



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 12th, 2022

The Most Holy Trinity

Established December 11, 1904

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

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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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MASS SCHEDULE

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| Mon. (13 th) | NO MASS |
| Tues. (14 th) | 7:00pm +Art Scherr |
| Wed. (15 th) | 9:00am +Russell Boychuk |
| | 10:00am NURSING HOME SOUTH |
| | +Angie Van Parys |
| Thurs. (16 th) | 9:00am +Ed & +Helen Piontek |
| | 2:30pm YORKTON CROSSING |
| | +Horace & +Mildred Jackson |
| Fri. (17 th) | 9:00am +Marge Slugoski |
| Sat. (18 th) | 9:00am +John Lynch |
| | 3:00pm 50 th Reunion Mass |
| | Sacred Heart Academy & St. Joseph's College |
| | 5:00pm +Mike Diakuw |
| Sun. (19 th) | THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST |
| | 9:00am Mass for the People |
| | 11:00am +John Dernisky |
| | +Henry Kuruliak |

NEW GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE

We ask that you continue to remain vigilant in your actions and decisions, considering the greater good, and to follow the directives per the Archdiocese of Regina:

We are a "mask-friendly" parish, meaning that wearing a mask is optional, and we respect those who continue to do so.

- Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection continues.
- We will not shake hands when we share the sign of peace.
- Communion Ministers will wear a mask.
- If you are ill, elderly, or medically vulnerable in any way, you are urged to continue to take every precaution to keep yourself and others safe.



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



God of mystery, you sent your Son and together with him in mutual love, the Holy Spirit. May we praise and honour you always by saying: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries of our faith, and what we celebrate brings us face to face with the mystery of God: The Most Holy Trinity. There is one God but three different Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three persons, a God who is within us and yet utterly beyond us. This is a great mystery, but it is a mystery of love.

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus teaches us to call "*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*" (Mt 6.9). Jesus, many times in his preaching, reveals God as a Father, and as a Father, he cares for his children: "*Therefore I [Jesus] tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' Indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things*" (Mt 6).

God is a Father, He loves and cares for us. He loves us with a great and steadfast love. Jesus confirms this when he says: "*even the hairs of your head are all counted*" (Lk 12.7).

In the Creed, we profess and proclaim that: "*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth*" and therefore every day we are invited to reflect and to acknowledge how much we are blessed and loved by God the Father.

Through the incarnation Jesus became a Brother to us. He became man and suffered and died to reconcile the world with God, the Father of mercies. He does this by sending the Holy Spirit. In Jesus, God became man to show us that true masterpiece and image of God that he had in mind for all eternity. As St. Paul reminds us, "*through our Lord Jesus Christ we have peace and access to the glory of God again*" (Rm 5.10).

And then through the Gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of God has been poured into our hearts. The Holy Spirit, as Jesus tells us, can only speak what he hears from the Son, and everything the Son has, he has received from the Father. It means that each one communicates their entire selves to the others. They actually communicate their whole selves, their entire divine persons.

God is around us, but we need to discover Him within us. If we do not learn and discover God, we will feel that He is remote from us. We may feel that He appears to be unfriendly and uncaring. But when we experience that God is within us, we will know that we are never alone.

What we can talk about this mystery is: God is a total unity of three persons and because God is love, we can see the great love within him. In God we can find an everlasting community of living love, of mutual self-giving. That's what God is: three perfect divine persons who perfectly share the unique divine nature.

My dear sisters and brothers, because the great love and unity in One God is one of the greatest mysteries we are invited to accept and to live it in our lives. Once we live it we will enter into this mystery more, giving thanks to God for nurturing us and caring for us.

To conclude, I would like to remind you all that anytime when you make the sign of faith: *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*; or when you say "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be*" you should make it, say it, with all your whole heart and reverence because it is a time you are proclaiming what you believe. We should be aware that we are called to "*Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*" - "*for the greater glory of God and the salvation of humanity*". It is for what Jesus revealed to us in the mystery of the Holy Trinity and it is what we solemnly celebrate this weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend and be blessed by the Holy Trinity.

