



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

June 9th, 2024

Tenth 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 Nēhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 10 th		NO MASS
Tues. 11 th	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Anastacio Tan Uy & +Ephifania Calilla
Wed. 12 th	9:00 am	Mass +Melissa Monette
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Thurs. 13 th	9:00 am	Mass +Julius Kormos
	7:00 pm	Baptism Session 2/3 (Use east door)
Fri. 14 th	9:00 am	Mass +Mike Diakuw
<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Sat. 15 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 16 th	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 <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
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

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.

Families are places of beginnings. Within our family, we first learn what it means to be part of a community. We share a closeness and experience mutual understanding and support. We learn how to love one another, how to ask for and receive forgiveness, and how to apply all these lessons to the world outside our homes.

As you gather as a family, talk about what makes your family special. Share some of the lessons you have learned together about love, forgiveness, and understanding. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 3:20-35. Jesus wants us to understand that by doing God's will, we are part of a bigger family. Choosing to follow Jesus, being his disciple, means we must treat one another with kindness and mercy. We must become a family. Conclude by asking God to bless your family and to help you do God's will by seeing all his people with the same kind of love and compassion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary.

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REDEFINING FAMILY – In Mark 3:20–35, Jesus faces opposition. His own family and religious leaders accuse Him of being possessed by evil. Jesus uses this moment to teach an important lesson. Jesus says that those who do the will of God are His true family. This means that spiritual kinship is more important than blood relations. Obedience to God makes us part of Jesus' family.

We are invited to examine our own understanding of community and spiritual kinship. We are called to embrace our fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ, irrespective of societal or familial divisions. Through this redefinition of family, we are challenged to extend the boundaries of our love, acknowledging the unity we share as part of God's spiritual family.

FAITH AND HARDSHIP – In 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1, Paul talks about faith during difficult times. He encourages believers to stay strong. Despite the hardships they face, they look forward to eternal glory.

Paul reminds us that our troubles are temporary. They prepare us for the eternal life with God. Our focus should be on what is unseen and eternal.

This passage encourages us to keep our faith strong. No matter what challenges we face, we trust in God's promises. Our hope in eternal life gives us strength.

FACING OPPOSITION – Jesus faced many challenges during His ministry. His own family did not understand Him. Religious leaders opposed Him. Despite this, Jesus stayed focused on His mission. We, too, may face opposition in our lives. People may not understand our faith. They might challenge us. But like Jesus, we must remain committed to God's will.

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your love and mercy. Help us stay strong in our faith and follow Your will. May we always remember that we are part of Your family. Guide us and give us strength in our daily lives. Amen.



Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)

5:00 pm

Sunday Mass

10:00 am

through Sunday, September 1

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will take place **outside** on Sunday June 16th. Weather permitting. Please dress your children appropriately as we will be planting seeds! Parents are always more than welcome to join and having some parents present during this lesson outside will be helpful to ensure everyone has a safe enjoyable time!



Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary? Would you like to be prayed for by name at Mass? If so, please contact the Parish Office.



Would you like to receive a Blessing on your Wedding Anniversary?

Please contact the Parish Office for details!



A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus formed a new family, no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.... Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 10, 2018



Congratulations to

Linda Maddaford

*who is the new President
of the Regina Diocesan Council
of the Catholic Women's League.*

*Please continue to pray for Linda
and her mission.*



News from the Knights of Columbus



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| June 12 | Combined Meeting – 7.00 – approval of budget |
| June 16 | Father's Day
Baby bottle campaign ends – return bottles
Bingo – afternoon - 12.00 |

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

Options Pregnancy Center (Regina)

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Administered by the Knights of Columbus No. 2031

Please remember to return the bottle next Sunday (Father's Day).

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

LET US PRAY... Holy are your ways, O Lord, and holy are the people whom you choose and call to yourself. Soften our hearts so that we may see the world as you see it, and that we may respond with care to the Creation you so love. Make us better stewards of this garden. Amen.



The Family of Jesus The Redeemers

The account of Jesus' encounter with his family appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In our translation of Mark's Gospel, Jesus explains, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). In Luke's Gospel, the translation reads, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it" (Luke 8:21). It seems rude, this famous response of Jesus to the message that his family is waiting for him. But perhaps it was simply another teachable moment about who constitutes Jesus' family. Jesus embraces all who hear him — *and act on what he says* — as his brothers and sisters.

The first task is to hear. We live in a noisy world full of false prophets, and the gifts of listening and discernment must be practiced daily. When we do hear, we must act. "Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul," said Edward Abbey.

The definition of family has expanded. Jesus started the expansion movement. With him, there are no divisions, no separation among people. We are all brothers and sisters of Jesus if we do the will of his Father, who is our Father. It becomes clear that Jesus is my brother, the victim of sex trafficking is my sister, the child dying of thirst or hunger is my child, the homeless man is my uncle, the girl ostracized because of her sexual orientation is my cousin. The list is endless. The only people who earned Jesus' scorn were the hypocrites, never the victims, the bullied, or the misunderstood. †

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAY 31, 2024

Offertory Collection in May	\$22,437.97
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$114,288.51
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$120,619.38
Offertory Collection Surplus @ 05/31	\$6,330.87

THANK YOU

For your continuing and faithful support!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE UPDATES

Development & Peace, Share Lent - Under the overarching five-year theme *Create Hope*, the theme this year was Reaping our Rights. Funds will be used to support the small-scale peasant farmers who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Three partners on three continents were selected, to help communities become more resilient, practice agro ecology, diversify their incomes, or assert their rights in the face of land contamination. The Share Lent campaign was very successful and has raised \$2,247,548.56 so far.

Development & Peace, Stand for the Land - Around the world, people who defend the environment, water and land are often threatened, criminalized, imprisoned and even killed. The communities of Guapinol and the San Pedros region in northern Honduras were severely impacted when an iron ore mine was granted a license to mine in Carlos Escaleros National Park. Three Guapinol people were murdered, 8 families were dispossessed, and 32 were charged for defending their land, water, and right to safety.

The Stand for the Land petition last fall was a D & P call for solidarity with the people of Honduras. 52,629 concerned Canadians signed the petition, far surpassing their goal of 32,000 signatures. The petition was presented to the Honduran Ambassador on April 25, 2024.

Thank you to all who supported these campaigns.

Ministry Opportunity - Bakers Needed!

Are you able to provide baked goods for parish events or funeral lunches? Cakes, cookies, squares or muffins may be made at home or purchased and dropped off. Please leave your name and phone number with Rose at 306-783-3964 and you will be called as occasions for baking arise.

PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES• •CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•

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

Purchase by appointment only. Phone Nick at 306.783.8739.