49</b>

### THANK YOU

*for your continuing and faithful support!*

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



St. Mary's School would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Lenten lunches and donated offerings to our school nutrition program. We are happy to feed our students nutritious breakfasts and lunch daily, and your generosity will go directly toward purchasing food and supplies. May God continue to bless you all!

### 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

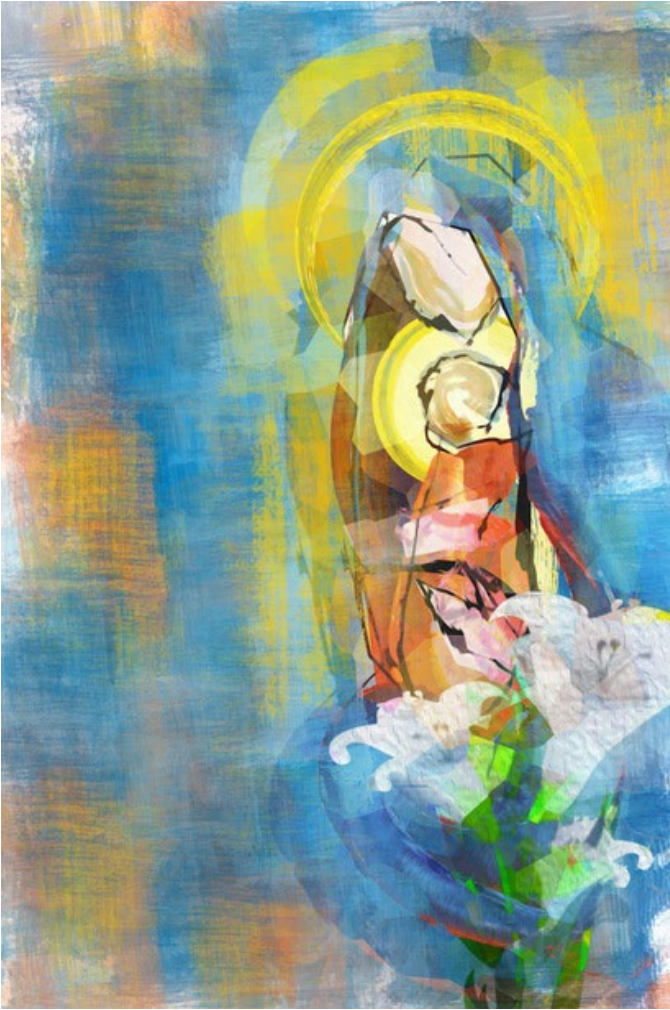
Please submit all applications and resumes to the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at: [nate.bewcyk@gmail.com](mailto:nate.bewcyk@gmail.com)

Nathan Bewcyk, Finance Council Chair

Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chair

Fr. Sathi Antony, Pastor

## The Month of May Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as “Mary’s Month,” a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why is that? How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother?

Ancient Greek and Western cultures view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before “Mother’s Day” was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is closely related to this innate desire to honour maternity during the spring months.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn’t until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*,

“The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.”

Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn’t a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called *Tricesimum*, which was also known as “Lady Month.”

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honour our heavenly mother.



# The Holy Rosary

For centuries, the Holy Rosary has been a treasured devotion in the Catholic Church. A deeply contemplative prayer, the Rosary contains a summary of the Christian faith in language and prayers praying the Rosary, Catholics recall the most important events in the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary. These events are called "Mysteries" and are divided into four groups of five decades: the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. Each decade consists of one "Our Father", ten "Hail Mary's", and one "Glory be to the Father".

## How to Say the Rosary

1. Begin on the Crucifix and say the "Apostle's Creed".
2. On the first bead, say one "Our Father".
3. Say one "Hail Mary" on each of the next three beads.
4. Say one "Glory Be to the Father".
5. At the beginning of each decade, announce the Mystery to be contemplated. For example, the first Joyful Mystery is "The Annunciation". After a short pause for reflection, say one "Our Father" on the large bead.
6. Recite ten "Hail Mary's" on the ten smaller beads, followed by one "Glory be to the Father". An invocation may be added after each decade.
7. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same manner until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group is said.
8. Conclude by saying the "Hail Holy Queen". At the

## The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the

## Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now

## Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

## Fatima Prayer

This prayer is an example of an invocation that may be said after each decade and was requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially

4th  
Mystery

## Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

3rd  
Mystery

2nd  
Mystery

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world

5th  
Mystery



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