



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 4th, 2023

The Solemnity of
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

CONTACT US

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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.

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Caretaker.....			

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (5 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (6 th)	9:00am +Al & +Rita Herchuk
Wed. (7 th)	9:00am +Jody & +Debra Churko <i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i> 3:00pm <i>Ecumenical Prayer Service</i> <i>for those experiencing grief and loss</i>
Thurs. (8 th)	9:00am Dore Collett
Fri. (9 th)	NO MASS
Sat. (10 th)	9:00am Marianne Dierker

5:00pm +Joe Paydli

Sun. (11 th)	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
	9:00am +Julius Kormos
	11:00am Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

RCIA: For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

Reconciliation: Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

Anointing: Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



Generous, giving God, you loved the world so much you sent us your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to show our love for the world too, respecting and protecting it so that all people can enjoy it now, and in the future. Amen.

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God of all – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – inspire us to live in loving relationship with each other that the world may know peace and harmony, we pray. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Exodus 34.4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3.52-56

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading

John 3.16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the

gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm.

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Glory Be to the Father (Doxology)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

Act of Faith

O my God, **I firmly believe** that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **I believe** that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Blessing of the Graves



Yorkton City Cemetery
Saturday, June 3, 2023

Yorkton Memorial Gardens
Saturday, June 17, 2023

If your loved one is buried at the cemetery, please meet at the main gate 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.

CENTERING PRAYER
Thursday, June 8 at 7pm
Lower Level
(please use east entrance)



St. Gerard's CWL invites you
to their

STRAWBERRY TEA & BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 10
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

St. Gerard's Parish Hall
125 3rd Avenue North, Yorkton
\$5.00 Admission

Enjoy Coffee or Tea, Angel Food Cake
and Strawberries & Ice Cream

*Plus...a wonderful selection of baking and
kitchen treasures for sale!*



News from the CWL



CWL is having a bake sale with the Strawberry Tea on Saturday, June 10. We are asking members to donate goodies for the bake table. Items can be brought to the hall on Friday, June 9, 1-3 pm; and Saturday, June 10, 9 am-12 noon. All baking is greatly appreciated. Also, if you haven't already volunteered and can help on Saturday, June 10 from 1:30-4 pm, please call Paulette 306-782-7923. Many hands make light work.

CWL Members and LADIES of the Parish are invited to attend the **CWL Social & BBQ Supper** on Wednesday, June 14th. Social Hour 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Supper at 5:30 pm.



Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available before and after weekend Masses. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, June 11th. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert for the supper, please sign the sheet on the table in the Welcome Area.



News from the Knights of Columbus



June 7 Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7pm
June 8 Bingo – evening – 5pm
June 11 Council yearend celebration. RSVP Wayne before June 7 – phone/text 306.783.7380 or email wex13@sasktel.net
June 18 Bingo – evening - 5pm

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

WAYS TO HONOUR THE TRINITY

Fr. Leonard Foley, OFM

- 1 Embrace the greatest commandment: love the triune God “with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Mt 22:37), and the second most important commandment, to “love your neighbor as yourself” (22:39).
- 2 Say the Trinitarian prayer often: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit....”
- 3 Honour God the Father by our generosity, imitating the First Person's self-communicating love: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16).
- 4 Honour God the Son by imitating the healing and evangelizing ministry of Jesus, who was God's missionary.
- 5 Honour God the Holy Spirit by seeking to build up God's kingdom and witnessing to Jesus' saving love wherever we go: “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, ...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).



**Bringing Home
the Word** 

Three in One, or One in Three?

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When we limit our reflection on the Trinity to numbers, our thinking takes us far from the reality of God. The characterizations of an old man, a younger man, and a dove do not help much, either. However, these are attempts to somehow talk about the mystery of all mysteries. We cannot adequately conceptualize or characterize God, but we try. Each reading today makes its own attempt.

In the Exodus passage, God actually describes God's own self: "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6). The Gospel passage tells us how these divine features play out in our lives: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). This Son is God in the flesh. What greater love can there be? The prayer in Paul's letter seems to scoop us up like an adoring parent would into the embrace of the Trinity: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

Theologians say each person of the Trinity interacts with us in a way unique to each person. Though different, each way is an expression of self-emptying love. The only response required of us is openness to that love. God only asks that we accept that love and allow it to transform us. Then we will be the living example of the Trinity's love for all.

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PARISH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 10th

2pm – 4pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies	\$45 (10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$50 (10 dozen)
Cabbage rolls	\$30 (5 dozen)

LAST CHANCE BEFORE FALL!

2023-2024 ST. GERARD'S CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor	Rev. Louis Nguyen
Chairperson	Mark Bell
Vice-chairperson	Carm Molnar**
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** Appointed by Father Louis

**(3 vacancies –1 Standing Committee
Chairperson, 2 Members at Large)**

Parish Finance Council

Pastor	Rev. Louis Nguyen
Chairperson	Nathan Bewcyk
Hall	Nick Andrusyk
Properties	Steve Piontek**
Member at Large	Carm Molnar**

** Appointed by Father Louis.

(1 vacancy – Secretary)

Dear God,

Speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noise of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you.

Give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying: "Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble of heart." Let that loving voice be my guide. Amen.

The **Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina, will be happening again this year. We start on August 11th in Yorkton and finish on August 14th at Rama. This is a guided pilgrimage with rest stops, meals, support vehicles, and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop. Pilgrims are invited to join us for all or part of the walk. For more information see our website at stphilomena.ca or phone 306-728-5525.