



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 20th,
2022

**Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe**

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 Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (21 st)	NO MASS
Tues. (22 nd)	7:00pm +John Jason Himpe
Wed. (23 rd)	9:00am Deceased members of the Poirier family
	10:00am NURSING HOME NORTH +Joseph Paydli
Thurs. (24 th)	9:00am +Olga Duff
	2:30pm BENTLEY SENIORS' RES. +Darla Giannoulis
Fri. (25 th)	9:00am +Joanne Fedirko
Sat. (26 th)	9:00am +Rhonda Kormos
	5:00pm +Alex Herchuk
Sun. (27 th)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9:00am Mass for the People
	11:00am +Benito & +Loreta Naldo

Divine Mercy Devotion

Wednesdays at 2pm
(except the first Wed. of the month)



SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

RCIA: For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

Reconciliation: Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

Anointing: Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

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Merciful God, we are humbly grateful for your forgiveness and we ask for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

King of the Jews

Scripture:

- 2 Samuel 5.1-3. David is anointed the king of Israel.
- Colossians 1.12-20. Through Jesus we have forgiveness of sins. We were rescued from the darkness and brought into his kingdom.
- Luke 23.35-43. Hanging under the sign that declares him to be the King of the Jews, Jesus forgives the criminal who repents. They would see each other in paradise before the end of that day.

Theme:

Jesus is descended from David, the king of Israel, yet he is a king of another kind, ruling over life and death, freeing us from sin and darkness. Working for the kingdom of Jesus is working for understanding and forgiveness in this world, and paradise in the next.

Reflection:

To imagine the fear and pain of such a vicious and physically tortuous death as crucifixion is difficult. Of the two criminals, one joined the crowd, screaming at Jesus and demanding that he save all of them if he was indeed the Messiah. The other one called Jesus by name and asked to be remembered.

- When you are faced with pain and fear, what do you do? How do you respond? Do you scream and cry and lash out at someone nearby? Do you calmly endure? Or do you react in all these ways?

Jesus rules over life and death. Sometimes that can be more frightening than comforting.

- If Jesus can forgive a thief, is there any sin he will not forgive us for if we repent? After all, how many of us are criminals?
- On the other hand, that thief seemed to be remarkable – rebuking the other one's mockery and calmly asking for forgiveness in the midst of such agony. When have you responded with such clarity in the midst of a difficult situation?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006

FAMILY CONNECTION

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honour Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.



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.

Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, sessions are also available for the **Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church** as well as for **Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

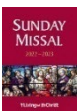
If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

LITURGY WORKSHOPS

Monday, December 5th @ 7:00 pm

Lectors Welcomers Cantors
Musicians Sacristans
Ministers of Holy Communion (at Mass)
Hospitality Ministers (Ushers)

ALL ministers are asked to attend, either as a refresher or to learn more about your ministry.



The **2022-2023 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.



The Knights of Columbus are selling 2023 Parish Liturgical Calendars after each Mass in November! Only \$5.00 each!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. (21st): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (dough)
7:00pm- Fundraiser Meeting
(Meeting Room A)
Tues. (22nd): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (pinching)
Wed. (23rd): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (packaging)
Fri. (25th): 6:30pm- MFC Assembly
(Lower Level Hall)
Sat. (26th): 11:00am- *Christmas in November*
Parish Fundraiser



News from the CWL



The CWL will also be accepting **2023 memberships** before and after all weekend Masses on November 19 & 20 and November 26 & 27. Membership fees are \$35. Renew your membership before December 31 and have your name entered for a draw for a free membership.

Mark your calendar for the **CWL Christmas Social & Supper** on Wednesday, December 7 with Mass at 5:30 pm and Supper at 6:30pm. Cost is \$10 and tickets must be purchased in advance by November 30. We will have tickets available before and after Mass on November 19 & 20 and November 26 & 27. Proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to Bruno's Place.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos will resume in the near future.

November 26 Erect "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign

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

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

Parish Fundraiser

Saturday, November 26, 2022
11:00am to 2:00pm

Parishioners are asked to donate a pan of **squares or cookies** that will be made up into trays, and an **item(s) for the bake table such as a pie or a layer cake.** Items may be delivered the week of November 21 to 24, **Monday to Wednesday 10:00am to 3:00pm and Thursday noon to 7:00 pm.** Volunteers the week prior to our event and on event day are needed, another great way to support our St. Gerard Family!

