



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 20th, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: By pre-registration only until further notice
Beginning July 3rd, the 7pm Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Good Spirit Lake Hall

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. (21st) NO MASS
Tues. (22nd) 7:00pm +Claude Slogocki
Wed. (23rd) 9:00am +Roy Brazeau
Thurs. (24th) 9:00am Marcella Fedak
Fri. (25th) 9:00am +Donna Olshewski
Sat. (26th) 9:00am +Art Scherr

5:00pm +Gabriel Macalino
7:00pm +Stan Skaluba

Sun. (27th) **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am +Rhonda Kormos
11:00am Mass for the People



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tues.–
Fri.), Sat. at **8:30 am**, or by appt.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

Thank you for continuing to register in advance!

- **EACH HOUSEHOLD must pre-register separately for Saturday/Sunday Mass.** Online at www.stgerard.ca beginning Monday morning until all seats are reserved or until Thursday at 12 noon (whichever comes first)
- **Max. 100** (approx.) people may attend Mass
- Members of the same household may sit together at the marked seating
- Two-metres separation is required between households at all times, even with masks on.
- **Please arrive early.**
- The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:
 - ❖ People with COVID-19 symptoms, who live with someone with COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
 - ❖ Those who have travelled to/from a "hotspot", inside/outside of Saskatchewan or outside Canada within the last 14 days
 - ❖ Those who are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have someone in their household waiting for test results



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Lord, you bring compassion and peace to a fragile world. Strengthen my faith and help me trust 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,

When I read today's Gospel I asked myself why Jesus, who is God and therefore all-powerful, could fall asleep when things were getting really tough, really scary, for he, himself, and his disciples.

I would say that from the Gospel today we can learn a very good life lesson. I say so because most of us may never be on a "boat" that threatens to sink during a heavy storm. However, each one OF us, I believe, has run up against some kind of "storm" in our lives. I believe that we all have had this experience.

It could be the long and painful time when we have had to deal with our own illness or when we witness the sickness of a loved one.

Or, perhaps it could be when we heard the devastating news that came out of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation with the discovery of 215 children found buried in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

It could be a debilitating natural disaster such as an earthquake, tornado or a tsunami, or even when we all have experienced how Covid-19 has affected us since last March of 2020.

Again, why does an all-powerful God "go to sleep" in our boats and let these "storms" happen to us?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we will not understand God's ways fully until we meet him face to face on the other side of death.

The fact that God permits physical and even moral evil is a mystery that God illuminates by his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose to vanquish evil. Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit an evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil, by ways that we shall fully know only in eternal life (CCC 324).

We can understand God's ways somewhat if we understand God's plan for our lives. I would say that God's plan for our journey through earth is not perfect comfort and unbroken pleasure. Rather, he wants us to reach the wisdom, courage, joy, and inner balance of spiritual maturity.

And that requires us to learn to trust in him more than in ourselves, learn that we are not all-powerful. Therefore, I believe that sometimes God "goes to sleep" in our boats and lets the storm happen, so that we will come to know and accept the reality of our limitations and the truth of our dependence on him.

We can see this in Job's story which is told in the first reading. He has been complaining about all the bad things that have been happening to him. And God answers by reminding him that the Lord is master even of those bad things, that he controls and limits them according to his omnipotent wisdom. Also God reminds Job that he has set limits for it, and fastened the bar of its door.

My dear sisters and brothers, I would like to invite you to continue to reflect on this, and acknowledge that in the midst of the storm our Lord is there alongside us. And then we can profess that Jesus, the almighty Lord in whom we believe, is master of all.

Happy Father's Day to you all.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

LECTORS & HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

The July to September Lectors & Hospitality Ministers schedules will be available soon. If you have been unable to serve in one of these ministries due to the pandemic and would like to be included on the next schedule, please phone or email the Parish Office by Wednesday, June 23rd.

Lectors please note: there will be one Lector scheduled per Mass until further notice (due to public health restrictions).

Do you know that Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of Canada? The Novena to Saint Joseph begins June 22 and concludes with the Act of Entrustment on July 1, 2021 (Canada Day). You may download it [here](#), or pick up a print copy, available at each entrance.



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

#NIPD2021



Every June 21st, thousands of Indigenous Peoples celebrate **National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD)**. This is a special day to acknowledge the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada.

Due to the current pandemic restrictions many of these celebrations are virtual this year:

National Indigenous Peoples Day Online Event 2021:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/indigenous-peoples-day.html>

APTN Indigenous Day Live:

<https://www.indigenousdaylive.ca/>

Regina National Indigenous Peoples Day Online Event 2021:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/781369722570657?ref=newsfeed>

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER??

Kenosee COVID Safe Family Camps!

Looking for a summer getaway 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



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

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/



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

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!



Bringing Home the Word

Security from Life's Storms

By Mary Katherine Deeley

My brother, sister, and I learned to sail when we were young. Of all the lessons we had, the one I remember nearly verbatim was "Signs of an Approaching Storm." I can reel off the list as though it were yesterday: dark, low, fast-moving clouds; a sudden shift in wind direction and velocity; a sudden change in temperature.