Fr. Louis Nguyen



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

Brody Eiffert

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



Congratulations to

Curtis Bourgeois & Alyssa Gelowitz

who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
at St. Gerard Saturday, June 11th.

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

Living Your Marriage as a Sacrament in the Catholic Church

For various reasons, Catholics may find themselves in a civil marriage, in a marriage that took place before a non-Catholic minister without the knowledge or permission of the Catholic Church. Or the civil marriage was officiated by a Justice of the Peace. In time, some seek to have their marriages approved or “blessed” by the Catholic Church. When this can be accomplished, the ceremony that constitutes the marriage as a true sacramental union is called a “convalidation”. A convalidation involves the willingness of both husband and wife to make a new act of the will to enter into a valid Catholic marriage. Because of the number of variables involved in convalidation situations, each convalidation case is unique.

For more information, please phone 306.782.2449 to arrange to meet with Father Louis.



*The Class of 1972 of
Sacred Heart Academy & St. Joseph’s College
invite all to celebrate their 50th Reunion
at a special Mass*

*Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 3:00 pm
St. Gerard Roman Catholic Church*



News from the CWL



CWL BBQ & Social All CWL members and ladies of the parish are invited to a Social & BBQ Supper on Wednesday, June 15. Social hour 4:30 - 5:30 pm with supper at 5:30 pm, followed by presentation of years of service pins. If you are attending, please sign your name and telephone number on the sign-up sheet in the welcome area. Also there is a sign-up sheet if you can bring a salad or a dessert. The cost is a free will offering to help the people in Ukraine. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 12.**



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

June 18-19 Mary’s Meals fundraising blitz

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

From Fear to Love: Spiritual Grounding in Anxious Times (from the Henry Nouwen Society)

We live in trying times. Wars, mass shootings, climate change, political and economic polarization, hate crimes... and a pandemic that just won’t go away! Add to this the stack of personal burdens that so many endure on a daily basis. Despite the unbelievable advances in almost every area of life, advances our grandparents would be hard-pressed to even imagine, life is unavoidably anxious, stressful, and unpredictable.

Every week for five weeks, we will introduce a FREE new video on our HNS YouTube channel. Each video is designed to offer you insights and practices on how to enrich, deepen, and strengthen your spiritual life, and how to better cope with the stresses that threaten to erode your physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. There will be support materials to accompany these videos available as FREE PDF downloads. To access these materials, you will need to register at Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.ca/e/from-fear-to-love-spiritual-grounding-in-anxious-timestickets-344185206217



St. Alphonsus School SCC BBQ
June 15th from 5pm to 7pm

All are welcome to attend.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

The Trinity: Our Faith Foundation

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Trinity at first appears as the most abstract belief in Christianity. It touches the mystery of God's nature, how he exists, and how he acts. So, yes, it is mysterious. But as with all foundational truths, they have far-reaching effects. It is essential to grasp the basics because if not, everything you build with them will be faulty. Thus, it is vital to understand and believe in the Trinity. This is a basic building block of all we believe. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 234).

One of the earliest councils of bishops with the pope confronted this question of the Trinity. At the Council of Nicaea in the year 325, the bishops discussed what Jesus revealed to us about the Trinity. The fruit of their meetings nearly 1,700 years ago is the Nicene Creed that we still pray today.

The three divine persons are one and the same in their divine nature, but different in their actions. God the Father Almighty is Creator of heaven and earth. Jesus Christ is the Word through whom the Father created all things and the Savior he sent into the world. The Holy Spirit is the love of the Father and Son who is sent to sanctify humanity by leading people in the truth revealed by the Father and Son. God is the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit is Sanctifier and Teacher. Three divine persons with different missions, but one God.

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Feeding the Community

FOOD BANK DONATIONS continue to be a priority over the summer months. Please consider helping those less fortunate.

