



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

July 5, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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

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 9am and 4pm.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (6th) NO MASS
Tues. (7th) 7pm Lewis Lozinski
Wed. (8th) 7pm +Jody Churko
Thurs. (9th) 7pm Deceased members of the
Smith family
Fri. (10th) 7pm +Rose Broda
Sat. (11th) 9am +Olga Cherewyk

5pm +Harold Keyser

Sun. (12th) **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9am Mass for the People
11am +Ronald Wrishko

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH

Great news! Per the Government of Saskatchewan and the Archdiocese of Regina directives, Father Louis will celebrate public Saturday/Sunday Mass for **75 people at 3 Masses**. Please be patient as we are doing our best to follow the guidelines and to welcome as many people as possible.

All those wishing to attend must pre-register:

1. Check out the link at www.stgerard.ca and complete the registration form for you and your household between Monday morning and Thursday at 4pm (or until registration is full).

2. **Only if you do not have access to the internet,** phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 Monday to Thursday from 9am until 4pm. If leaving a message, please include your name and telephone number and your call will be returned.

All must receive confirmation from the Parish Office prior to attending Mass. Thank you!



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Online!
www.stgerard.ca



Lord, you give rest to the weary of heart. Help me create space in my life to rest in your presence.

- 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,

Today we hear beautiful invitations from Jesus, first as he invites us to bring our burdens to him and he will help to make the load lighter, and second as an invitation to listen to him carefully as he reveals His Father to us.

You may remember that last week he asked us to take up our own cross and follow him. This week he invites us to come to him so he can share our burden with us, our heavy cross that we carry every day.

I would say that life can be a very heavy burden for some. There are all different kinds of burdens such as worry, responsibility, disappointments, hurts, bitterness, guilt, illness, unemployment, addiction, a difficult relationship with someone... we all have experience of these. As Simeon from Cyrene helped Jesus in his passion, Jesus, he himself will help us to carry our own cross. We should be aware that we are not alone, he is our companion, he is with us always and helps us to carry our burdens. We listen to what he said and allow him to help us. With his help we can finish our journey, and as St. Paul says in 2 Timothy 4.7-8 *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”*

Today, what do I bring to him? What are my burdens? In silence we offer our burdens to him and ask for his help.

And now I am moving to the second point that I would like to share with you: How do you see God? Some of us see God as distant and remote, not really concerned about us and our sufferings. Others see God as a judge or a spy ready to pounce and punish. And, of course, some of us see God as Father.

Good news that Jesus knows the Father and is known by the Father so he is able to reveal him to others, especially to those who, like children, are open and receptive. Jesus reveals God the Father as a loving, compassionate, forgiving Father. It is God who is passionately interested in us; it is God whose concern is not to judge and condemn, but to heal and to save.

Because of the coming of Jesus, we no longer see God as someone distant and remote. We see him as the One who is close to us, who knows each of us and is concerned about each of us, because we are His children. Especially, He is the God of the weak, the poor, the overburdened.

There is a difference between “knowing” and “really knowing” a person. “Really knowing” means to have a relationship with that person, a relationship based on trust and love. To “really know” happens because we too are known and loved by that person.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, I would say that if our faith is rooted in our hearts, and God is seen as very close and loving, then our faith will help us to have a warm and close relationship with God. If we know God in this way, and have a close and loving relationship with him, it is a cause of great joy to us. God is like a spring within us from which we can drink and refresh ourselves. I would like to invite you to think about it.

Have a blessed week. Love you all.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

**Livestream of Daily and Sunday Masses
- Resurrection Parish (Regina) -**

are available at **9am** at the following link:

www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseRegina

Mass may be viewed live, or at any time after the time listed.

Daily & Sunday Mass may also be viewed:

Vision TV (check your local TV listing)

www.dailytvmass.com

www.saltandlighttv.org/live/?muid=1

PRIVATE PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

Please phone the Parish Office at 306.782.2449 to make arrangements if you would like to spend time in private prayer in the church.

Subject to change without notice.



**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

Or by appointment.

Phone 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323

FAMILY ACTIVITY

A Box of Air

Have you ever picked up something you thought would be heavy, only to find it was light? Surprise! In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus compared discipleship to carrying a yoke, a heavy wooden harness that guided oxen as they pulled a plow. Imagine how the ears of his listeners were tickled when he said his "yoke" was light! If the responsibilities of religion weighed people down, a love relationship with Jesus made the load lighter.

To make the point, decorate a large, empty box with industrial symbols. Make the box look heavy. Gather family members around the box and ask someone to pick up the box (even challenge them). When your family realizes the box is light, read Matthew 11:29-30. Tell your family God's love makes the responsibilities they have easier, even light. Close with a prayer like Matthew 11:25.

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The St. Gerard C.W.L.'s Gigantic Garage Sale
has been **CANCELLED**
for September 2020
due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Please do not bring items to the church or
Father's garage. Thank you!

