



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES  
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.  
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.  
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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## MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mon. (12 <sup>th</sup> )	NO MASS
Tues. (13 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm +Blaine Bigoraj
Wed. (14 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am +August Burant 10:30am <b>ASPEN VILLA</b> Special Intentions
Thurs. (15 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am +Ferdinand Thiele 2:30pm <b>YORKTON CROSSING</b> +Eugene Kuemper
Fri. (16 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00am <i>Nicholson-Limacher</i> Wedding Mass
Sat. (17 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am Special Intentions

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5:00pm Mass for the People  
7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**  
Deceased members of the  
Naphin & Tedeschi families

Sun. (18 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9:00am +Anna Marie Zepp 11:00am +Jennil Suni Alacar
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## WELCOME BACK!

Please note the following changes for our parish per the Archdiocese of Regina guidelines:

- The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until September 1, 2021
- Registration for Mass is no longer required
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. Their use is optional (but encouraged)
- Please sit in the pews that have hymnals so that people are not crowded together
- The choir and singing will resume. If you are not comfortable with singing in a public gathering, you are encouraged to wear a mask
- Holy water will not be available in the Baptismal font at this time
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue

**PLEASE COME! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

*Colleen Haider, Marie Kruger, and the Liturgical Committee*



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Lord, you offered your life in humble service to humanity. Empower me with your Spirit, that I may be a humble servant of love and compassion to all people.

- From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*  
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## A Note from Your Pastor ....

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last weekend we heard how the Lord prepared the prophet Ezekiel for a tough mission: *“I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me”*. And although people would reject the message, the Lord never stopped sending messengers to them so *“they shall know that there has been a Prophet among them”*.

Continuing from what we heard last week, in the first reading this weekend we see a true prophet, Amos, chosen and sent by God, totally rejected by God’s people. We could think that as a prophet of God, everyone would simply hear and obey him. But the message wasn't comfortable for them, and so they rejected it, and they sent him away.

Similar to this, in the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus is giving some instructions to his apostles. Jesus is also preparing them for rejection, for he knows that the fallen human nature doesn't like to be pushed outside of its comfort zone: *“If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them”*.

Today we are invited to reflect on how well we listen to God's word. Are we choosing what we like to hear? Do we really want to hear what we want or what we have to hear? Are we rejecting, denying God’s words because they are so strong and require a true conversion of heart?

I ask you to ask yourself this important question: Is my heart like the “place” that Jesus mentions in the Gospel? If we welcome God's word, his grace will come and stay, bringing peace, wisdom, and salvation. We can see it in the Responsorial Psalm: *“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.”* (Ps 85)

God is well aware that faithful Christians will not always receive a warm welcome in this fallen world. But he calls us to be faithful anyway, to trust and to continue in what is right and good even when it is not popular. Listening to and following God’s word can be uncomfortable sometimes, but we must resist the temptation to flee from it.

This week we can apply what we hear from the Gospel by sharing the Good News that God has shared with us with those around us. We don't have to make a big deal out of it; we just have to sincerely care about the people around us.

St. Augustine says: *“Beware of the grace of God that passes by, never to return again”*. Therefore be attentive to listen to God’s word because, according to Psalm 119.105, *“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

I wish all of you a blessed weekend. Be happy for re-opening and welcoming things back to normal. However, be mindful that we need to be careful in order to protect ourselves and others from another outbreak. Please be aware that the Covid is not really disappearing.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation



- 30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday)
- Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion  
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

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BEFORE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>



The Art & Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church each Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.

## NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please complete a parish registration form, available in the Welcome Area and online at [www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



## News from the CWL



St. Gerard's C.W.L. will not be having a Garage Sale this fall. Watch the bulletin for more updates.

## News from the Archdiocese of Regina

### The Archdiocese of Regina Lay Formation Program *Go Make Disciples!*

One weekend a month from October until June Catholics just like you are encountering Jesus Christ and his plan of sheer goodness while deepening their relationship with his Church.

Are you ready to answer Christ's call to know, love and serve him more deeply? We are currently accepting applications for our Fall intake.

For more information on how to register or our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, please contact our Program Coordinator, Deacon Eric Gurash at 306.352.1651 ext 211 or email him at [egurash@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:egurash@archregina.sk.ca)

## St. Philomena Walking Pilgrimage 2021

The 3rd annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage is being planned for August 2021. This is a supported walk, rest stops and meals are provided and a trailer carries camping supplies between nightly stops. Covid safety precautions will be in place. The walk will be along gravel roads, highways, and walking trails, covering about 100 km over 4 days. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. You are free to walk at your own pace, and you may join us, even for part of a day, transportation can be provided for you to get back to your vehicle. But, you must register before the deadline, August 4th. The pilgrimage starts at St Gerard's in Yorkton on Wednesday August 11th, and it ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama on Saturday August 14th. For more information, visit our website [stphilomena.ca](http://stphilomena.ca) or phone 306-728-5525.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."*

- 2 Corinthians 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

- Submitted by the Stewardship Committee



# Bringing Home the Word

## Our Tradition of Service

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Blessed Fra Angelico, a fifteenth-century Dominican brother, was also a famous painter—so much so that St. John Paul II made him the patron of painters. His chapel for Pope Nicholas V, dedicated to Deacon St. Lawrence, patron of Rome, still survives in the Vatican.

