



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Nineteenth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Established December 11, 1904

**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES**  
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### CONTACT US

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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.*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (14<sup>th</sup>) NO MASS  
Tues. (15<sup>th</sup>) **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
7:00pm +Hilarion Pohl  
Wed. (16<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am Rosalie Woloschuk  
*Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion*  
10:00am **NURSING HOME (SOUTH)**  
Thurs. (17<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Brian Woodward  
2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**  
Fri. (18<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Mary Puchala  
Sat. (19<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am NO MASS  

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5:00pm +Mike & +Mary Diakuw  
7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**  
Sun. (20<sup>th</sup>) **NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00am +Anne Kormos  
11:00am Mass for the People

**Holy Hour Devotion**  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

### Reconciliation

½ hour before Mass Tuesday-Friday (or by appt.)

**78th Rama Pilgrimage**  
- 1000+ Pilgrims!  
ST. ANTHONY'S RAMA, SASK.  
**Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
August 14th, 2023 + August 15th, 2023

<b>Vigil of Mary's Assumption</b> 3:00 pm: Chapelet of Divine Mercy (Grotto) 3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross 4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: (306) 593-6120) 6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir) 6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available. 8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Archbishop Don Bolen Charter Bus (Aug 14 only): Saskatoon - Call Mila (306) 664-3695. Humboldt - Call Nestor (306) 682-2048 Cost: \$36.00/seat. Non-refundable **Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church) 9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church) 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite 11:00 am: Final Mass - *Anointing of the Sick & Aged. *Blessing for Plenary Indulgence *Blessing of Religious Articles 12:30 pm - Lunch after final Mass. Book by Aug. 2nd (Call (306) 593-6120) *Like Rama Grotto on Facebook **Website: <a href="http://www.RamaShrine.ca">www.RamaShrine.ca</a>
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For those hoping for what seems impossible: healing, reconciliation, justice, peace among the nations and within communities and families. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

## SUNDAY CONNECTION

### First Reading

*1 Kings 19.9a,11-13a*

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 85.9-14*

The Lord is the source of salvation.

### Second Reading

*Romans 9.1-5*

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 14.22-33*

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that

the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering or the Lord's Prayer.

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### *Morning Offering*

*My God, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.*

*I offer them for all the intentions of your Son's Sacred Heart, for the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of Christians. Amen.*



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

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

**ST GERARD CHURCH**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM**

**2023 - 2024**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CONFIRMATION  
FIRST EUCHARIST**

**GRADE 2 AND UP**

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

EMAIL US AT  
OFFICE@STGERARD.CA

BEFORE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>



## News from the Knights of Columbus



August 27      Bingo-evening-5pm

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664. [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)



Welcome!!

## New to the parish?? WELCOME!!!

Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

**Go Make Disciples** Strengthen your faith and leadership skills through the Archdiocese of Regina's Lay Formation Program! Join us this fall for a 3-year program that will help you deepen your spiritual life and discern how best to offer your gifts in service to the people of God. We are currently accepting applications for our fall intake. For more information on how to register, contact Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

## FAMILY ACTIVITY

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Family Rosary

The feast of the Assumption stresses two points: the destiny of Mary and our destiny. As Catholics, we believe the mother of Jesus was taken body and soul into heaven. And, as Catholics, we believe we will share in that glory someday.

As the first person to believe the Good News at the Annunciation, Mary symbolizes all Christians. Her "Yes" to God should be our "Yes." She cared Christ into the world through her joy and her pain. We should emulate her faithfulness, just as we strive to show others Christ in our world.

That symbolism also encourages our hope for eternal salvation. The feast of the Assumption reflects that hope. As God did for Mary, we hope he will do for us.

The rosary is a wonderful way to honour the Mother of God and reflect on our destiny in Christ. Teach your family how to say the rosary. Share the Glorious Mysteries with them, especially the forth mystery, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

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The Most Reverend Donald Bolen,  
Archbishop of Regina  
will install

**Father Sathi Antony**

as Pastor of St. Gerard's Church

**Saturday, September 2, 2023**  
at the 5:00 pm Mass

All parishioners  
are encouraged to attend.



### Who are the People of God?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

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**LET US PRAY...** Source of life and light, we thank you for the time to reflect on the path we've walked so far. We thank you for your word and your story, given to us as our precious legacy. Support us in our witness to the gospel in every decision we make: with our time, with our money, with our words, and with our relationships. Amen.

