



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

June 16th, 2024

Eleventh 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. 17 th		NO MASS
Tues. 18 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Rosalie Woloschuk
Wed. 19 th	9:00 am	Mass David Ryhorski
	10:45 am	Mass at Sacred Heart High School +Gabrielle Hamilton
Thurs. 20 th	9:00 am	Mass +Gerald Farkus
	2:30 pm	Mass at Yorkton Crossing +Gabrielle Hamilton
	7:00 pm	Baptism Session 3/3 (Use east door)
Fri. 21 st	9:00 am	Mass +Bruce Wonchulanko
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sat. 22 nd	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 23 rd	10:00 am	Mass for the People



SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing: Please contact the Parish Office
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

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

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRUSTING IN GOD'S PLAN The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B teach us to trust in God's plan, even if it starts small. We might feel insignificant or think our actions do not matter. But God can use our small efforts to create something wonderful. Just like the small shoot in Ezekiel and the mustard seed in the Gospel, our small acts of faith can have a big impact.

In our daily lives, we often face challenges and uncertainties. We might not see the results of our efforts right away. But these readings remind us to have faith and trust that God is working through us. Our job is to be faithful and do our best, leaving the rest to God.

St. Paul's message in 2 Corinthians also reminds us of the importance of our actions. We are called to live by faith and aim to please the Lord. Even if we do not see immediate results, we know that our efforts are important and will be judged by Christ.

HUMILITY AND GROWTH The theme of humility is also present in these readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B. God exalts the humble and brings low the proud. This is a reminder that we should not seek greatness for ourselves but trust in God's plan. When we are humble, God can use us to do great things.

The parable of the mustard seed shows that small beginnings can lead to great growth. This can be seen in the lives of many saints who started with small acts of faith. Their humility and trust in God allowed them to achieve great things. We too can be part of God's kingdom by being faithful in small things.

Reflecting on these readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we are encouraged to trust in God's power to grow our small efforts into something great. Whether it is in our family, work, or community, our small acts of faith and kindness can have a big impact. God sees our efforts and will bless them in His time.

LIVING OUR FAITH As we meditate on the readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we see the importance of living our faith. Our actions matter and are seen by God. We might not always see

the results, but we trust that God is working through us.

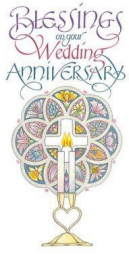
Let us be encouraged by the promise in Ezekiel, the call to live by faith in Corinthians, and the parable of the mustard seed in the Gospel. God is with us in our small efforts and will use them to build His kingdom. We do not need to worry about being great in the eyes of the world. Instead, we focus on being faithful and humble servants of God. young-catholics.com

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading *Mark 4:26-34 The reign of God is like a mustard seed.*

Church documents call the Christian family the "domestic church." This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26-34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26-34. Consider how your family's concerns reflect the Church's concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighborhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord's Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the import of the words "thy kingdom come." Each evening this week as you gather for supper, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.



Blessings to
Evelyn Kuruliak
 who will be celebrating her
 90th Birthday this week!



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 16 Father's Day
 Baby bottle campaign ends – return bottles
 Bingo – afternoon - 12.00
 June 27 Bingo – evening – 5.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca

Dear St. Gerard's Parishioners;

On behalf of the St. Gerard's Knight of Columbus Council #2031, I would like to thank you all for your very kind support of our projects through the year. Your attendance at our events helps to enhance our parish family.

Thank you to all the brother Knights who work tirelessly on our different programs, we are so lucky to have you.

New Knights are always welcome; you will be part of a very special fraternity of gentlemen. Just talk to any one of us, anytime!

Have a blessed and happy summer.

Keith Hayward, Grand Knight

Care for Creation. Since 2015 Pope Francis has called upon us, a people of faith, to learn about the damage being done to our common home. He also calls upon us to act and to be the instruments of change needed to preserve our common home for future generations.

Lord, grant us the wisdom in our tilling and in our keeping, to care for the earth. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. (Laudato Si')

Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
 Stewardship Ministry

**2024-2025
 ST. GERARD PARISH COUNCIL**

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The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking individuals to serve as leaders in the **SOCIAL ACTION** and the **YOUTH** ministries.

If you have questions or would like more information to help you discern, please speak with Father Antony.



THANK YOU to Nick Andrusyk (Hall Ministry Chairperson), Linda Maddaford (Social Action Ministry Chairperson) and Melinda Sevilla (Youth Ministry Chairperson) who have graciously served our Parish Family as Parish Council members for several years.

WELCOME to Henry and Lorraine Kweens who will serve as Hall Ministry Chairpersons!



I Know a Father....

Paige Byrne Shortal

I know a father who remembers the last time his youngest child would accept a kiss on her way to school. **I know a father** who raised another man's child as his own and made sure she never felt the lack of a father. **I know a father** who is called a "stepfather" and says it means to "step in" when and where he is needed. **I know a father** who is called a "father-in-law" and who loves his "children-in-law" as much as his own. **I know a father** who says "I love you" by taking photographs and there they are—the bright shining faces of everyone except the father-photographer. **I know a father** who prayed in the traditional way, but it didn't seem enough, so he decided to give up beer until his hurting son was doing better. A funny kind of prayer not mentioned in any of the liturgical books, but as sincere a prayer as ever was prayed. **I know a father** whose daughter is very sick, and he cries secret tears while he remains strong for her and the family. **I know a father** who lost his son and created a garden to remember him and shared that garden with all the other fathers and mothers who grieve for their children who are gone too soon. **I know a man** who longed for children of his own and when they didn't come, he fathered all the children who called him "coach" and "teacher" and "friend." **I know one who is called "Father,"** who is father to none, but whose job it is to sit with hurting fathers and mothers and listen and pray with them and help them make sense of it all. **I know a father** who was gone too soon. I miss him on this Father's Day—very much.

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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!

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. Together, we are called to champion their right to seek safety, to help build support for economic and social inclusion, and to advocate for solutions to their plight.

Pope Francis reminds us: "I would like to ask you all to see a ray of hope in the eyes and hearts of refugees and of those who have been forcibly displaced. A hope that is expressed in expectations for the future, in the desire for friendship, in the wish to participate in the host society also through learning the language, access to employment and the education of children. I admire the courage of those who hope to be able gradually to resume a normal life, waiting for joy and love to return to brighten their existence. We can and must nourish this hope!"

We pray that migrants and refugees, fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

(Pope Francis, June 2024)

Submitted by Linda Maddaford, Stewardship Ministry

ST. PHILOMENA WALKING PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 11-14

From Yorkton to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rama, SK. A supported pilgrimage sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina.

Come on a walking pilgrimage to have time to pray and spend time with God.

Looking for peace or healing? This may be a good time to do it! Register at www.stphilomena.ca

SUMMER BULLETINS

The parish bulletin will be published once in July and once in August.

The deadline for bulletin submissions are:

- JULY - Wednesday, June 26 at 12 noon
- AUGUST - Wednesday, July 24 at 12 noon