Are you moving this summer??

Please remember to notify the
Parish Office. We like to keep our
records current, and to be able
to mail your charitable donation
receipt to the correct address at
the end of the year. Thanks!



New to the parish?? WELCOME !!!

If you are attending weekday
or Sunday Masses, please
introduce yourself to Father
Louis! New Parishioner forms
are available.



You may download the form online at
www.stgerard.ca and mail/email it to the
Parish Office.



**If your address or phone
number has changed, or if you
no longer have a landline,**
please inform the Parish Office
so that we can keep our
records up to date! Thank you!





Bringing Home the Word

Childlike Faith

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Humble souls have a special ability to see things. We exclaim, "Out of the mouth of babes" when kids say the darnedest (and most profound) things (Matthew 21:16 and Psalm 8:2-3). What their uncluttered minds can catch and express with blatant honesty can be refreshing and funny.

Jesus enjoys this simplicity as well. He rejoices because, while "the wise and the learned" have rejected his preaching and mighty deeds, the childlike have embraced them. They are not afraid of the implications; they simply are amazed, impressed, and accept that no one but God could do such things. Perhaps this is why artists often depict angels like little children!

Jesus can speak of heavenly mysteries because he is the Son. The Father and he are one and share in the fullness of knowledge. Christ sits in glory surrounded by cherubs and angels, yet comes down to reveal what the Father has given him. Let's embrace all of his revealed word with childlike faith and not just pick and choose what suits us.

Another characteristic of little children is unending energy. It comes partly from their age but also endures because they don't waste energy worrying or thinking about things they cannot control. They don't plan, project, or prioritize. They live in the grace of the present. We will find that as we live simply and give our burdens to Jesus, we live more rested, peaceful lives. Let's take on his childlike humility, which makes the burdensome easy and light.

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GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

The COVID-19 virus has impacted individuals world-wide. St. Gerard's Parish is no exception.

One of the consequences of not being able to gather together for Mass is that our revenue has decreased. Despite availing ourselves to government relief programs, our expenses continue.

Thank you to those who are able to contribute by one of the following methods:

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

After downloading the [Pre-Authorized Giving Form](#), please complete it, attach a void cheque, & mail it to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

Interac e-Transfer

1. Log into your online banking account.
2. Find e-Transfer and add giving@stgerard.ca to your recipient list.
3. Enter the desired amount.
4. A question, answer, or password is not required by St. Gerard Church, however it may be required by your financial institution. If so, please email the question and answer to giving@stgerard.ca with your name, mailing address and telephone number so that we can ensure your contribution is recorded properly.

Please note that this is a secure transfer deposited directly to the church's account.

If you have an envelope number, your donation will be reflected in your annual charitable donation receipt. All others will receive a receipt by mail, so PLEASE include your mailing address in the follow-up email. Thanks!


Online through CanadaHelps

Credit card donations may be made through CanadaHelps by clicking [here](#).

Mail envelopes to the church

You may mail cheques (not cash), enclosed in your offertory envelope to:

St. Gerard Parish
125 Third Ave N
Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4

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On March 18, 2020, Archbishop Donald Bolen, in keeping with the Code of Canon Law no. 87, granted to all the Catholic faithful dispensation from their Sunday obligation. This is still in effect.

What does this mean? As Roman Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Until further notice, Archbishop Don has granted an exemption from this obligation. For those who are unable or choose not to attend Sunday Mass at this time, you do not have to. Other ways to participate in Sunday Mass is to watch it on television or watch the livestream Mass online, courtesy of Resurrection Parish (Regina) and the Archdiocese of Regina.

What happens if someone at Mass develops COVID-19? All parishioners who have pre-registered, either online or by phoning the Parish Office (if no internet access) will be contacted immediately.

I have seasonal allergies. May I still attend Mass? Yes, but for your own comfort and for the peace of mind of other parishioners, please wear a mask.

Why can't we sing at Mass? COVID-19 spreads from person to person, most commonly through respiratory droplets. Gatherings/events with activities likely to generate droplets are presumed to have greater risk. When a person sings, the respiratory droplets carry further than they do when a person speaks.

Why do I need to register each time when I would like to attend Mass? We are blessed at St. Gerard's to have a large parish family! In order to provide all parishioners with an equal opportunity to attend Sunday Mass, it is necessary to register each week.

Carefully attending [to the directives] is the best way to ensure that we won't contribute to the spreading of the virus, and the most helpful step we can take in convincing government and health officials that opening our churches to larger numbers is a safe and responsible thing to do.

PRAYER FOR ANXIETY

Today, I pray for all those who suffer from anxiety in the midst of this exceptional situation we are going through.

May they get comfort, Lord, both in your unlimited Love and in the community.

Holy Spirit, be our light so that we keep faith in the heart of our daily lives and in that way, we may transform fear into hope. Amen.

Lord God,

I pray for all who have become sick or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading around the world.

