



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

January 28th, 2024

Fourth 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. 29 th		NO MASS
Tues. 30 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Julius Sushetski
	7:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting
Wed. 31 st	9:00 am	Mass +Sheila Hryniuk-McLeod
		<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs. 1 st	9:00 am	Mass +Rita Herchuk
	7:00 pm	RCIA
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer
Fri. 2 nd		Presentation of the Lord
		<i>(World Day for Consecrated Life)</i>
	7:00 pm	Blessing of Candles followed by
		Mass +Andre Turgeon
Sat. 3 rd	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
		<i>Followed by Coffee Fellowship</i>
Sun. 4 th		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
		<i>Followed by Coffee Fellowship</i>
	11:00 am	Mass for the People
		<i>Followed by Coffee Fellowship</i>

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

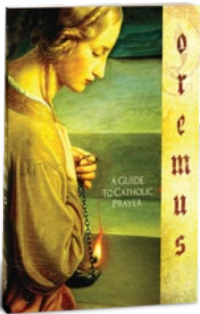
ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING!

February 14th, 2024

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

If you have palms in your homes from previous years, please bring them to the church by Sunday, February 11th. There are baskets in the main entrance of the church for the palms.

On Tuesday, February 13th the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served by the Knights of Columbus from 3pm to 6pm. At 6pm we will celebrate the Rite of Burning the Palms followed by Mass. These ashes will be used Ash Wednesday.



BIBLE STUDY “OREMUS” (Let us Pray)

Beginning **February 21st** to **March 27th**, 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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life February 2, 2024

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Each year, the Church commemorates World Day for Consecrated Life by pausing and thanking the Lord for the wonderful vocation to Consecrated life, by fostering a greater awareness of and deeper appreciation for all those women and men who are called by Jesus Christ to follow him by living a life of particular consecration to God, and by celebrating the good work that the Lord continues to accomplish through the communities and its vowed members.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

May they seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, and may they experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

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

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!

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday, February 2nd at 7pm

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord introduces Jesus as the Light. The burning candle symbolizes His abiding presence in the midst of the Christian community.

Candles will be blessed prior to Mass. You may then take the candles home to use in your Prayer Corner for daily prayer as a reminder of the Light of Christ and the need for patience amid the struggles of life.



News from the CWL



We are looking for donations of fabric to be used in sewing convention bags. Fabric is to be cotton or cotton/polyester (no 100% polyester), pre-washed please. Each bag requires half a meter of fabric. Please pass on to Yvonne Turgeon or leave it by the CWL door in the lower level.

The next **General Meeting** is Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm.

CWL Ministry Sundays - Feb. 18 at 11:00 am and Mar. 16 at 5:00 pm. If you are able to commit to helping out with a ministry please contact Deanna – pell@sasktel.net or 306-621-3859



News from the Knights of Columbus



Jan. 27	Family Prayer – 7.00
Jan. 27/28	White Ribbon Campaign after each Mass
Feb. 4	Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
Feb. 7	Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00

White Ribbon Campaign Our council will hold its annual White Ribbon Campaign the weekend of January 27-28. Knights of Columbus members will be at the church entrance after Mass with white ribbons. Even if you don't want to take a ribbon, please stop on the way out and make a donation to this important cause. All money raised will go to Shelwin House. Thank you very much for your generosity! In addition to the funds raised, the campaign seeks to increase awareness of the issue of violence towards women and children.

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!

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Emmaus Family Support

1 in 4 families experience mental health challenges. If you're looking for support, Emmaus Family Support is here to help. Join our community of caring individuals, meeting monthly at Holy Trinity Parish in Regina (and accessible online via Zoom), who understand what you're going through.

Visit emmaussupport.ca or contact Deacon Eric Gurash at emmausmentalhealth@gmail.com or 306-721-6724 to learn more.



Healing Our Inner Pharisee

By Valerie Schultz

The phrase "healing your inner child" is a pop-psychology mainstay. The idea is that we can only become well-adjusted adults if we have made peace with the issues of our childhood. It is a sensible idea, and one I'd like to borrow to confront another character who dwells within all of us: our inner Pharisee.

The Pharisees were appalled that Jesus did not observe the fine points of the law. And Jesus had little patience with the superficial behavior of the Pharisees, who had perhaps forgotten the true purpose of the laws they so scrupulously upheld. "He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart" (Mark 3:1). Yet most of us have a Pharisee lurking in our psyche.

My inner Pharisee plagues me. When I was a child, my mother called me her "little Pharisee," because I came home from school with stories of the wrong-doing of the other kids—things that I, of course, never did. It's easy to be a little Pharisee when you are the perennial teacher's pet.

When I was a church employee, my inner Pharisee was especially well-nourished. When someone asked the time of an activity, I would answer warmly but think, "Well, if you'd read your bulletin, you would know, wouldn't you?" When a parent complained that she could not convince her child to attend confirmation class, I would nod sympathetically but think, "Well, maybe if you showed up for Mass, your kid would come to class." My inner Pharisee grew out of control.

Fortunately, God made me a parent, which humbles and humanizes me, and makes me aware of how far from holiness I am. My inner Pharisee is silenced whenever one of my daughters does something that makes me look bad. Parenting is one antidote to the inner Pharisee, as it makes us more compassionate and less judgmental, especially of those who share with us the struggles and joys of parenting.

Certainly laws matter; there are specific laws to which we Catholics are bound. But when obeying the law supplants faith and compassion, we have succumbed to our inner Pharisee. And our inner Pharisee, if not confronted and healed, merely "talks the talk," while Jesus calls us to walk his walk.

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Catechism Theme: The Good News: God has sent his Son (CCC 422-425)

"You are the holy One of God!" Even demons recognized who Jesus was. In the person of Jesus, Son of Mary, God visited his people. Through the words and deeds of Jesus, God's presence became tangible. "Wherever God acts, God is." God was present to the audience in the synagogue through Jesus, simply because the Son of God possessed a divine nature.

When we experience Jesus, his words and deeds change us. If he could heal one possessed, can't he heal us of our demons, sins, and failures? All we need to do is trust. Once we have seen and heard, once we have been healed, we are sent to proclaim the Good News to others. (See 1 John 1:1-4)

When was the last time you had a moment of grace: a time of divine insight and healing? Was that time a signpost in your life? Are you still affected by that graced moment? Explain.

Jesus came to proclaim the Good News. Sometimes he used words. And, sometimes he healed. But all his words and deed reflected a greater power: God's love. He was the instrument, the conduit of that love, for he is God. The holy One made God present in tangible ways. He still does.

What word would you like to hear God speak? How would you like to be healed? Take a few moments this week to listen to God and prepare yourself for his loving touch.

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The Youth Ministry fundraiser for the family of Eathan Petralba was a huge success!

Thank you to St. Gerard's Parish Family for your support!