To this day, when I experience any of these things, I close windows and make sure everything is inside. I think the apostles who were seasoned fishermen must have had similar training, and I have often wondered why they just didn't make for shore when they noticed the signs. But then I remember that some storms move in very quickly and, if you are in the middle of the sea, you can't make it to shore easily. The apostles may have decided to ride it out and then realized they could not.

It must have struck the apostles as odd that Jesus was peacefully asleep while they battled rising water and fierce wind. They were afraid of losing their lives. When they woke Jesus up, Scripture says that he "rebuked" the wind and the sea. The same word is used when Jesus casts out demons. The result is peace—at least on the sea or in the person who is possessed.

But for the disciples and for us, the act inspires awe and not a little anxiety: "Who then is this?" The answer unfolds for us throughout the Gospels. Jesus is Lord over the wind and sea, over all creation, and over us as well. In storm or calm, he brings his peace and shows us God's glory.

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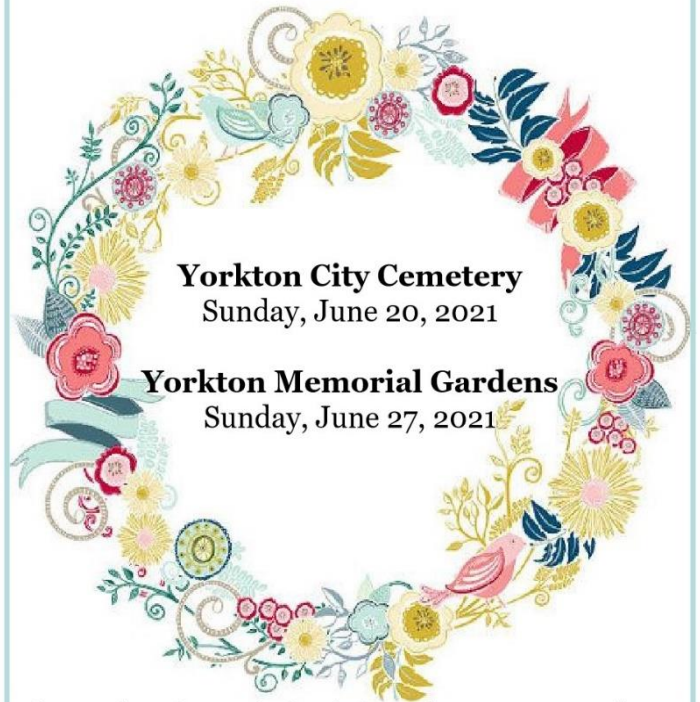
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

To some, his 'gift' was that they should be apostles: to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; to knit God's holy people together for the work of service to build up the Body of Christ.

~ Ephesians 4:11-12

- Submitted by the Stewardship Committee

Blessing of the Graves



Yorkton City Cemetery
Sunday, June 20, 2021

Yorkton Memorial Gardens
Sunday, June 27, 2021

If your loved one is buried at the cemetery, please meet there at 1:00 pm. There will be a Prayer Service for all in attendance, and then Father Louis will bless the grave of your loved one. *Please follow all current public health protocols.*



Around 64,000,000 of the world's hungriest children do not attend school. In order to survive, they have to work or beg. Mary's Meals provides life-

changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school.

By providing a daily meal in a place of learning, we meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school to gain an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

\$26.40 is all it costs for us to feed a child for a whole school year.

FIND OUT MORE. Visit www.marysmeals.ca or pick up a brochure from the display in the Welcome Area. Thank you.

CABBAGE ROLL BEE

Tuesday, June 22nd at 9:00 am
(Please use east entrance)

MASKS REQUIRED**GLOVES PREFERRED

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Jesus Calms the Wind and the Sea"

This Week...

Mark's entire Gospel emphasizes the Messianic Secret, and this story is a good example of that emphasis. The disciples watch the almighty power at Jesus' hands, and they ask one another: "Who is this man? What is this all about?" Jesus doesn't give them a satisfying answer, although he asks them why their faith is so weak. So they are left to wonder. Like the disciples and like Job, we too are confused by God's vast and might plan; it is too much for our human and limited minds. But we can understand Paul's simple message: Jesus' deep love gives us new life.

For Your Reflection

Jesus calms the storm when the disciples wake him up.

- Have you ever been in a boat or ship during a storm? If so, what was it like?
- How would you react if you were in a storm in the middle of a lake with some of your friends, and one of them just stood up and told the wind and waves to stop? *And they did stop!* How would you feel? Petrified? Shocked? Courageous? Would you be afraid of this person's powers? Would you think that they might be evil? Would you think that they might be saintly? What would you say?

Many times we feel as if our life is stormy. Like the disciples, we might feel as if our boat is about to crash. But Jesus doesn't help them until they ask him to. They don't see the difference he can make until they initiate contact with him and ask for his help.

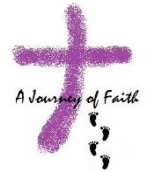
- When your life is stormy, do you ride it out alone or do you ask Jesus for help? Explain.
- What does it actually mean to ask Jesus for help? What expectations do you have for that request? What do you think Jesus does for a person who asks for help? How can asking Jesus really help anything?



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