



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

March 3rd, 2024

Third 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. 4 th		NO MASS
Tues. 5 th	9:00 am	Cabbage Roll Bee
	6:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 pm	Mass +Christopher Gray
	7:30 pm	Children's Liturgy Meeting
	7:30 pm	CWL General Meeting
Wed. 6 th	9:00 am	Mass Dan Dierker <i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Social Hall)
Thurs. 7 th	12:10 pm	Mass +Chantal Bissonnette Castonguay <i>Followed by Lenten Lunch</i>
	7:00 pm	RCIA (Lower Level Hall)
	7:00 pm	Sacrament Preparation (Social Hall)
Fri. 8 th	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Stella Fulawka (Happy Birthday!)
Sat. 9 th	11:00am	Perogy & Cabbage Roll Fundraiser (until 1pm)
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 10 th		Fourth 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
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323
- 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

Gospel Reading

John 2.13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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Pure Hearts

In this gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B, Jesus demonstrates the importance of having a pure heart through his actions in the temple. By driving out the merchants and moneychangers, Jesus was purifying the temple of all that was contrary to God's will. He was removing the distractions and impurities that had taken over the temple and restoring it to its intended purpose as a place of worship and prayer.

As Catholics, we are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will. We must be honest with ourselves and acknowledge our own weaknesses and faults, and be willing to ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

One way to purify our hearts is through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, we confess our sins to a priest and receive God's forgiveness and healing grace. This helps us to let go of our past mistakes and start anew with a pure heart.

Another way to purify our hearts is through prayer and reflection. By spending time in prayer and meditating on God's Word, we can allow the Holy Spirit to work within us and transform our hearts. We can also ask God to help us identify areas of our lives that need to be purified, and to give us the strength and courage to make the necessary changes.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

To register for the next Baptism Preparation session, please contact the Parish Office 306.782.2449.

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.



Lent Penitential

Tuesday, March 12th @ 7pm

Several priests will be in attendance



Choir Rehearsal

Last Monday of each month.
6pm to 8pm

Children's Liturgy

Reminder: Ministry meeting on **March 5th at 7:30PM.** Meet in the Welcome Area. Whether you want to be a leader or an assistant, please attend this informative meeting! If you cannot attend this meeting, but are still interested in ministering, please email Sarah Prost at prost.litz@hotmail.com and we can arrange training at an alternate time!

The success of Children's Liturgy is dependent on the number of ministers we can recruit. If you are 16 years and older, please consider serving in this ministry!

The first Children's Liturgy will be on **Sunday, March 10th at the 11AM Mass.** All parents are welcome to attend.

Have your children bring a bottle of water to drink!

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 23rd at 5pm

Sunday, March 24th at 10am

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



News from the CWL



The next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 5th following Holy Hour and Mass.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Mar. 6	Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00
Mar. 7	Bingo – evening – 5.00
Mar. 16	Bingo – evening – 5.00
Mar. 17	Parish Brunch

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!

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!



The Long Arm of the Law

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Eventually, you're going to get caught. That is how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will catch them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. Today's verses from Psalm 19 insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than honey. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People. Those who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club, are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said, "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the instructions for flying a plane are. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

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Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](https://devp.org/lent) and watch the video at devp.org/lent

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Join a new phase of the Synod! Tell the Pope what you're thinking

How can we be a synodal Church in mission? The Synod of Bishops is reaching out for feedback on its Oct 2023 report, <https://bit.ly/A-Synodal-Church-in-Mission>.

You are invited to attend a listening session to offer feedback on the October 2023 Synod document. Your contributions will feed into the 2024 Synod next fall. Attend a listening session in your parish or gather some friends for your own discussion. Prepare some notes and send us your thoughts. A Spiritual Conversation Guide is available at <https://bit.ly/Spiritual-Conversation-Guide>

Or, you might want to join a Zoom discussion (attend one or all, no commitment required). Before coming, read the marked sections of the Oct. 2023 Synod Report at

- Part I. The Face of the Synodal Church - Mar. 20 @ 7 pm -- read sections 3 and 5
- Part II. All Disciples, All Missionaries - Mar. 23 @ 10 am -- read sections 8 and 9
- Part III. Weaving Bonds, Building Communities - Apr. 6 @ 10 am -- read sections 14 and 18
- Draft report on 2024 Archdiocesan phase - Apr. 13 @ 10am

All sessions at <https://bit.ly/YQR-Synod-2024> No registration. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Nick Jesson, Archdiocesan Synod Coordinator, njesson@archregina.sk.ca, or visit: <https://archregina.sk.ca/group/synod-2021-2024/>

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PARISH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 9th

11am – 1pm

(while supplies last!!!)

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

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