



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 31st, 2022
Eighteenth 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

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/1pm-4pm (closed Friday)
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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.

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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (1 st)	NO MASS
Tues. (2 nd)	7:00pm Father Louis
Wed. (3 rd)	9:00am Sid & Donna Golling
Thurs. (4 th)	9:00am +Mason Halliday 2:30pm GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES +Ferd & +Mildred Thiele
Fri. (5 th)	9:00am +Vincent Broda
Sat. (6 th)	9:00am +Horace & +Mildred Jackson 2:00pm <i>Buzinski-Kruger Wedding</i>

5:00pm +Rose Gress
7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**
Michael Naphin

Sun. (7th) NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am +Jean Kulcsar
11:00am Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

RCIA: For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis at least 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

Reconciliation: Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

Anointing: Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.

Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!



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

Stay Connected Online!

www.stgerard.ca



Generous God, while I am grateful to have what is necessary for my well-being... let me always be intent on one thing: listening and responding to your presence in my life. Amen.

- From *Celebrating the Gospels: A Guide for Parents and Teachers*
by Gaynell Cronin

In Touch with the Word

Piling Up Possessions

Scripture:

•Ecclesiastes 1.2,2.21-23

Qoheleth says that without God, life is vanity! All things are useless! What's the point? There's just no use.

•Colossians 3.1-5,9-11

Paul warns us to pay attention to what is most important, not to earthly desires that get us nowhere.

◦Luke 12.13-21

Jesus teaches us that it is a waste to be greedy and to pile up possessions. They will not get us any closer to God.

Theme:

Don't be greedy! All the wealth in the world won't get us to heaven! If we are to put our energy into anything, let it not be useless earthly desires that only lead to boredom and dissatisfaction. Material things are useless in themselves – there's no point to living if we don't live for God.

Reflection:

The rich man with an abundant harvest made a decision. His barn was not big enough to hold all his grain. So he pulled down his barn and built a bigger one to hold all his grain and possessions. Jesus said he died that night, a rich fool.

There is reason to plan ahead and to be able to provide for the future. But that can get out of hand and lead to greed.

- What is the balance between being greedy and providing for the future?
- How do you decide what amount of money to save for yourself or your family and what amount to give to the church and other charities?
- How do you decide how much time to spend at work, to spend with your friends or your family, and to spend in service to others in need?

The media constantly bombard us with consumer materialism images that teach us to see ourselves in need of countless products that we don't actually need. Buying them usually makes others rich, but leaves us greedy, dissatisfied with ourselves, and wondering what is wrong.

- How do you keep from becoming too materialistic? When you see ads for things you don't need but would not mind having, are you easily convinced to buy them, or are you a "hard sell"?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006

FAMILY CONNECTION

Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share.

Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Emphasize that when we fail to think about the needs of others, we call that a sin of omission.

Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the *Confiteor*. End this time together by praying the *Confiteor* ("I confess to almighty God..."). www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/#family

ST GERARD CHURCH

**SACRAMENT
PREPARATION
PROGRAM
2022 - 2023**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION
CONFIRMATION
FIRST EUCHARIST**

GRADE 2 AND UP

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

EMAIL US AT
OFFICE@STGERARD.CA
BEFORE SEPTEMBER 8TH



*Congratulations
to the following couples
who recently celebrated
the Sacrament of Marriage
at St. Gerard Church*

Charles Johnson & Janel Schultz

Saturday, July 16th

Jaime Wonitowy & Maricel Rovedillo

Saturday, July 23rd

*May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.*



The Art & Environment Committee welcomes garden flowers for the church each Saturday morning between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Or you may phone Angela at 306.782.2085 to make other arrangements.

Possession of material riches without inner peace is like dying of thirst while bathing in the river.
- Paramhansa Yogananda



News from the CWL



CWL Garage Sale will be Thursday, September 8, 9 am to 7 pm, and Friday, September 9, 9 am to 12 noon. Setup will be Monday, September 5, and Tuesday, September 6, 9 am (or earlier if you can come). Items for the sale will be accepted after August 2 and can be brought to the church and put downstairs by the CWL Room or taken to Fr. Louis' garage. Large items and furniture cannot be accepted as space to display the items is limited. There's still time to volunteer to help set up and/or work at the sale. Call Paulette 306-782-7923 for more info or to help. There will be a garage sale meeting on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 @ 7 pm in the CWL Room to finalize plans for this fundraising event.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

Aug. 13 - Blessed Michael McGivney observation day.
Aug. 17 - Inter-council golf at Deer Park at 1.00pm.
Supper to follow. Contact Greg 306.621.7026.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

We are all aware Pope Francis is in Canada this week to visit survivors of Indigenous residential schools. This is potentially a highly triggering event for those who have been sexually abused by clergy. We recognize that survivors of Indigenous residential school abuse will also be impacted by the visit. Therefore, the archdiocese is asking each parish to be keenly aware of the potential need for resources for victims of clergy sexual abuse.

