



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

June 5th, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

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

Mon. (6th) **BVM, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**
7:00pm Denis & Marianne Dierker

Tues. (7th) 7:00pm +Russell Boychuk

Wed. (8th) 9:00am +Marge Slugoski
10:00am **ASPEN VILLA**
Dan & Brenda Dierker
2:30pm **GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES**
+Ferd & +Mildred Thiele

Thurs. (9th) 9:00am +Mary Puchala
2:30pm **LAKESIDE MANOR**
+April Natrasony

Fri. (10th) 9:00am Marianne Halliday

Sat. (11th) 9:00am +June Pasloski
1:00pm Bourgeois-Gelowitz wedding

5:00pm +Agnes Zuback

Sun. (12th) **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**
9:00am +Art Scherr
11:00am Mass for the People

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)

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Lord, you send forth your Spirit. Teach me to walk your way of love and compassion in hope and gratitude.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*,
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of Easter and it is Pentecost Sunday. On this day over 2000 years ago, the Father and the Son poured out the Holy Spirit in a special way on the disciples and they immediately took up the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the whole world.

The Holy Spirit, He is God and the source of life. Throughout the Church's history the Holy Spirit has showered down gifts upon her to keep her faithful to the teaching she received from the Risen Lord, and to keep the fires burning to inspire human hearts and be reconciled between God and human. In my reflection for this weekend I would like to share with you three main points:

1. In the first reading we acknowledge that with wind and fire, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the group of twelve in a way that cannot be ignored. It draws a crowd and it's also a sign that everyone can understand and goes beyond the barriers of language to help humanity reunite once again in the Spirit.

It is very interesting to hear that all of a sudden the Christians start speaking in new languages that they didn't know. Everyone hears the disciples explaining the Gospel in their own language.

On the day of Pentecost, the apostles spoke a new language. In their own languages they hear the disciples speaking about God's deeds of power. We wonder what languages they were able to speak. I would say that it was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of cooperation rather than of competition; the language of hope rather than of despair; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate; the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance.

Therefore, if we allow the Holy Spirit to be with us, we would be able to say these languages. And once we have the ability to speak a new language, we have the ability to know a new culture. We should be aware that the culture in which we belong is the culture of love, the culture of faith and the culture of hope.

2. In the second reading Paul reminds us that the presence and action of the Holy Spirit are often perceived as gifts, gifts for the guidance and unity of the Church. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of prayer to express in faith that Jesus is Lord. The spiritual gifts are unified in the Church through their source: The Holy Spirit. Therefore, the ways we serve are unified in serving Our Lord. All of the workings of the Spirit in us come from God, and each gift is for our benefit, for one another and for ourselves.

Today, the Holy Spirit renews His presence in us and in the world during our celebration of the Eucharist. We are invited to renew our commitment to becoming mature men and women of prayer, so that we can boldly advance the Church's beautiful and urgent mission.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, and counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Wisdom, understanding, and counsel (or right judgment) guide our mind and assist our conscience in knowing right from wrong; fortitude (or courage) enables us to do the right things even when it is difficult or unpopular. Fear of the Lord is really awe and reverence for God.

3. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are beautiful things and make life joyful. We all are invited to reflect, to check in with ourselves and wonder: Are these fruits in our hearts? We need all of these virtues, and if we don't have the Holy Spirit we cannot earn them.

Therefore, my dear sisters and brothers, pray to the Holy Spirit and work together with him. *Veni Sancte Spiritus, Come Holy Spirit!* Come to renew the face of the earth.

Have a wonderful weekend with God's blessings.

Fr. Louis Nguyen

Blessing of the Graves



Yorkton Memorial Gardens
Sunday, June 5, 2022

If your loved one is buried at the cemetery, please meet there at **3:00pm**. There will be a Prayer Service for all in attendance, and then Father Louis will bless the grave of your loved one.



*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*



Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.

Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions and temper our impulses.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.

Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.

Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.



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 8 General Meeting @ 7pm

June 12 Year-end Barbeque @ 4pm

*If you are going to attend please contact Wayne:
wex13@sasktel.net or text/phone 306.783.7380
Supper in the Social Hall.*

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

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a fundraising blitz for **Mary's Meals** on the weekend of June 18 - 19th. **Mary's Meals** is a charity that was born in 2002, it has a very low operating budget, most of its work is done by volunteers! Yet, it is presently providing meals for over **two million school children** in 19 of the world's poorest countries. Pick up a pamphlet with instructions on how to donate. Or you can drop off a cheque made out to Mary's Meals Canada at the information table as well.

