



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

December 17th & 24th
2023

Third & Fourth
Sundays of Advent

Established December 11, 1904

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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.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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| Sun. 17 th | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass Apilan Family in Thanksgiving |
| Mon. 18 th | 9:00 am | Mass at St. Mary's School |
| | 9:00 am | Perogy Bee (prep) |
| | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass Rushka Family |
| Tues. 19 th | 9:00 am | Mass at St. Paul's School |
| | 9:00 am | Perogy Bee (pinching) |
| | 1:00 pm | Mass at Sacred Heart High School |
| | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass +Divina Muyargas |
| Wed. 20 th | 10:00 am | Mass at Nursing Home (South) Deacon Christopher Pugh |
| | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass +Frank Halliday |
| Thurs. 21 st | 2:30 pm | Mass at Yorkton Crossing +Jake Skilnick |
| | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass Reiss Flunder |
| Fri. 22 nd | 6:30 pm | Simbang Gabi Novena Mass +Mark Banga |
| Sat. 23 rd | 5:00 pm | Mass for the People |
| Sun. 24 th | | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| | 10:00 am | Mass for the People Nativity of the Lord |
| | 5:00 pm | Christmas Eve Mass (<i>incense</i>) |
| | 9:00 pm | Christmas Night Mass (<i>incense</i>) |
| Mon. 25 th | 10:00 am | Mass of Christmas Day |
| Tues. 26 th to Fri. 29 th | | NO MASS |
| Sat. 30 th | 5:00 pm | Mass for the People |
| | | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph |
| Sun. 31 st | 10:00 am | Mass for the People |



Holy Mass Schedule

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

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

10:00 am
(no incense)

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

A NOTE ABOUT PARKING... When parking in the lots, please park as straight as you can in the parking spot so that others may safely park beside your vehicle. Parking is available on the EAST side of Third Ave (no parking on the west side as marked), the NORTH side of Duncan St, the SOUTH side of Fifth Ave, and both sides of Darlington. The DRIVETHROUGH in front of the church is intended for pick ups and drop offs only (no parking). Thanks!

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



THANK YOU to all who helped to clean the church last Saturday, especially the many YOUTH who were in attendance.



A BIG SHOUT OUT

to Henry Kweens who researched & had replacement parts fabricated for the dough sheeter.

"Yes, Virginia, there will be perogies this Christmas!"

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Giving Tree

- A St. Gerard's Social Action Project -

Thank you to everyone who so generously participated in the Giving Tree Project.

There was a greater-than-anticipated need this year, and we had 49 tags leftover which Social Action shopped for and fulfilled.

If you would like to help offset the expense, please place a free-will offering in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

May you be doubly blessed for your support of and care for our neighbours in need.

- Submitted by the Social Action Committee



News from the CWL



Our CWL Membership Drive at the church ended this past weekend. If you did not have a chance to renew your membership, or perhaps take out a new membership, it's not too late! If you wish to do so, you may contact Anita at 306-516-7959 or drop an envelope in the Collection basket with the \$35 fee marked CWL Membership and your name.

There will be a draw for a free membership for all who have paid their membership before December 31.



News from the Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664.

More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The website has been updated! Check it out!



Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

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PARISH FUNDRAISER

Friday, December 22nd

11am – 2pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies \$45 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies \$50 (10 dozen)

LAST CHANCE BEFORE 2024!



Simbang Gabi [Sim-BAHNG Gah-BEE] is a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas, a tradition of Filipino Catholics.

At St. Gerard's Parish, all parishioners are encouraged to attend the daily devotional Mass. Refreshments will be served following each celebration.



Who Are You?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
(Third Sunday of Advent)

So far, the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, as we read in John 1:19, "Who are you?" Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting!

How Can This Be?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In Luke 1:34, Mary asks, "How can this be?" This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families— not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing."

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding.

Now we are ready for Christmas

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Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch

everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



Please pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes, available in the Welcome Area, when you are at Mass. Thanks!

Anyone who wishes to make an additional contribution for 2023 may bring it to the Parish Office Monday, December 18th to Thursday, December 21st. *The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22nd until Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.*

The deadline for 2023 contributions is Sunday, December 31st 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!

Advent Recollection: Reconciliation, Adoration, and Healing

December 17, Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

5 pm to 7:30

St. Cecilia Parish

In the holy Advent season, experience a time of enlightenment through adoration and healing with Jesus who brought light to the world.

During this busy time of preparing for Christmas, pause and take advantage of this recollection opportunity.

Led by Fr. Sathi Antony, St. Gerard Parish, Yorkton

- Holy Mass – 5 pm.
- Adoration and individual Reconciliation – 5:45 pm.
- Release prayer for personal healing, from darkness to light – 7 pm.
- Refreshments and fellowship – 7:30 pm.



Fr. Sathi Antony

