



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

March 30th, 2025

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

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE



Mon. 31 st		NO MASS
	6:00pm	All-choir Rehearsal
Tues. April 1 st	9:00am	Holy Mass +Tony & +Theresa Spykerman
	9:30am	Perogy Bee (pinching)
	7:00pm	<i>Penitential Rite with Adoration</i>
Wed. 2 nd	9:00am	Holy Mass +Ermina Thiessen
	7:00pm	Bible Study – No Greater Love
Thurs. 3 rd	12:10pm	Holy Mass Mary Bybliw followed by <i>Lenten Lunch</i>
	6:30pm	You are Loved Session 7
	7:00pm	RCIA (Lower Level)
Fri. 4 th	7:00pm	<i>The Way of the Cross</i> followed by Holy Mass +Benito Kho & +Loreta Naldo
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>		
Sat. 5 th	5:00pm	Holy Mass for the People (70 min.)
Sun. 6 th	9:00am	Holy Mass for the People (75 min.)
	11:00am	Holy Mass for the People (80 min.)



PENITENTIAL RITE WITH ADORATION

Tuesday, April 1st at 7pm

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT LEVITICUS 16
Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation

Why do we cover Crucifix and statues of Saints in the church on 5th weekend of Lent?

Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, **we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in.** When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. **These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.**

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. **When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.**

Third, **the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.** This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. **You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.**

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through salvation that the veil is lifted, and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



Baptism - The First Sacrament of Initiation

All parents who would like to bring their child/ren for baptism are asked to register for the Baptism Sessions by contacting the Parish Office. **The next Preparation Session will be held for three Thursday evenings beginning May 1.** Childcare is provided.



Choir Rehearsal for Passion Sunday & Sacred Paschal Triduum

Monday, March 31
6pm-8pm

The Ministry Sign-up sheets for the **SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) are on the ministry table in the Welcome Area. Please sign up this week! Thank you!



The Boy from Milan | Trailer

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit www.formed.org/signup and search "Yorkton" and then select our parish. Enter your name and email, click the link that is sent to your email address, then you're in! No passwords! No charge!

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY **OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Saturday, April 12th at 5:00pm
Sunday, April 13th at 10:00am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7:30pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY **OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Celebration at 12:00noon and 3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2:00pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night- 8:30pm
At the Mass of Easter Day – 10:00am



News from the CWL



Please note that our **April General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 pm (rather than the first Tuesday, which is the Lenten Penitential Rite with Adoration).



News from the Knights of Columbus



Apr. 5 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00
Apr. 8 Meeting – after Holy Mass
Apr. 12 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664. More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The page has been updated. Check it out.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing:

Please contact the Parish Office.

After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

Infant Baptism/RCIA: Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C invites us to reflect on God's mercy, faithfulness, and the new beginnings He offers us. Through the stories of the Israelites' first Passover in

the Promised Land, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and Paul's teaching on becoming a new creation in Christ, we learn about God's constant care and call to reconciliation. These readings remind us of the importance of gratitude, forgiveness, and embracing a renewed life in Christ.

Celebrating New Beginnings The Israelites' first Passover in the Promised Land marks a new beginning for them and shows God's faithfulness. He fulfilled His promise to bring them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

This celebration is a powerful reminder of God's constant care. The Israelites' journey was long and difficult, but God was always with them. Their first Passover in the Promised Land is a moment of gratitude and renewed hope. Just as the Israelites celebrated their new beginning, we too can find joy in God's promises and look forward to our own new beginnings with faith and hope.

Embracing Mercy and Forgiveness The parable of the Prodigal Son is a story with twists, turns, and reversals. It focuses on freedom and duty, showing how God's mercy can change lives.

The younger son seeks freedom. He wants to live as he wishes, without respect for his father. He even implies that he would prefer his father were dead to claim his wealth. When he returns home, he is more interested in physical comfort than in a relationship with his father.

The older son is dutiful. He serves his father without complaint but harbors resentment. He takes pride in being "the good son" and wishes for a reward. He is driven by his ego and desires to be held in high esteem. He becomes furious when his reckless brother returns and is restored to the same level in the family.

Neither son seems motivated by love. The younger son is selfish, while the older son is prideful. Their actions show a lack of understanding of their father's love. They focus on themselves rather than their relationship with their father.

The father, however, loves both of his sons dearly. He uses his love to show the proper place of freedom and duty. He is generous and forgiving with his younger son, welcoming him back wholeheartedly. He could have easily been offended by the older brother's attitude but instead reassures him of his love and shared inheritance.

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C remind us of God's mercy. They show us the importance of seeking forgiveness and offering it to others. They encourage us to embrace God's love and to live as new creations in Christ.

This parable encourages us to reflect on our own lives. Are we seeking freedom without responsibility, or are we dutiful without love? Let us strive to find balance, motivated by love, as we follow God's example of mercy and forgiveness.

Prayer Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant care and mercy. Help us to seek new beginnings in You and to forgive others as You forgive us. Guide us to live in peace and love. Amen.



St. Gerard Parish Holy Mass & Activity Calendar

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am Holy Mass 9:30am Perogy Bee 7pm Lenten Season Penitential Rite with Adoration	2 9am Holy Mass 7pm Bible Study - No Greater Love	3 12:10pm Holy Mass 6:30pm Sacrament Prep 7pm RCIA	4 7pm Way of the Cross followed by Holy Mass	5 5pm Holy Mass
6 5th Sunday Lent 9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass	7	8 9:30am Perogy Bee 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Holy Mass 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm CWL Meeting	9 9am Holy Mass 7pm Bible Study - No Greater Love	10 12:10pm Holy Mass 6:30pm Sacrament Prep 7pm RCIA 7pm Centering Prayer	11 CHRISM MASS Holy Rosary Cathedral 3:00pm 7pm Way of the Cross	12 11am – 1pm Perogies & Cabbage Rolls Parish Fundraiser 5pm Holy Mass
<p><i>Holy Week</i></p>						
13 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 10am Holy Mass	14 7pm Holy Mass	15 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Holy Mass	16 9am Holy Mass 10am Communion Service Nursing Home (South)	17 HOLY THURSDAY 7:30pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper at the Evening Holy Mass	18 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 12noon Service 3pm Service	19 HOLY SATURDAY 2pm Blessing of Festive Food THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 8:30pm Easter Vigil
20 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (THE MASS OF EASTER DAY) 10am Holy Mass	21	22 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Holy Mass 7:30pm Parish Finance Council Meeting	23 9am Holy Mass 10am Communion Service Nursing Home (North)	24 9am Holy Mass 7pm Centering Prayer	25 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am Holy Mass Knights of Columbus State Convention begins	26 5pm Holy Mass
27 2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 9am Holy Mass 11am Holy Mass	28 6pm All-choir Rehearsal	29 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Holy Mass 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	30 9am Holy Mass			

THE POWER OF PRAYER BY ST. TERTULLIAN

Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. But Christ has willed that it should work no evil, and has given it all power over good.

It's only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All the angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look out to heaven and call out, lifting up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross, and give voice to what seems to be a prayer.

What more needs to be said on the duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power for ever and ever. Amen.