



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

December 29th, 2024

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

January 1st, 2025

The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

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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 PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 30th

NO MASS

Tues. 31st

5:00 pm

Mass for the People

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Wed. 1st

10:00 am

Mass for the People

Thurs. 2nd

9:00 am

Mass +Glenn Wiseman

Fri. 3rd

8:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am

Mass Mary Bybliw

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sat. 4th

5:00 pm

Mass for the People

Sun. 5th

9:00 am

Mass for the People

11:00am

Mass for the People



The Feast of the Holy Family provides valuable lessons on how to live in our families and find our place in God's family. By respecting our parents, fostering love and unity, and seeking our roles in God's plan, we can build strong, faithful families.

RESPECT FOR PARENTS Sirach 3:2-6 emphasizes this duty, showing how it strengthens family bonds and reflects God's commandment. Respecting our parents means valuing their wisdom and guidance. It helps build a strong family foundation.

Jesus set an example of obedience to His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. In Luke 2:51, Jesus is shown returning to Nazareth and being obedient to them. This act of obedience highlights the importance of understanding and respecting our parents' role in our lives. It builds trust and mutual respect within the family.

When we respect our parents, we follow God's commandment and create a loving home environment. This respect helps us learn patience, kindness, and humility. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that honouring our parents is a vital part of living a holy and fulfilling life. By following Jesus' example, we strengthen our families and grow closer to God.

LOVE AND UNITY Colossians 3:14 speaks of love as the bond of perfection. Love is what holds a family together and fosters unity. It helps family members support each other through good times and bad.

In a loving family, each member feels valued and understood. This love creates a strong sense of unity and belonging. It helps families overcome difficulties and grow stronger together. The Feast of the Holy Family encourages us to practice this kind of love in our own families.

By focusing on love, we can create a peaceful and joyful home. Love helps us forgive and move past conflicts. It encourages us to be patient and kind. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that love is the foundation of a happy and united family. Following this example, we can build a strong family that reflects God's love to the world.

FINDING OUR PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY In the time of Jesus, family was not just the people you lived with. It included the extended family, like the "House of David." The head of the house made important decisions for everyone. Loyalty was very important, and even people who were not related by blood could become family through a covenant relationship.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us the importance of family bonds. Jesus grew in wisdom by understanding His place in His Father's house. He was curious, asked questions, and studied. This helped Him understand that He was the beloved and obedient Son of God.

We are also called to find our place in God's family. It might not always be what we want, but through prayer and discernment, we can understand God's will for us.

www.young-catholics.com

REMINDER: WEEKEND HOLY MASS DURATION IS 75 MINUTES



Baptism - The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their children for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. **The next Preparation Sessions will be held January 9, 16 and 23rd.** Childcare is provided.

SIGNS of GRACE™

Confirmation

The Second Sacrament of Initiation

First Eucharist

The Third Sacrament of Initiation

In the Archdiocese of Regina, children in Grade 2 and older are invited to prepare to receive both the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the same Holy Mass.

If you have not received a registration form, or for more information, please email the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca

Please return the completed registration form to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that the required number of resources may be ordered in early January.

The initial Parent Meeting (attendance is mandatory) is Thursday, January 30 at 6:30pm. The registration fee is due at that time.

Children's Liturgy

Our parish is blessed with a wonderful Children's Liturgy Team who teach each Sunday during the 11am Mass. Each week children are engaged in age-appropriate bible stories and activities by our trained leaders.

Thank you to the leaders and assistants for leading our children to Jesus!



Are you a Christian (baptized in another tradition besides Catholic) interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?

Are you baptized Catholic in need of celebrating Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion?

Are you not baptized yet have interest in the possibility of becoming a baptized Catholic Christian?

If you are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family. If you are a Catholic, are you still thinking of deepening your Faith?

If you have questions about the Church, God, and your faith, if you are struggling with doubts about God, if you are just curious about where God may be leading you, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

There will be a "Meet and Greet" Thursday, January 30 at 7pm.



THANK YOU to Colleen Haider, Marie Kruger, Angela Brown and Michelle Quinto who beautifully decorated our Parish Home for Advent and Christmas; and to the Sacristans, Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and Precious Blood, and our dedicated Music Ministry who served at the Christmas liturgies.

And **THANK YOU** to Mark Bell and Nathan Bewcyk, Parish Council Chairpersons, Sandra and Somi, and all Parish Leaders.

May God bless you abundantly for your service to His Holy People!

Father Antony

IS ST. GERARD PARISH ON YOUR GIFT LIST?

Your contribution at Christmas means a great deal to St. Gerard Parish. Our parish depends upon your financial support, especially at Christmas, to meet larger expenses. We are very grateful for all your donations this year.

Do you own a business? Are you a parishioner who would like to top up your annual contribution? Please consider making additional donations to be included in your 2024 tax receipt. We are reminded by CRA that donations must be received by December 31st. The Parish Office will be open until 12 noon December 31st. We can accept **cash or cheques**. Please note that cheques dated for 2024 but received after the deadline will be included in your 2025 donations. **E-transfers** must be completed prior to 12 noon December 31st. Email giving@stgerard.ca Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerard Parish!!



Parish Goal: \$44,216
Raised to date: \$16,275



CELEBRATING 2025 YEARS OF JESUS

A Jubilee Year is a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

~ Pope Francis

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 8 TO 12

Save the date for the next St. Gerard Youth Ministry meeting!

Sunday, January 19th

following the Parish Family Brunch after the 11 am Mass

FELLOWSHIP

Youth Room (Lower Level)

Come for our New Year's Celebration!
Music, Games, Snacks!!! **FUN**

It's an opportunity to focus on group and personal goals for the New Year!

FOOD



FAITH

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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday	Dec. 30	9am-noon/ 1pm-4pm
Tuesday	Dec. 31	9am-noon
Thursday	Jan. 2	Closed
Friday	Jan. 3	Closed