If you are in need of support of any kind including simply the answer to troubling questions you might have, please know that you can speak with your parish priest or contact resource persons put in place by the archdiocese at this particularly fragile time.

The contact information for support for victims of Clergy sexual abuse:

Lorie Harrison Trauma Counsellor
lorie@heart-song.ca
1(639)317-8104

Brad Fahlman (Counsellor and outgoing Delegate)
bfahlman@archregina.sk.ca

Maureen Dumonceaux (incoming Delegate)
enquiry@archregina.sk.ca
1(306)400-3655

Pamela Walsh Victims services advocacy
victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Becoming Rich in What Matters

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

What are we working for? What is the desire that moves us to sacrifice every day? Where is our heart? These are the deep questions pondered by the author of Ecclesiastes. He sees people around him struggling for years and then, as fate would have it, their wealth falls into the hands of someone who hasn't worked for it. He sees others, toiling and anxious, and wonders, "What does it really get them?"

Jesus also pointed out the vanity of making our life goal a struggle to amass wealth, as if that was the source of security. To keep us from spiritual short-sightedness, he reminds us of an undeniable truth: we know neither the day nor the hour when we will be called before God to give an accounting of how we invested the talents he gave us.

We have been raised with Christ. Our greedy, miserly nature has been buried with Christ so that our generous, magnanimous, and farsighted nature could be set free. So if we believe in Christ, in the one who left all his heavenly treasures and became poor so that we might become rich, then the best investment is in him and his truths. He guarantees a return, even if it is deferred. He promises that what we surrender to him will be reimbursed a hundredfold and will give dividends for eternity.

So when examining where our treasure is, where our hearts and worries go, Jesus would have us ask ourselves: Will this make me richer in what matters to God?

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4th Annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

is scheduled for August 11th to 14th, 2022. This is a supported walk, rest stops and meals are provided and a trailer carries camping supplies between nightly stops. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all of the walk, a few steps or anything in between. **Registration deadline is Aug 4th.** The pilgrimage starts at St Mary's in Yorkton on August 11th, and it ends at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama on August 14th. For more information: phone 306.728.5525 or visit www.stphilomena.ca



Kaposvar Pilgrimage



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

Sunday August 21, 2022

3 miles South & 1/2 mile West of Esterhazy on Grid 637

Souvenir Shop opens at 11:00



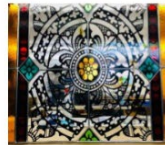
- 11:00 am – 12:00 noon..... Visitors arrive and sign guest book
- 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm..... Individual Stations of the Cross
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm..... Rosary in the Church
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm..... Private Confessions in the Church
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm..... Procession from the Church to the Shrine
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm..... Holy Mass & Anointing of the Sick
- 4:00 pm..... Procession back to the Church
- 4:15 pm..... Supper

For more information Contact: Eola Stevenson @ 306 853-7880

Ethnic Attire is encouraged

Bring your own lawn chairs

Concession Booth on Site



1000+ Pilgrims!

ST. ANTHONY'S RAMA, SASK.
77th Pilgrimage
Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

August 14th, 2022

August 15th, 2022

Vigil of Mary's Assumption

3:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Grotto)

3:15 pm: Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm: Supper (Book by Aug 2nd. Call: 593-6120)

6:00 pm: Hymns of Praise to Mary (Filipino Choir)

6 - 7:45 pm: Confessions & anytime priests are available.

8:00 pm: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Archbishop Don Bolen

**Living Rosary, Candlelight Procession, **Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Morning Devotional Prayers to Mary in Polish (Church)

9:00 am: Mass in Polish (Church)

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite - Very Rev. Joakim Rac

11:30 am: Final Mass ~

- *Anointing of the Sick & Aged.
- * Blessing for Plenary Indulgence
- * Blessing of Religious Articles

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YOUTH REFLECTION

"Piling Up Possessions"

This Week...

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For Your Reflection

Money can make life a little easier to manage at times, but a famous proverb proclaims that "money can't buy happiness."

- Do you think most people believe that proverb?
- Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?
- What types of ads are you most susceptible to? What do you end up buying or wanting to buy most often?
- Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?

Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

- Do you have room in your closets for all your clothes and possessions?
- When your closets get too full, are you more likely to find more storage space in your house, or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?
- Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army? Do you sell them at a yard sale to make more money?

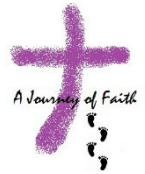
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join 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.

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.

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.