



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

April 7th, 2024

Second Sunday
of Easter
(Divine Mercy 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. 8 th	<i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	7:00 pm	Mass for the People
Tues. 9 th	10:30 am	Mass at St. Theodore School +Fran Meehan
	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Tony & +Theresa Spykerman <i>Followed by Finance Council Mtg.</i>
Wed. 10 th	9:00 am	Mass Virginia Wheeler, in Thanksgiving
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thurs. 11 st	9:00 am	Mass +Len & +Eleanor Loster
	1:00 pm	Mass at St. Michael School +Alfred Boucher
	7:00 pm	Sacrament Preparation (Social Hall)
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (Lower Level)
Fri. 12 th	9:30 am	Mass with St. Alphonsus School Roselyne Prince
Sat. 13 th	12:30 pm	St. Gerard CWL Prayer Retreat
	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 14 th	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 *Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.*

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



On this Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, we are called to reflect on the profound message of forgiveness and reconciliation that the resurrected Jesus brings to his disciples. The resurrected Jesus seems to suddenly appear out of nowhere, even though the doors are locked. He is not the same as he was, but he is also not a ghost. He does not dwell on their abandonment and betrayal, but instead focuses on calming their fears and commissioning them to continue his mission of

forgiveness and reconciliation. He calms their fears.

It is striking to note that Jesus does not simply offer forgiveness and reconciliation as an abstract concept or an individual spiritual experience. Instead, he calls his disciples to live in community and to work for right relationships within that community and beyond. The restoration of all creation must include God, all people, and even the natural world.

For us today, this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation must start within our own communities. We must strive to live in harmony with one another, to overcome division and conflict, and to work towards the common good. This is not always an easy task, as we are all flawed and prone to sin. However, we can draw inspiration and strength from the example of the early Church, which was able to live in remarkable unity despite the challenges it faced.

As Catholics, we are also called to extend this message of forgiveness and reconciliation to the wider world. We are called to be agents of healing in a broken world, to work towards justice and peace, and to bring the light of Christ to all those we encounter.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday Year B, let us pray for the grace to live out this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives and in the world around us. May we be instruments of God's mercy and love, bringing healing and hope to all those we meet.

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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).

Children's Liturgy

We are still actively looking for more volunteers, especially adults. If you are interested in helping, please email Sarah Prost at prost.litz@hotmail.com and we can arrange training at an alternate time.

While often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the Peace Prayer wasn't written by the saint. However, it remains a popular traditional prayer.

Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



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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Here I Am Lord, Send Me: Responding to Holy Moments



CWL Prayer Retreat

April 13, 2024 @ St. Gerard Parish Hall

Arrival & Registration: 12:30

Retreat: 1:00 - 4:45 pm

The regular 5:00 Mass will follow
for those who choose to attend

Please pre-register by signing up in the welcome area of the church or emailing Deanna – pell@sasktel.net or Christine – m.shuya@sasktel.net

All ladies of the Parish and Region are more than welcome to attend

Free of Charge



News from the Knights of Columbus



April 7 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
April 10 Combined planning & general meeting – 7.00
April 12-14 State Convention - Regina
April 20 Parish Family Brunch

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

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2023 charitable donation receipts are available for pick up at the Parish Office during regular office hours Monday to Thursday, 8am to 4pm (closed 12noon to 1pm). Thank you to all who contribute financially to our parish to support our good works!



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

I Want Proof

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands, "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof!"

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

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Without the Resurrection, Christianity would be nothing more than a school that taught the wisdom of a great teacher. With the Resurrection, however, Christianity became a road to intimacy with God.

The Resurrection justifies the life, works, and teachings of Jesus. Through the lens of the Resurrection, we can see this life, these works and teachings in the context of Scripture and realize "Jesus is Lord." Faith in the Resurrection leads us to the conclusion Jesus is true God and true man.

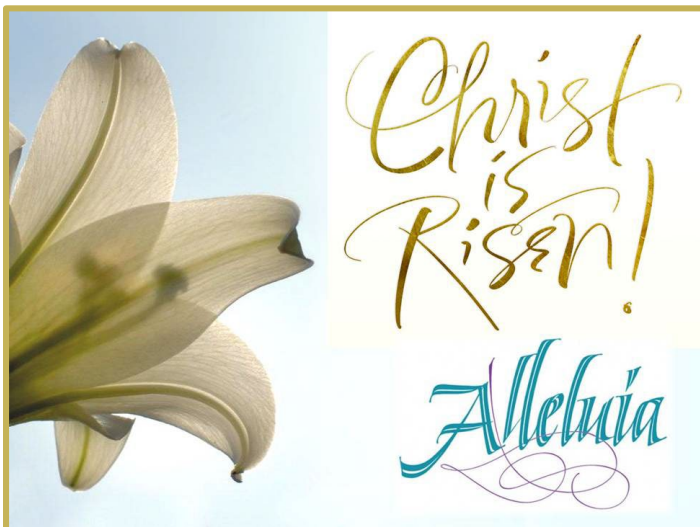
Through the Resurrection, we receive the gift of a new eternal life, free from evil. We become one with our Savior who died and rose for us. And, as he rose, Christ assures us that we, too, will rise on the last day.

*How does the cynicism of the world affect you?
How does faith keep you from cynicism?*

The peace Christ give us heals the fear and cynicism of the world. This peace builds bridges of trust and allows us to walk together to the Father. His peace allows us to continue to believe and to hold on to his very life. Let us, then, offer each other the peace of Christ, the Shalom of his Spirit.

*How can you offer the peace of Christ to others
in your daily life?*

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During the Season of Lent, a Lenten Lunch was served following the 12:10pm Mass each Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions toward the Lenten Lunches. And thank you to the dishwashers who eagerly assisted the Lenten Lunch Committee.

Each year the proceeds of the Lenten Lunches are donated to a worthy cause. This year our parish is contributing \$1,383.93 to the St. Mary Elementary School Lunch Program.

*Submitted by Lorraine Flunder,
Lenten Lunch Committee*