### CHURCH CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE

Our parish is in search of a caretaker:

- roughly 30 hours per week (flexible)
- care and maintenance of the entire church, rectory, and grounds
- interviews will be arranged for the selected individuals made by Parish Finance Council
- stop by the Parish Office for a copy of the job description/duties

Please hand in resumes at the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at:

[nate.bewcyk@gmail.com](mailto:nate.bewcyk@gmail.com)

Deadline: August 26, 2023

### RECTORY HOUSEKEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

Our parish is in search of housekeeper for our Rectory:

- roughly 3 hours every two weeks (casual position)
- keeping the Rectory tidy
- duties will be small and pre-arranged based on Father Antony's recommendations during each bi-week

Please hand in resumes or a letter of application at the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at

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Nathan Bewcyk, Finance Council Chairperson  
 Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chairperson  
 Fr. Sathi Antony, Pastor

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## FROM A LETTER ATTRIBUTED TO BARNABAS: *THE WAY OF LIGHT*

Consider now the way of light; any man who is bent on reaching his appointed goal must be very careful in all he does. Now these are the directions that have been given to us for this journey: love your Creator; reverence your Maker; give glory to him who redeemed you when you were dead; be single-minded but rich in spiritual treasure; avoid those who travel down death's highway; hate whatever is displeasing to God; detest all hypocritical pretense; do not abandon God's commandments. Do not put on airs, but be modest whatever you do; claim no credit for yourself. Plot no evil against your neighbor, and do not give pride an entrance into your heart.

Love your neighbor more than your own life. Do not kill an unborn child through abortion, nor destroy it after birth. Do not refrain from chastising son or daughter, but bring them up from childhood in the fear of the Lord. Do not set your heart on what belongs to your neighbor and do not give in to greed. Do not associate with the arrogant but cultivate those who are humble and virtuous.

Accept as a blessing whatever comes your way in the knowledge that nothing ever happens without God's concurrence. Avoid duplicity in thought or in word, for such deception is a deadly snare.

Share with your neighbor whatever you have, and do not say of anything, this is mine. If you both share an imperishable treasure, how much more must you share what is perishable. Do not be hasty in speech; the mouth is a deadly snare. For your soul's good, make every effort to live chastely. Do not hold out your hand for what you can get, only to withdraw it when it comes to giving. Cherish as the apple of your eye anyone who speaks to you of the word of the Lord.

Night and day you will bear in mind the hour of judgment; every day you will seek out the company of God's faithful, either by preaching the word, earnestly exhorting them, ever considering how you can save souls by your eloquence, or else by working with your hands to make reparation for your past sins.

Never hesitate to give, and when you do give, never grumble; then you will know the one who will repay you. Preserve the traditions you have received, adding nothing and taking nothing away. The evildoer will ever be hateful to you. Be fair in your judgments. Never stir dissension, but act as peacemaker and reconcile the quarrelsome. Confess your sins, and do not begin to pray with a guilty conscience. Such then is the way of light.

## **HOMILY PROCLAIMED!**

### **Feast of Transfiguration August 06, 2023**

Dan:7, 9-10, 13-14; 2Pet:1,16-19; Mt:17:1-9

Christ's Tabor radiance is a kind of mirror in which we glimpse the glory that God wills to give his friends. The resplendence of the Transfiguration reveals the fullness of life destined to be ours. He is transfigured and glorified before their very eyes. In a short interval they become aware of the divinity of Jesus. They see Jesus in a new way that was humanly unimaginable, and they want to stay there forever. As we celebrate this great event we pray for a deeper experience of God in our own lives, and to share in his divine life. Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor was his exultation. He invited his disciples to have a glimpse of his glory. In transfiguration on the mountain, we experience the divine presence and his closeness to us. For Peter this was the great moment of experience from the life of Jesus.

We are created into the image and likeness of God. That image and likeness is maintained by Transformation, Transition and Transfiguration.

**Transformation > brings changes to character. >>transforming culture.**

**Transition > brings better growth in person, family, and community. >> a culture of civilization.**

**Transfiguration > makes the image and likeness perfect. >> a culture to fullness from loss. For example, prodigal son in the gospel.**

**Now, there is one more: Transubstantiation > is the capability to enter into other subjects without losing its substance. Jesus can enter into our lives provided we are ready for transition.**

**If not, we will be like Peter the Apostle, "It is good for us to be here."**