



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

August 1st, 2021

**Eighteenth 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

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mon. (2 nd)	NO MASS
Tues. (3 rd)	7:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving
Wed. (4 th)	9:00am +Donna Olshewski 2:30pm GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES +Horace & +Mildred Jackson
Thurs. (5 th)	9:00am +Joan Kormos
Fri. (6 th)	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 8:00am +August Burant
Sat. (7 th)	9:00am +Helen Snape

5:00pm +Ferdinand Thiele
7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
Deceased members of the
Naphin & Tedeschi families

Sun. (8 th)	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am +Daniel Mabasa 11:00am Mass for the People
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WELCOME BACK!

Please note the following changes for our parish per the Archdiocese of Regina guidelines:

- The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until September 1, 2021
- Registration for Mass is no longer required
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. Their use is optional (but encouraged)
- Please sit in the pews that have hymnals so that people are not crowded together
- The choir and singing will resume. If you are not comfortable with singing in a public gathering, you are encouraged to wear a mask
- Holy water will not be available in the Baptismal font at this time
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue

PLEASE COME! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Colleen Haider, Marie Kruger, and the Liturgical Committee



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Lord, you are the bread of love, compassion, and peace. Strengthen me with this bread so I can serve others.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Reflection from Deacon Dave Hudy

Dear Friends:

Our readings for this weekend invite us to think about Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist. In the first reading we hear that God gave his people manna from heaven. The manna was a gift from heaven, and it was what the people needed to keep them alive. Although it was a gift from heaven it was given to satisfy the earthly needs of the people, not their spiritual needs.

In our gospel Jesus announces that he is giving himself to supply the spiritual needs of his people. He gave himself to us in the Holy Eucharist! We are so accustomed to hearing that Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist that we probably take it for granted or we may have trouble believing that Jesus is really present.

It may not help if we think of Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist as being the same presence that Jesus had when he walked on the earth 2000 years ago. When Jesus was on the earth he manifested himself in a presence that everyone could relate to. But, before Jesus was with us on earth he existed as God, he has, in fact existed for all time.

Even though he is God, Jesus took on a fully human nature when he was on earth. Jesus' time on earth has, of course, changed everything for us, but it may be helpful to consider that it changed Jesus, as well. In his book 'Knowing Jesus' English writer and theologian James Allison writes that the resurrection of Jesus changed everything, even Jesus himself.

Allison says that the resurrection was not just another stage in Jesus' life. It was a total self-giving of everything that Jesus could give. He gave everything he had to us! And he gave it in a spirit of love, with no bitterness, what so ever. Jesus' death and resurrection became a part of him, a part of his very being.

Have a great week!

Deacon Dave

Mr. Deacon Dave Hudy was ordained into the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Regina in 2018.
Dave and his wife, Bev, reside in the Melville area.

A few words, now about the **St Philomena Walking Pilgrimage**. Pilgrims will leave St Gerard's on Wednesday Aug 11th and arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama on Saturday Aug 14th.

You are all invited to join us for as much of the pilgrimage as you would like. You can walk as little as a few steps or as much as 100 km.

If you are unable to walk, then please help us with your prayers. Prayer is so important to any pilgrimage and your prayers will make you a valuable part of this pilgrimage.

Also, we invite you to join us for any or all of the Masses, Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Liturgy. Here are the dates, times and locations for these;

- Mass to start the pilgrimage – St Gerard's – Wed Aug 11, 9:00 am
- Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy at the Whitesand Church – Thursday Aug 12, Noon (Whitesand Church is located about 5 km south of Good Spirit Market on gravel road)
- Eucharistic Adoration at the Burgis Beach Hall, Thursday Aug 12, 7:45 pm
- Mass at St Anne's Church, Buchanan, Friday Aug 13, 4:30 pm

Phone Dave or Bev at 306.728.5525 for more information.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is **Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall.

Please contact the Parish Office to register: 306.782.2449 or office@stgerard.ca



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Kristen Padolina Daniel Fontanilla
Oden Pineda Daevin Pineda

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



- 30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday)
- Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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



The Art & Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church each Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.

Reconciliation and healing for residential school survivors and their communities– financial appeal announced by Saskatchewan bishops:

The five Catholic bishops of Saskatchewan on July 13 released more details about a planned fund-raising appeal entitled “Catholic TRC healing response.” The Saskatchewan bishops said that the appeal’s goal is “to support Residential School survivors and their communities and to engage more deeply in our own ongoing commitment and response to the Truth and Reconciliation process” with funds going to the priorities of healing and reconciliation; cemeteries on the sites of former residential schools; and education and cultural support. “We are collaborating with potential participants, and consulting with Indigenous dialogue partners, including Survivors, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Chiefs, and other community members.

Out of these conversations, each diocese and eparchy will discern and communicate separately how they will proceed with the Appeal in their respective dioceses and communities,” said the bishops.

For those who wish to donate immediately or make a long-term pledge, see the online giving options at: <https://dscf.ca/catholic-trc-healing-response>

ST. GERARD PARISH 2021-2022 PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

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FOOD BANK DONATIONS continue to be a priority over the summer months. Please consider helping those less fortunate. Non-perishable food items may be left in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area before Mass, or at the Salvation Army Food Bank (78 South Front Street) Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm.



Feeding the Community

- Submitted by the St. Gerard Social Justice Committee



News from the CWL



St. Gerard’s C.W.L. will not be having a Garage Sale this fall. Watch the bulletin for more updates.



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca



Bringing Home the Word

Quit Grumbling!

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this short-sightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys us and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson of humble obedience. Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion. He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need, but we must expand our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

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NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!



Please complete a parish registration form, available in the Welcome Area and online at www.stgerard.ca

And if you are moving away or within our parish, please notify the Parish Office. Thanks!



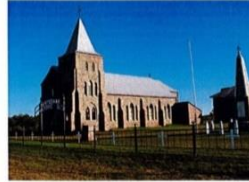
Kaposvar Pilgrimage

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Sunday August 22, 2021

3 miles South & ½ mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00



11:00 am – 12:00 noon.....	Visitors arrive and sign guest book
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.....	Individual Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.....	Rosary in the Church
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm.....	Private Confessions in the Church
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm.....	Procession from the Church to the Shrine
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.....	Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
4:00 pm.....	Procession back to the Church
4:15 pm.....	Supper

Ethnic Attire is encouraged
Bring your own Lawn chairs
Concession Booth on Site



For more information Contact:

Eola Stevenson @ 306-853-7880

**** Please Note that we will be adhering to COVID protocols in effect August 22, 2021

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine Rama, SK Pilgrimage – August 14 & 15

Saturday, August 14

- 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 5:45-7:45 pm Confessions
- 8:00 pm Mass
 - Plenary Indulgence
 - Rosary
 - Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, August 15

- 12:15 pm Mass
 - Anointing of the Sick

NO FOOD SERVICE
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?

– St. Gerard Majella

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus, the Bread of Life"

This Week...

Our faith is forever calling us to be new again. The Israelites have to become new people and live in a completely new way while they are in the desert. Followers of Jesus have to see themselves in a completely new way as they begin to match their life up to the standards Jesus has for them. Paul tells it like it is - we must lay aside our former self and embrace a fresh, new spiritual self.

For Your Reflection

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna-bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the "bread of life".

- How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs - perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognizes that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

- No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our soul? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings "food for the soul" to others?

- Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the "perishable food" Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

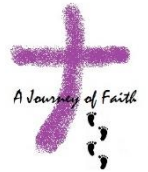
Excerpt adapted from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle B for Ordinary Time* - St. Mary's Press, 2005



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.

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.

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.

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.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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