Camp O'Neill, Round Lake is accepting youth for summer camp, July 6 – 12, cost is \$200. 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. If you would like more information or if you would like to sponsor a youth please email Doris at camponeill2020@gmail.com or phone Deacon Dave at 306 728 5525 or go to www.camponeill.ca



Sacred Heart High School

Faith, Knowledge, Unity

Thank you to all who sponsored a scholarship or bursary at the SHHS Graduation ceremony.

*St. Gerard Parish Bursaries: Kaycee Capili
Carmyn Koberinski*

*St. Gerard CWL Scholarship: Owen Bahrey
Eve Buettner*

*K of C #2031 Scholarships: Owen Bahrey
Carmyn Koberinski*



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Experience the Gift of the Holy Spirit

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In his bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, Gary Chapman points out that among the five ways people show love, a common one is to give gifts. Perhaps Jesus' love language was giving gifts, because he sure did it a lot! He gave sight to the blind, power to the weak, food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, faith to the faithless, and love to the lonely.

Jesus wants to give us the Holy Spirit. We've read in Acts how the power of this gift of the Spirit transformed the early Church. Jesus wants to do the same for us.

When we were baptized, we received the Holy Spirit, and at confirmation we said yes to his spiritual gifts more completely. Yet for many, the power of the Holy Spirit is a pious thought rather than something we experience daily.

Here are a few ways to open your heart to the Sanctifier's inspirations: First, be grateful for God's gifts and inspirations. St. Thérèse of Lisieux said, "What most attracts God's grace is gratitude, because if we thank him for a gift, he is touched and hastens to give us ten more." Second, practice detachment. If we cling to our possessions, viewpoints, and ourselves, there's little room for the Spirit to move us. Third, ask God for inspiration—then listen. God doesn't usually force himself on us, so ask him to come in more powerfully! Then practice a little silence and listen. You'll be surprised at how the Holy Spirit speaks to you!

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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

Mon. (6th): 7:00pm- Bible Study - *Cancelled*
Wed. (8th): 7:00pm- K of C General Meeting

Catechism Themes: Pentecost (CCC 731-732)

With the power of the Spirit revealed at Pentecost, the activity of the Trinity was made known. God the Father sent his Son to share his very life, his very Spirit, with his followers. Now, disciples would carry on the work of the Son. They would celebrate the Spirit in their daily lives as they followed in the footsteps of their Lord.

God calls everyone to repentance, even second chances. How do you respond to his call? How do you help others with their call to conversion?

Pentecost revealed the power of God's forgiveness, his Spirit. Unlike the Force of Star Wars, the Spirit of God is personal. The Spirit establishes a link between the believer and the person of the Father through the person of the Son. And the Spirit makes that link personal. It is a link of love, hope, and joy based upon personal forgiveness.

Let us rejoice in the Spirit, the third person of the Trinity.

How can you celebrate a life in the Spirit this week?

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Family Balloon Race

Jesus breathed on his followers to give them the Spirit. Connect the notion of breath, wind, and the Spirit with a balloon race. Mark out a short race course with tape. Then, pass out balloons to all of your family members. On the count of three, your family members must blow up their balloons, tie the balloon ends, get on their hands and knees, place the balloon on the start line, and blow their balloons toward the finish line. No one can use any part of their body to move the balloon; they can only use their breath. (Hint. If you have small children, pair up an adult and a small child into a team. The adult can blow up the balloons, while the small child can race the balloon.)