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting was held on November 16, 2022 to review and discuss recommended changes to St. Gerard's Parish Constitution and Bylaws. The special meeting was chaired by Mark Bell, Chairman of the Parish Pastoral Committee. A small group of 10 parishioners participated in a review of the current constitution and bylaws and after a presentation of recommended changes and suggested edits an unanimous motion to adopt a revised Constitution and Bylaws of St. Gerard's Parish Pastoral Council was approved. Copies of the new constitution and bylaws will be available to parishioners once the document has been accepted by the Diocesan Chancellor.

- Submitted by Mark Bell, Parish Pastoral Chairperson



Bringing Home the Word **+**

The Cross: Altar and Throne

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, and he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus is also the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

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2023 GIVING PROGRAM

In the not-too-distant future, the 2023 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2022. **Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving? No need for cash or cheques!** Plus, Pre-authorized Giving is assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form** and submit it to the Parish Office or via the Sunday collection. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area. **OR you may e-transfer your donation instead!** Email giving@stgerard.ca for more information.

CATECHISM THEME: CHRIST'S SECOND COMING (CCC 673)

Since the Ascension, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority." This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are "delayed."

What images do you have of Christ's return in glory? What would happen if he arrived in a way unexpected?

As we prepare for Christmas, the Church reminds us of Jesus' coming at the end of the world. While this might seem contrary to the season, let us remember that whether Christ comes in glory or as a poor child, the results are the same. The Second Coming and Christmas invite us to come closer to the Lord. Both urge us to approach the Lord without delay, even through events of the world distract us.

Reflect on your anxieties this week. Bring them to the Lord. And pray for the peace to survive the unexpected.

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News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$ 46,774
Amount Raised to Date: \$ 9,820 (21%)

Ecumenical Prayer Service
for those experiencing memory loss
Offering fellowship & support

St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church
729 Main Street, Melville

The third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm
(The next date is Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022)

For more information, contact Dave Hudy:
306.728.5525



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with Reflections by Fr. Christian Lindenbach, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. To sign up, email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

CSA Education Committee

Over the last two years, many of the educational events that the Core Working Group has provided have been done through zoom. Although the pandemic is still with us, we are now in a position to meet in person. To this end, the Core Working Group has re-established an educational committee to oversee, coordinate and arrange workshops and presentations on a variety of topics around clergy sexual abuse. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss potential opportunities, we would invite you to contact the education committee at csaeducation@archregina.sk.ca

An Advent Dialogue

This Advent, join in a Baptist-Catholic dialogue on Christian experience. Join us on Zoom for this unique ecumenical journey with a series of five small-group theological reflection workshops. In each session, participants from the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada will join together with participants from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina to faithfully explore the experience of sacred Scripture in our daily lives. So, grab your coffee cup, and let your hair down, and begin a journey with friends old and new this Advent season.
Group #1 - Wednesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (CST), November 23rd - December 21st, or
Group #2 - Friday afternoons 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CST), November 25th - December 23rd/ To register, or for further information contact: lynda.theoworkshops@usask.ca

Archbishops Appeal

Christ the King gives us is the gift of eternal life. The first and second readings explore this in the anointing of King David and Saint Paul's account of the divinity of Christ. Life itself was made through Christ, and it is Christ who reconciles the world back to God. The earthly rulers sneered at Christ on the Cross, not realizing that this was the ultimate act of love and devotion to God. When the criminal asks for eternal life, Jesus says, "today you will be with me in Paradise." This shows us that our inheritance is secure, since only the King of the Universe could make such a promise.

The Church works to promote social justice in the world. In keeping government accountable by enacting just legislations, to promoting equity and solidarity among all people, your support to the Annual Appeal directly supports the office of Social Justice in the ministry of promoting the reality of Christ the King. Please give generously to ensure this work continues. For more information or to donate, visit archregina.sk.ca/grouppage/archbishops-appeal/



TF323: Reading for Consolation with Dr. Susan Johnston - Part 2

Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett visit with University of Regina English Department head Dr. Susan Johnston as we discuss reading for consolation in difficult times. Show Snippet: "Our faith is a faith for grownups, and we do ourselves, and we do the Church, and we do the faithful a disservice when we want to stay with; and we began talking about that comfort and the restoration of the social order, but we really do betray things if that's where we stay because that is not the way grownups encounter the world."

thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/reading-for-consolation-with-dr-susan-johnston-part-2

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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BULLETIN BOARD

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...')

Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee.