Non-perishable food items may be left in the wooden chest in the Welcome Area before Mass, or at the Salvation Army Food Bank (78 South Front Street) Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (12th): 4:00pm- K of C Yearend BBQ
- Mon. (13th): 7:00pm- Bible Study – *Lower Level*
- Wed. (15th): 4:30pm- CWL BBQ & Social

CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILIES WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Camp O'Neill, Round Lake is accepting youth for summer camp, July 6–12. We also invite youth with special needs for a one-day camp on July 12 and families for camping on the same day, these camps are both free. For more information/to sponsor a youth please email camponeill2020@gmail.com or phone Deacon Dave at 306 728 5525 or go to www.camponeill.ca

Medieval Madness; A Leadership Camp Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a leadership camp this summer for teens. Join us for a medieval themed week of fun, faith, growth & community. Complete with Beach time, Sports, Archery, Music, Games, Talks, Nature, Campfires, Great Food and Important Conversations. Camps will be held at Glen Harbour Kids Camp which is located on the East side of Last Mountain Lake; about 40 minutes from Regina. To register, go to tiny.one/ArchCamp. For more information contact ooyam@archregina.sk.ca. Dates: July 18- July 21 for those ENTERING Gr. 10-1st yr. University; July 25-July 27 for those ENTERING Gr. 7-9

Kenosee Boys & Girls Camp has outdoor adventures, canoes, swimming lessons, capture the flag, and campfire sing-alongs - it is camp the way you remember it! The Camp (in the beautiful Moose Mountain Provincial Park) is accepting registrations for their July camps. They offer three different camps throughout July: **Mighty Girls Camp** (July 10th–15th), **Co-ed Camp** (July 17th–22nd FULL & July 24th–29th), and **Cana Family Camp** (July 3rd–9th). During Cana Camp families can stay in one of our cabins or bring their camper. Camp consists of counsellor-led kid activities during the day, parent time and family time (Cana Camp), daily mass, and lots of fun and games for everyone! All of our camps focus on nature, spirituality, and fun!

Learn more and register [ONLINE](#) or contact campkenosee@gmail.com or (306) 550-1102.

Camp Monahan is gearing up for its 77th season of camping! Overnight and day camps available for ages 6 - 12, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Canoeing, swimming, crafts, campfires, archery and so much more. We also have room in our senior programs that include a hike around Katepwa Lake, canoe down the beautiful Qu'Appelle river or work on your waterfront skills. Visit us at www.campmonahan.ca

YOUTH REFLECTION

"The Trinity"

This Week...

There is a special relationship between *God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and their Holy and Divine Spirit*. One of the greatest mysteries of our faith is the Trinity - the one God that is, at the same time, three distinct persons - all affecting our life, and all entities with whom we can relate.

We are part of and share in the delight of *God the Creator's* creation and the grace that *Jesus* won for us. We can also share in the truth that the Spirit brings to us.

For Your Reflection

Saint Patrick is famous for making the shamrock a handy tool to illustrate the Blessed Trinity: one plant, three leaves that are all connected and united - symbolizing the one God, three persons that are all connected and united.

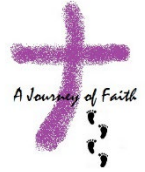
- Sometimes close relationships are also compared to the Trinity: the person you love, the person who loves you, and God. If God is a part of your relationship, it's hard to think of the two of you without the power, joy, and courage that God brings. Do you have any relationships like that? What are they like?
- A family, a team, or a close group of friends can also form a community of love that is similar to the Trinity - several persons that are connected and united in a very special way. Do you belong to any such group? If so, what makes it special?
- The Holy Spirit brings the truth of God. Sometimes in our life we are running away from a truth, or trying to ignore or avoid it. What basic truth in your life do you think God wants you to be more aware of?
- Sometimes in our life, when we have done something wrong or when we are about to do something wrong, the Spirit of God speaks to us through our conscience. Have you ever thought about doing something, until that voice inside you called you to do something else? What happened?
- The main message of every Gospel is to know the way of the Spirit and to follow the way of the Spirit. How easy is it to live your life that way? How is living your life that way similar to preaching the Gospel?



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.