After the race, read John 20:19-23. Stress John 20:23 when Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon his followers. Connect breathe with life. (One needs breathe to live.) Tell your family members that the Spirit was the life of Jesus. And his life lives in us now. End the game with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

St. Gerard Parish
Comparative Income Statement to March 31, 2022

	2022	2021	Change		2022	2021	Change
REVENUE							
Collections	58,288	59,553	-1,265	Hall:			
Other (Donations, rel. articles)	2,408	1,262	1,147	Wages, Salaries, etc.	2,929	2,692	237
Perogies & cabbage rolls (net)	957	3,136	-2,178	Catering	2,002	146	1,856
Annual Fall Supper (net)	0	0	0	Total Hall	4,931	2,838	2,093
Catering	3,132	0	3,132				
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	64,786	63,950	836	Rectory	3,287	2,658	630
Building Fund Donations	1,720	1,485	235				
Trust Fund Donations	25	0	25	COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Federal Wage Subsidy Program	0	4,198	-4,198	Family & Social	14	0	14
TOTAL REVENUE	66,531	69,633	-3,102	Ecumenical	0	0	0
				Liturgy	1,179	1,227	-48
OPERATING EXPENSES				Stewardship	0	0	0
Pastoral	40	224	-184	Religious Education	87	76	11
Parish Office	3,610	2,623	987	Social Justice	0	0	0
Other Administrative Expenses	17,481	15,901	1,580	Youth	0	0	0
COVID-19 Expenses	383	357	26	Community Life	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	12,260	12,600	-340	Public Relations	0	0	0
Wages, Salaries, etc.	19,368	18,207	1,160	Pastoral & Finance Council	0	0	0
Building:				Refugee Family Committee (net)	0	0	0
Sask Energy	3,269	2,815	454	Cemetery Expense	150	150	0
Sask Power	4,435	3,047	1,389	Total Committee Expenses	1,430	1,453	-23
Water	426	262	164				
Property Taxes	0	0	0				
Insurance	8,541	5,921	2,620	TOTAL EXPENSES	92,966	72,828	20,138
Parking Lot	11,015	982	10,033				
Garbage/recycling	430	194	236				
Repairs & maintenance	2,059	2,746	-687	NET INCOME (LOSS)	(26,434)	(3,194)	(23,240)
Total Building	30,176	15,967	14,209				

Notes:

Effective January 1, 2021 the following expenses have been re-categorized as "Other Administrative Expenses":

Bank Charges Collection Envelopes Review Engagement Donations to Other Charities from General Funds Priest Contract



Do you know that in the Catholic Church the month of June is dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus?

How did this devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus come about?

It goes way back to the year 1672 when a young girl from France, now known as Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, was visited on numerous occasions by Our Lord and it was through her He chose to reveal His great love for mankind. It was during those visits that Christ revealed His Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary and explained how he wanted others to practice this devotion. *“In order to better realize the infinite love of the Son of God, as manifested in the incarnation, in His Passion and in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar, we needed a visible representation of this love. He then attached many graces and blessings to the veneration of His adorable Sacred Heart.”* Our Lord made to Saint Margaret Mary particular demands on what He wanted this visual image to resemble: a heart on fire for love of all mankind, flames bursting forth and enveloping it showing this unending love, the crown of thorns encircling representing the injury inflicted upon it, the cross mounted on top reminding us of His bitter Passion and Death, and lastly, the rays emanating from His precious Heart signify the great graces and blessings which come from devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus Made Twelve Promises to Those Who Hold a True Devotion to His Sacred Heart

- 1 I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- 2 I will give peace in their families and will unite families that are divided.
- 3 I will console them in all their troubles.
- 4 I will be their refuge during life and above all in death.
- 5 I will bestow the blessings of Heaven on all their enterprises.
- 6 Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7 Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- 8 Fervent souls shall rise quickly to great perfection.
- 9 I will bless those places wherein the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured and will imprint My love on the hearts of those who would wear this image on their person. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.
- 10 I will give to priests who are animated by a tender devotion to my Divine Heart the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11 Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.
- 12 **THE GREATEST PROMISE** - I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate (Receive Holy Communion) on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they will not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Winds of the Spirit"

This Week...

Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the church. This day celebrates the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus in a rush of wind and tongues of fire. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be church. These gifts vary - they are as different as we are. But we are all needed, and we are all members of one united body.

For Your Reflection

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit - the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

What changes in you do you wish the Spirit could blow your way? How can you cooperate with the Spirit? In what ways do you need more courage, knowledge, direction, or commitment? What else might you need?

In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples before Pentecost? In what ways are you and your parish like the disciples after Pentecost?

When people speak about your school, would they say that it has school spirit? What do they mean by that? How is school spirit like the Holy Spirit?

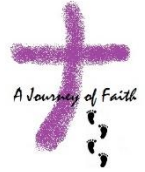
Excerpt from In Touch With the Word, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, 2004



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.