In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease,

In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak,

In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have become sick,

Welcome into your arms the ones that died, comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.

In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.

In love, I give glory to your name.

In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

Calling Teens and University Students

Are you looking to meet some new people, look at some of life's big questions and have a few laughs along the way?

Please join us for "Alpha" Online. There will be a few opportunities for us to potentially gather in person as a group, but the majority of the gatherings will happen online. We promise it will be an hour WELL SPENT each week!

So Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM, starting on July 8th. No need to register. Just join us on ZOOM at <https://zoom.us/j/643587934>

Any questions contact Michelle:
mbraden@archregina.sk.ca

The **Office of Youth and Young Adult** ministry of the Archdiocese of Regina is offering young adult gatherings this summer:

A DAY RETREAT "Redefining Normal; Faithfully Stepping into the Unknown"

It will be held on Aug. 22 from 10am-10pm out at Glen Harbour Camp. (on Long Lake approx. 40 minutes NW of Regina) Cost is \$60. Everyone 19 and up is welcome but spaces are limited.

To register or get more info, please go to <https://archregina.sk.ca/youth-ministry/young-adult-ministry>

An Evening Prayer Under the Stars

All young adults are invited to join us July 13th and August 16th on the parking lot between Our Lady of Peace and the diocesan offices (445 Broad St. N.) There will be opportunity for silence, Adoration, some music and some contemplative prayer.

The evening will have 2 distinct hours. One from 7:30-8:30PM and one from 8:45-9:45PM. We can accommodate approx. 20 people each hour. You must bring: a mask (so you can sing), a lawn chair, water bottle and something to kneel on (if you desire)

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, is thrilled to announce a new dynamic in young adult ministry coming soon! Watch for more info about small group ministry starting in the early Fall!

An Ignatian Prayer Adventure

You are invited to join in **An Ignatian Prayer Adventure** with commentary and reflection by: Fr. Larry Gillick SJ—Director of The Deglman Centre for Ignatian Spirituality, Creighton University - Omaha, Nebraska.

A 10 - part video series. Fr. Gillick will provide videos containing his reflections on various aspects of the exercises as your journey progresses. These videos are being prepared especially for the Archdiocese of Regina.

These videos will be released every 2 to 3 weeks, and come with guided prayer material. *This is a work at your own pace retreat.* The retreat uses the book 'An Ignatian Adventure, by Kevin O'Brien S.J.'

Subscribe to our YouTube page at www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseRegina and you will be notified when new videos are released.

Archdiocese of Regina on Social Media

We invite you to like us on Facebook, we will have regular Facebook Live prayers and we would love to have you join us!

www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofRegina/

You can also find us on Twitter @archdioceseofreg and on Instagram archdioceseofregina.

Compassionate Listening

If you find that during this difficult time you need a compassionate listening ear, visit:

<https://archregina.sk.ca/archregina-outreach>

for a list of spiritual directors and candidates in training who have volunteered their time to be there for anyone who is struggling.

Prayers, Devotions and Resources



Visit the Prayers and Devotions page to find information on daily mass, daily readings and reflections, prayers, stations of the cross and other resources that may be valuable during this time of social distancing.

<https://archregina.sk.ca/prayers-devotions-resources>

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

"The Yoke of Jesus"

This Week...

Zechariah the Prophet speaks of a meek saviour coming to proclaim peace, without the aid of any weapons of war. Jesus is that gentle Saviour who confuses the sophisticated and delights the children. The yoke of Jesus is bearable to those who learn from his humble heart - those who live by the Spirit. Even pain is easier to bear when we know the ways of Jesus.

For Your Reflection

According to Jesus children know more about some of God's secrets than do the most clever adults.

- Have you ever held a crying baby? Have you seen anyone else do it? Can anything be done to stop a baby's crying? When the baby finally stops crying, is it because the pain has gone away? How can rocking, singing, and cuddling help?

As we grow older, we perhaps don't cry when we skin our knees or drop our toys, but we still have plenty of pain in our life. We never outgrow the ability to hurt or the need for comfort.

- What might be one of God's secrets about dealing with suffering or about comforting someone in pain?

Jesus doesn't promise us a life without pain, but he says that the yoke and burden will be light and easy to bear.

- When have you had to deal with great physical pain? What happened?
- When have you had to deal with great emotional pain? What happened?
- Which is easier to deal with - physical pain or emotional pain? Why?
- How does living in the spirit of Jesus affect the way we deal with our pain?

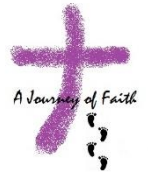
Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle A for Ordinary Time* St. Mary's Press, 2004



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.

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.

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

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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY offers distance education courses for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development: ***Diploma in Ministry; Certificate in Lay Ministry; Come Let Us Worship: A course in liturgical foundations; Certificate in Spirituality; and Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies.***

For an information package please contact Continuing & Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University, toll free 1-877-867-5562, diplomainministry@stfx.ca