Did you know... The proper name for the people commonly known as the Sioux is Oceti Sakowin, meaning Seven Council Fires. Each of the Seven Council Fires was made up of individual bands, which were based on kinship, location, and dialect — Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota. From ancient times, each division of the Seven Council Fires had their own lifestyle, traditions, and customs, which developed similar but unique cultures. Retrieved from stjo.org/native-american-culture/oceti-sakowin-seven-council-fires/ 11/06/22.

LESSON FIVE The Catechism: truth that makes sense!

What is the purpose of the Catechism? The Catechism serves several important functions:

- It conveys the basics and fundamentals of Catholic faith in a complete and summary way.
- It is the point of reference for all catechisms.
- It is a declarative explanation of Catholic doctrine, some of which are dogma.
- It assists those who have the duty to catechize, namely promoters and teachers of catechesis.

Is there a proof for the existence of God? Est-ce qu'on peut prouver l'existence de Dieu?

3 Minute Video: archregina.sk.ca/group/catechetical-support-parishes/

Text: read, CCC#s 27-33 & 231

St. Thomas Aquinas: read the 5 proofs God's existence of God in his Summa Theologiæ which is famously known for answering this question.

First Part, Question 2, Articles 1, 2 & 3 (Prima Pars, q. 2, a. 1-3)

Sacred Scripture: John 14.3, 7, 1 John 5.20

CWLF Leadership Program 2023

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2023 cohort of our Leadership Program, scheduled to begin in June 2023 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work. For more information or to apply, visit form.jotform.com/222445350741248

Canadian Physicians for Life Nursing Mentorships

Our goal with the nursing mentorship program is to help nursing students grow to be the absolute best version of themselves, both professionally and personally. Holding life-affirming views as a nursing student can cause feelings of isolation in class or in clinicals. It was precisely to combat this sense of isolation that CPL launched our nursing mentorship program. We warmly welcome any nursing student in Canada who agrees with Our Values and Principles physiciansforlife.ca/about/ to apply to our program and be matched with a nurse who can show them the ropes and support them on their nursing path.

Nursing students can apply here to receive jotform.com/form/201685864735264 and nurses can apply here jotform.com/form/222356899488275 to offer mentorship with CPL. Feel free to write me with any questions about the nurses mentoring program or CPL in general.

Secular Franciscans

A Franciscan Vocation for Catholic Women or Men, Married or Single: Do you want to be a better Catholic? Draw nearer to God? Become more Christ-like? Perhaps you have a vocation to a of men and women, married and single, who live and work in the world, but who follow a way of life that's faithful to the original Rule written by St. Francis of Assisi, but adapted to today's circumstances. Members of the Order find direction, inspiration, encouragement and support to reach spiritual goals in a community (fraternity) of Secular Franciscans near your community.

History: In 1209, St. Francis of Assisi established the First Order of the Franciscan family (Order of Friars Minor) for men. Later with St. Clare of Assisi, he founded the Second Order (the Poor Clares), and finally in 1221, he instituted the Third Order (Secular Franciscans) for men and women who were unable to leave their homes, families, or work.

What is involved: Secular Franciscans do not take vows. Instead, they make a pledge (or solemn promises) to observe for life the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. Admission is open to anyone who is not already a member of another religious or secular Order, who is 18 years or older, a practicing Catholic of good moral character, peace-loving and faithful to the teachings of the Church and loyal to the Apostolic See. In addition to help in leading a spiritually rich and fulfilling Christian life, members of the Secular Franciscans also share in all the merits of the world-wide Franciscan family (over one million members today), benefitting from the Masses, prayers, good works, and sacrifices of all First Order Friars, Second Order Poor Clares, Third Order Regular friars and nuns, and brother and sister Secular Franciscans. For more information: contact Paulette Matovich 1-306-561-7793.

Trinity Manor at Westerra: Welcome Home!

Regina's new active living retirement community is proudly a part of the Emmanuel Care, and Emmanuel Care is under the leadership and sponsorship of the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan. With customized packages, and a wide choice of social and recreational activities, our residents say "Trinity Manor has everything I need. I could sell my car because I don't need it". Located in the beautiful Westerra neighborhood of Regina, our personal care suites, run by nurses, offer extensive amenities and specialized services starting at \$2245. Trinity Manor's customized care plans offer different tiers of support, and is ideal for couples. When you join our community, you become more than just a resident, you become part of a wide and diverse village of family and friends. Attend daily mass, visit with our spiritual care workers, or spend time in quiet reflection in our tranquil chapel. Unwind by enjoying country sunsets, 10 mins from downtown. What's included in our all-inclusive plan? Contact Janet at 306-550-8077 for more information, or to book your personal tour now. Visit us at trinitymanorregina.ca

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