



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Established December 11, 1904

### CONTACT US

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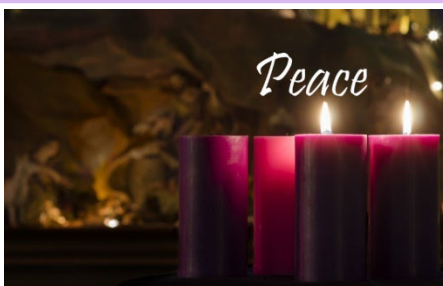
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*St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.*



Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

### ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Perogy Bee (prep)
Tues. 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Nat'l Day of Prayer</i></b> <b><i>in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples</i></b>
	9:00am	Perogy Bee (pinching)
	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> +Donna Olszewski
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Henry Kuruliak
	6:00 pm	K of C Family Christmas Social
Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> + <b><i>Joseph Adamiak</i></b>
	7:00 pm	<i>Advent Penitential</i>
Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi Novena Mass</b> +Joan Kormos
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	7:00 pm	K of C Family Prayer
Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup>		<b><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b>
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	11:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	6:30 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi Novena Mass</b>



## Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday	December 9	5pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Sunday	December 10	9am & 11am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Peace</i>
Tuesday	December 12	7pm		
Wednesday	December 13	9am		
Thursday	December 14	9am		
Friday	December 15	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Saturday	December 16	5pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Sunday	December 17	9am & 11am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Joy</i>
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Monday	December 18	9am	Christmas Mass at St. Mary's School	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Tuesday	December 19	9am	Christmas Mass at St. Paul's School	
		1pm	Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart High School	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Wednesday	December 20	10am	Nursing Home (South Chapel)	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Thursday	December 21	2:30pm	Yorkton Crossing Retirement Living	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Friday	December 22	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Saturday	December 23	5pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Sunday	December 24	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Love</i>

## Christmas & New Year's Eve Holy Mass Schedule

*The Nativity of the Lord*

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm      9:00 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day  
(*Holy Day of Obligation*)

10:00 am

*The Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God*

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

5:00 pm

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day  
(*Holy Day of Obligation*)

10:00 am

## 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

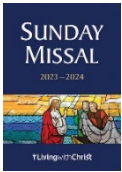
### RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

### Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

**Liturgical Ministers** - Will you be celebrating Christmas and/or New Year's at St. Gerard's this year? **PLEASE** sign up as soon as possible on the sheets on the Liturgical Ministries table. Many ministers are needed as we welcome visitors from far and near. Thank you!



The **2023-2024 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area until the middle of January. Quantities limited. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.

## SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

### Giving Tree

#### - A St. Gerard's Social Action Project -

Reminder: **Please return all Giving Tree gifts, unwrapped with gift tags** to the parish **by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**.

The gifts will be sorted and delivered to the various organizations in our community by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> so they reach the recipients in time for Christmas. Thank you.



### News from the CWL



The **CWL Membership Drive** continues until Sunday, December 10. If you are a current member, stop by and renew your membership after Saturday/Sunday Mass. If you are not a member, please consider joining us! The 2024 membership fee is \$35.00.

There will be a draw for a free membership for all who have paid their memberships before December 31<sup>st</sup>.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



Dec. 10 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00  
Dec. 13 Christmas Family Social – 6.00. If you plan to attend please contact Wayne phone/text 306.783.7380 or email [wex13@sasktel.net](mailto:wex13@sasktel.net) before Dec. 10.  
Dec. 16 Family Prayer – 7.00

**The Knights will again have for sale Liturgical Calendars. They will once again be \$5.00.**

*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) The website has been updated! Check it out!

## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, is a *National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayers and acts of solidarity:

*O God, Great Spirit and Faithful Creator, with humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.*

*For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.*

*We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh – our teacher, prophet and brother - to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the honesty to recognize that the Earth provides us with life sustaining breath, nourishment and healing, and give us the strength to proclaim by our words and actions that the Earth is a blessing for all peoples. May we avoid the sins of exploitive personal power and profit. May we seek the righteous way of love, service, and healing in all things.*

*Father, as we walk our journey on this Earth, may your life-giving Spirit protect and guide us with your Wisdom so that we might live in right relationship and harmony with all humanity. May we pass on to future generations this Earth and all your gifts as you have provided them to us. +Amen*



## Bringing Home the Word **+**

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9-10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

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Please pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes, available in the Welcome Area, when you are at Mass. If you are unable to locate your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

The deadline for 2023 contributions is Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00 am Mass. Donations received after this time will be processed in 2024.

Deadline for e-transfer donations is Friday, December 29 at 12 noon. Thank you for the continued support of your parish!

## FAMILY CONNECTION

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,  
by the light of the Holy Spirit  
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
help us to relish what is right  
and always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Archdiocese of Regina

## Bulletin

December 10, 2023  
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### National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

"Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts."

### Christmas Mass Times

A list of the Christmas Mass times along with Advent Reconciliation times can be found at [archregina.sk.ca/christmas-mass-times/](http://archregina.sk.ca/christmas-mass-times/). The Midnight Mass from Holy Rosary Cathedral will be livestreamed to [youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](http://youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina)

### Journey Through Advent

Sign up for a weekly Advent series with weekly reflections, music, prayer, resources and other activities to enhance your Advent Journey. These weekly reflections will be emailed each week during Advent. Sign up here [archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5](http://archregina.flocknote.com/ArchdioceseofRe5) or email [mgurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:mgurash@archregina.sk.ca)

### CCCB's Journey Through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023. [cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/](http://cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/)

*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina  
will gather in joy and thanksgiving for the  
Ordination of*



**DANIEL MALONE**

TO THE

*Transitional Diaconate*

By the Most Rev. Donald J. Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina

On

Monday, December 18, 2023

1:00 PM

at

Holy Rosary Cathedral

Regina, SK

Livestream: [youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina](http://youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina)

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### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intentions - December

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation. [popevideo.org](http://popevideo.org)

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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