



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

January 14th, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 15 th		NO MASS
Tues. 16 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Frank Bielka <i>Followed by Liturgy Committee Meeting</i>
Wed. 17 th	9:00 am	Mass +Rhonda Kormos <i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	10:00 am	Mass at Nursing Home (South) +Peter Loster
Thurs. 18 th		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
	9:00 am	Mass Sabadash Family In Thanksgiving
	2:30pm	Mass at Yorkton Crossing +Jake Skilnick
Fri. 19 th	9:00 am	Mass +Julius Kormos
Sat. 20 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 21 st		Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 am	Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:	Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment
Anointing:	Please contact the Parish Office <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
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

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2024

January 25	PARENTS MEETING (MUST ATTEND)
<u>January 27/28</u>	Enrolment Mass. Parents with candidates must attend one of the Masses at 5PM or 11AM.
February 08	God Chooses Me & The Holy Spirit Gives Me Gifts 1 st Session
February 22	Honouring Mary as the First Disciple 2 nd Session
February 29	Growing in Holiness Sunday is Special 3 rd Session
March 07	The Greatest Event on Earth & the Eucharist 4 th Session
March 14	The Word of God, Your First Communion 5 th Session
April 11	God's Family 6 th Session
<u>May 25</u>	RETREAT 10:00AM
<u>June 1</u>	REHEARSAL 2:00PM
<u>June 2</u>	CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION 2:00 PM

All the sessions will be 7-8:30PM unless otherwise specified. Please contact Rene & Ophelia, your Sacrament Coordinators: adanerene@gmail.com

The Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation will begin January 25th as you see in the schedule. Children who are in Grade 2 and above are invited to participate through their parents. For those who are not registered yet, please contact the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Rene and Ophelia. Watch for your update links for further information on the program.

Many Blessings of the Lord Jesus to your Family as you are getting ready for these amazing Grace-filling sacraments for your children.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REALLY ABOUT?

- 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 1st 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, 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.

St. Gerard Parish is hosting an RCIA session from February 1st to March 21st, every Thursday from 7PM to 8:30PM. Everyone is Welcome!



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.



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!



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

Oaklynn Eiffert

May this child and her family experience joy and new life.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

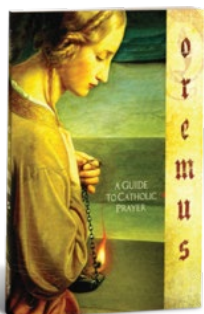
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, January 21, 3 pm, St. Cecilia Parish, 5020 – 7th Avenue. Rosemont Area Ecumenical group of churches invites you to join the Service.

If you are unable to attend in person, join the livestream at www.stcecregina.com

The 2024 theme, chosen by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself".

Based on Luke 10:27, the international theme and materials call Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.



BIBLE STUDY "OREMUS" (Let us Pray)

Beginning February 7th to March 20th, the Bible Study "Oremus" will be held every Wednesday from 7PM to 8:30PM (except Ash Wednesday) for six weeks.

This is a great opportunity during the season of Lent. There will be a video presentation by Rev. Father Mark Touns, round table discussions, opportunity for questions and answers, and Prayers.

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond accordingly? Father Mark will explain very well to us.

To cover the cost of books, materials and snacks, a fee of \$60 is to be paid when you register. Each individual will be given a copy of the Oremus book.

Please register for this session in advance so that the materials can be ordered. Registrations are being taken at the Parish Office.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



The Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, John 1:35-42, opens a window into

the divinity of Jesus, a pivotal theme in John's Gospel. This passage, where John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God," and Andrew recognizes Him as the Messiah, invites us into a profound understanding of Jesus' divine nature. John's Gospel consistently emphasizes the necessity of believing in Jesus for eternal life, highlighting the Eucharist's central role in Catholic worship and the imperative of love in Christian ethics. As Catholics, engaging deeply with these themes helps us grow closer to God and spread His love, embodying the core of our faith. www.young-catholics.com

FAITH FORMATION DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January 25	Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation (see pg 2 for info.)
February 1	RCIA begins (see pg 2 for info.)
February 7	Oremus Bible Study begins



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

You Called?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

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The 2024 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes are in the Welcome Area. **If you are unable to find your box of Sunday collection envelopes,** please phone or email the Parish Office.

Please only use envelopes dated 2024 so that your donation is correctly credited to you.

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. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

John 1.35-42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers

In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection

Glory Be to the Father (Doxology)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

READ AND WATCH

Amazing parish.org

<https://amazingparish.org/aponline>

Ascension Press

<https://ascensionpress.com/>

Divine Renovation: An Interview with Fr. James Mallon, Founder of Divine Renovation - Part 1 to 5, 15 minutes each.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18V0l28-2U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRbAuzhaA9Q>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_Q3Vnrgshg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNw5xvTfe0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRu1qXcm-fA>

Formed.org

<https://watch.formed.org//browse>

Rebuilt Father Michael and Tom Corcoran

<https://www.rebuiltparish.com>

Word on Fire Bishop Barron

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>



Oremus

A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Reinvigorate Your Prayer Life

An Inspiring Eight-Part Study Featuring Fr. Mark Toups



Dates, Times, Location

February 7, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20

Cost/Registration

\$60.00 to cover the cost of books, materials and refreshments

For More Information

To register, please contact the Parish Office at 306.782.2449. Registration fee is due at time of registration.

Oremus: *A Guide to Catholic Prayer* teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections for each day.

"The lessons learned in this study touched my soul in such a way that my desire to pray more and draw closer to Christ has become a part of my everyday life."

—Nancy D.