The emperor reportedly told St. Lawrence to show him the treasures of the Church, and so he brought the poor before the Roman emperor, saying that these are the Church's true treasures. Fra Angelico's wonderful 1449 fresco, *St. Lawrence Giving Alms*, shows Lawrence, who served in Rome in the third century, giving coins to the poor and lame of the city.

Indeed, for the Church, those most in need are those who most interest us, because they are the ones who most interested Christ. From the very beginning, Jesus sent out his apostles, two by two, to prepare people to receive his preaching. They were to heal the sick, cast out demons, and preach the gospel of salvation. He did not concentrate his efforts only on the influential, although he didn't avoid them, but rather invested his efforts in forming his apostles in preaching and service.

Christ has entrusted the Church with that same mission, and it continues to fulfill this charge worldwide. No continent or country is without the presence of the Catholic Church, with its missionaries and institutions who care for the materially, intellectually, and spiritually poor. We should be proud to be part of such a worldwide force for good that has served so many for so long.

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## ARE YOU MOVING THIS SUMMER?



Whether it is near or far, please remember to notify the Parish Office so that we can update our parish records. Thanks!

And if you are moving away, all the best to you in your new spiritual home!

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER??

**Kenosee COVID Safe Family Camps!** Looking for a summer get-away for your family? Want to rent a cabin or bring your RV? Check out the Kenosee Boys and Girls Family Camps. We offer great kids programming during the days, parent time, family time, and lots of fun and games for everyone! This year we have adjusted our programming to ensure a COVID safe camp, with space to properly distance and safe washroom access for each family. We have 4 weeks of camp, 2 weeks of Cana Catholic Family Camp and 2 weeks of Birch Ecumenical Family Camp. To learn more or to register visit [www.campkenosee.net](http://www.campkenosee.net)




**CAMP MONAHAN** is back and looking better than ever! We are excited to offer all the fun of our traditional camps in both a day camp and family camp. Come explore your faith and all of Gods natural wonder while swimming canoeing, crafting, hiking and more! Bussing for day camps will be available from Regina. You can register and learn more about our summer at [www.campmonahan.ca](http://www.campmonahan.ca)

**St. Michael's Camp** is running both Youth Day camps and Family Day camps in July. Camp is all about fun where you meet new people and have a safe adventure outdoors. Check out our daily themes and join us for the days that might spark interest in your camper. Parents can drop off your children for the day and spend some time at Duck Mountain Provincial Park or come together to join us for activities and fun at Family camp. For more information and to pre-register: [www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register/](http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register/)



**LEADERSHIP CAMP** The Archdiocese of Regina Youth Office invites teens to join us for our annual leadership camp, in a "day camp" format this year. Participants will enjoy adventures in faith and leadership that will take us to "destinations all over the world." Those entering grades 7-9 are invited to join us on July 13 and/or 15. Students entering grades 10- 1sr year University are welcome July 12 and/or 14. Cost is \$60 and further details can be found at <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/youthsummer-camps> or by emailing [oyyam@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca)

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## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Sent Forth as Apostles"

#### **This Week...**

This is not easy work we have. We hear the word of God, we believe, and we receive the Holy Spirit. Now the hard part begins. Like Amos, we will be told sometimes to take our religion elsewhere. Like the Twelve, we have no plan and no idea of the future. When we find someone who wants to share our faith, we are to stick around. If not, we are to shake the dust and move on.

#### **For Your Reflection**

Jesus tells the Twelve to go out in pairs, so friendship must be important. Jesus doesn't want us to go it alone.

- Who are your closest friends?
- What do you like about your friends? What do they like about you?

Jesus tells the Twelve to stay where they are welcome, and to leave when they are not.

- Where do you feel welcome? Where is a place you feel safe and secure? Why is that?
- When have you not felt welcome? When have you had to just move on because things were not working out the way you had hoped?

Jesus tells the Twelve not to take any money or extra clothes. They have no plan and no map. They just have to take the risk, trust in their faith, and see what happens.

- How is that like your life? How is that unlike your life?

Jesus does tell them to take a walking stick - to support them as they journey.

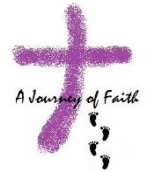
- What gives you support? Do you have a hobby or an activity that gives your life structure and helps you to find meaning?



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

**Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.** If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



**Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation** can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

*And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.*

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## LOST SOMETHING?



**Mitts, toques, etc.** – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

**Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc.** – contact the Parish Office.

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## OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

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## The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

**St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission** – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at [www.sttherese.ca](http://www.sttherese.ca)

### **Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.**

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email [r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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