



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: By pre-registration only until further notice  
\*\*Beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. (28<sup>th</sup>) NO MASS  
Tues. (29<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm +David Jakubowski  
Wed. (30<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Alan & +Aileen Hayward  
Thurs. ( 1<sup>st</sup>) **CANADA DAY**  
9:00am Special Intentions  
Fri. ( 2<sup>nd</sup>) 9:00am Cole Looft  
Sat. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>) 9:00am +Joan Kormos

5:00pm +Helen Snape

**NEW** → 7:00pm **GOOD SPIRIT LAKE HALL**

Deceased members of the  
Naphin & Tedeschi families

Sun. ( 4<sup>th</sup>) **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Mass for the People  
11:00am +Eileen Boryski

## 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](http://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

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



Stay  
Connected  
Online!

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Lord, you promise eternal life to all who believe in you.  
Give me the courage to be an advocate for life.

- 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,

This weekend we hear a beautiful story in the Gospel. It begins with a simple request for healing but then a great thing happens after. Not only is there healing but life came back from death. Similar to the Gospel last week, we see that Jesus has acquired a miraculous power, the power to heal, the power over death, the power over all.

As we hear in the Gospel, Jairus, the synagogue official, was a humble man. He acknowledges that to save his daughter, he needs something beyond his own powers. And that is clearly verified by how he approaches Jesus.

Mark tells us that Jairus "*fell at Jesus' feet and begged him repeatedly*". We should know that as a synagogue official he is in a high position of the society and is a well-known person in the city. It is not easy for him to fall at someone's feet or beg for anything.

Faced with the human sickness of his daughter, Jairus is humbled when he acknowledges that there is a higher power than him in the universe, and he humbles himself before the Lord when he offers his request. The Lord accepts his request, and sets out for the house of Jairus.

However, while they were on their way, they receive the sad news that the girl has died. The messengers suggest that they should stop coming. They suggest that Jairus should not bother Jesus anymore. It helps us to see that they were hopeless.

However, Jesus ignores the words of the messengers. His sense of hope is totally opposite with those around him at that moment. He asks Jairus to remain in faith, "*Do not fear, only believe*". With these words, Jesus and his companions continue the journey and great thing happens at Jairus' house.

My dear sisters and brothers, I wonder what can we learn from the Gospel this weekend? Here are some points I would like to share with you:

We need to learn to be as humble as Jairus. Although Jairus is a synagogue official with a high position, he becomes humble in front of Jesus. It is what we hear in Luke 1.48: "*for he (God) looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant*". God loves the humble ones. We need to acknowledge that we must rely on him.

"*Do not fear, only believe*". Jesus encourages Jairus with these words. He encourages Jairus to keep his faith alive. I have a feeling that Jesus is saying to each of us the same thing: "*Do not fear, only believe*". With faith all things can be fixed, changed to be better.

We have been in a difficult time with the global pandemic. It has changed all things, and now when we look back on the past eighteen months, we would say that sometimes we have had doubt, we may have lost hope, and we may have lost faith. Jesus is encouraging us "*Do not fear, only believe*".

Finally, I would like to invite you to renew your faith in Jesus. If we have faith, we will have trust, if we have trust we gain hope and if we have faith, trust and hope, we have all things.

Have a blessed weekend and enjoy the beautiful day.

Fr. Louis Nguyen



### Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation



- 30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday)
- Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



