



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

March 10th, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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. 11 th		NO MASS
	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tues. 12 th	9:00 am	Mass +Faustina Petiluna
	9:30 am	Cabbage Roll Bee
	7:00 pm	Lent Penitential
Wed. 13 th	9:00 am	Mass +Marian Belitsky
		<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)
Thurs. 14 th	12:10 pm	Mass +Monique Ewaski
		<i>Followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
	7:00 pm	RCIA (Lower Level Hall)
	7:00 pm	Sacrament Preparation (Social Hall)
Fri. 15 th	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by
		Mass +Len & +Eleanor Loster
Sat. 16 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 17 th		Fifth Sunday of Lent
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel Reading

John 3.14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the Act of Contrition.

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year B presents a profound reflection on themes of longing for restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity. These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in John 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in restoration.

So the readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B offer a deep exploration of God's relationship with humanity, characterized by both justice and immense love. Despite the harsh reality of judgment, there is always a path back to God through repentance, illuminated by the light of Christ. These themes encourage us to embrace the light, acknowledge God's sacrificial love, and move towards a future where our actions are aligned with God's will. As we journey through Lent, let us hold fast to the promise of restoration and the gift of God's mercy, celebrating the profound love He has for each of us, manifested through the giving of His only Son.

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BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their children for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions on the following dates:

- Session 1 Mon., March 18th 7:00pm
- Session 2 Wed., March 20th 7:00pm
- Session 3 Thurs., March 21st 7:00pm

If you have yet to register, please email the Parish Office this week. office@stgerard.ca

The next sessions will be held later this year.



Lent Penitential

Tuesday, March 12th @ 7pm

Several priests will be in attendance

HEALING ADORATION

Tuesday, March 19th - 7pm

*A Spirit-filled opportunity
for healing of mind and body!*

Awesome music! Everyone welcome!

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One hour prior to each weekday Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses during the Season of Lent.

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23rd at 5pm

Sunday, March 24th at **10am**

Mon., March 25th 7pm Holy Mass

Tues., March 26th 7pm Holy Mass

Wed., March 27th 9am Holy Mass

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass

at 7:30pm followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12noon and 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8pm

At the Mass of Easter Day - 9am and 11am

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy next Sunday (March 17th). We are still actively looking for more volunteers, especially adults. If you are interested in helping, please email Sarah Prost at prost.litz@hotmail.com and we can arrange training at an alternate time.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that emails are being sent from scammers claiming to be Father Antony. You will notice the email address may have some correct info, though in an unfamiliar form with additional characters, numbers or periods. Most will ask you to contact them or send information. Please DO NOT reply to suspicious emails.



Bringing Home the Word **+**

You Decide

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide.

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PARISH FUNDRAISER Saturday, March 23rd 11am – 1pm (while supplies last!!!)

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

**LAST CHANCE BEFORE
EASTER!!**



News from the CWL



If anyone is still wanting to pay for a 2024 Membership, the fee is \$35 which can be paid by cash or cheque made out to St. Gerard CWL, placed in an envelope marked CWL Membership and dropped in the collection basket, or the fee can be e-transferred to pell@sasktel.net

Congratulations to Rose Marchinko, the winner of our free membership draw.

Save the date – Saturday, April 13 from 12:30 to 4:45 pm. We will host a retreat entitled, "Here I Am Lord, Send Me: Responding to Holy Moments." More details to follow.

Our next general meetings – April 3 and May 1 @ 7:00 pm



News from the Knights of Columbus



- Mar. 16 Bingo – evening – 5.00
- Mar. 17 Parish Brunch (*paused for Lent*)

The Knights of Columbus invite you to pick up a Lenten poster at the back of the church after Mass this weekend. The poster reminds us of the three traditional pillars of Lent, and can be used in our homes and remind us of the important message of this holy season.

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664.

More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The website has been updated! Check it out!



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty.

Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS

The 2024 charitable donation receipts are available for pick up in the Welcome Area until March 18.

Thank you to all who contribute financially to our parish to support our good works!