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



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

Abigail Unabia  
Kayce Parachoniak

**May these children and their families experience joy and new life.**

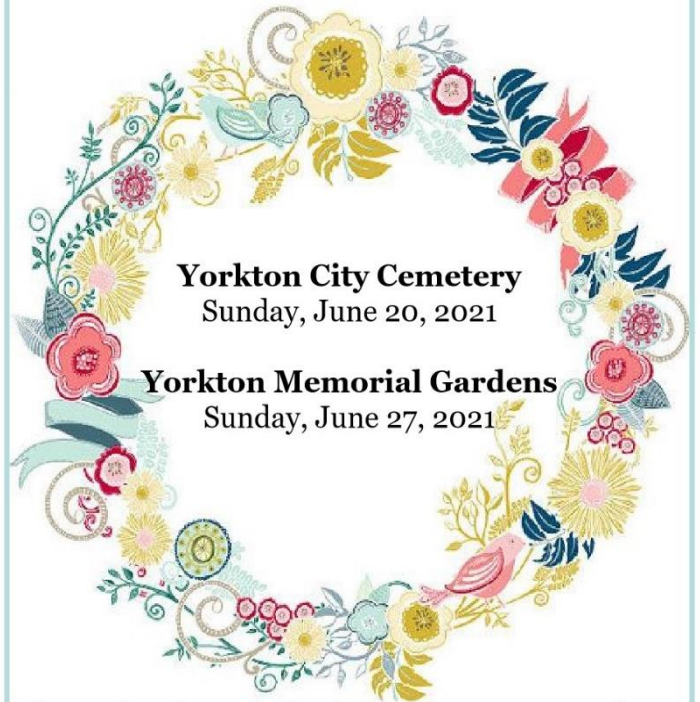


### PRAYER FOR CANADA DAY

Eternal God,  
 whose reign extends from sea to sea  
 and whose care endures throughout the ages,  
 hear our prayers for our country:  
 grant wisdom to those who govern it  
 and respect for human life and dignity  
 to every citizen,  
 so that justice may flourish  
 and all peoples live in unity and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
 the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.  
 Amen

## 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](http://www.marysmeals.ca)** or pick up a brochure from the display in the Welcome Area. Thank you.

### 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

## Accepting Pain

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Michelangelo's statue *The Pietà*, finished before he turned twenty-four, expresses a theme Italians didn't enjoy seeing in art: death. Even worse, it recalls the torturous death of a crucified son held by his mourning mother. The image is horrific.

In his approach, Michelangelo is revolutionary. Rather than directly representing death, his statue is a meditation on it. Instead of showing the Virgin in the moment of extreme anguish, the normal strategy to achieve pity in the onlooker, the master decides to show Mary in humble acceptance of this heart-wrenching moment.


She doesn't fight or run from the pain in rebellious screams. Her teeth aren't clenched, her brow is unwrinkled, and her eyes aren't filled with tears imploring upward seeking to understand the illogical. She merely sits in the painful moment embracing the Son and abandoning her sorrow to the Father who permitted it.

Her hands reveal her attitude. One holds her Son under his arm firmly. She pulls him to her, sustaining the weight of the mystery. She absorbs the moment, fleeing not. Remaining in the pain, she endures the cost of our redemption, expressing her fiat again, in silence: Let it be done to me according to your word.

The other hand tilts toward us, open. She is letting go, giving over! She knows this Child in her arms was never only hers, but everyone's. We're invited to grasp her open hand, join her pain, and do our part to take up our own cross and follow him.

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## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER??

**Kenosee COVID Safe Family Camps!** Looking for a summer get-away 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](http://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 God's 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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:oyyam@archregina.sk.ca)

Christ Jesus, bring hope and healing to the suffering. Give us wisdom and courage to face addiction, illness, trauma, suffering, and death with resurrection faith. Give us restlessness that will only relent when we join in your healing work. And give us unwavering hope that the Kingdom can come into our suffering to make us whole. Amen.

## YOUTH REFLECTION

### "Daring to Touch Jesus"

#### **This Week...**

The Book of Wisdom proclaims that our God is a God of living; Paul reminds us that our call is to be generous to those who suffer. In Mark's Gospel Jesus demonstrates both principles. He raises a little girl from the dead and he praises a woman for being brave and faithful enough to reach out and grab for the garment she believes will cure her.

#### **For Your Reflection**

This woman who struggles to touch Jesus' robe is in a desperate situation. The Gospel tells us that she has been bleeding for twelve years. That's hard to imagine. IN those days any woman who was bleeding was seen as unclean until her period of bleeding was over. So not only does she touch Jesus' robe and receive power without asking for it (she steals something that belongs to someone else), but she is in fact unclean (and thus causing all of them to risk being made unclean). She should have been reprimanded, but Jesus praises her.

- What does Jesus' praise of this woman say about his view of the cultural practice of keeping the "unclean" women away from other "clean" people?
- Besides curing this woman's medical condition, how else does Jesus heal her and restore her dignity?
- As men in a society that views women as people who become unclean every month, Jesus' disciples must have had a hard time with this. What do you suppose they were thinking, and how do you think Jesus' actions challenged their attitudes toward women?

When Jesus goes in to see Jairus's daughter, he lets only Peter, James, and John go in with him. The rest of the followers have to stay outside. Jesus did this a lot; Peter, James, and John get to do lots of things that the others aren't invited to do.

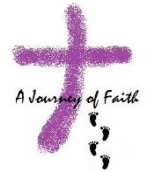
- How do you think the other disciples reacted to this?
- Why do you think Jesus would behave in such a way - having favourites?
- Do you think Peter, James, and John kept it a secret from the other Apostles that Jesus had raised the little girl from the dead, or do you think they told the others? Do you think the young girl's family members kept it a secret, or do you think they told people about it? Why?



**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.*

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## 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.

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## 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.

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**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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net)

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