



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

May 12th, 2024

Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord

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. 13 th to Fri. 17 th		NO MASS
Mon. 13 th	5:30 pm	Rosary Prayer led by the Knights of Columbus
Tues. 14 th	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (Preparation)
Wed. 15 th	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (Pinching)
<i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i>		
Sat. 18 th	4:30 pm	Rosary Prayer
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 19 th	8:30 am	Rosary Prayer
	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	10:30 am	Rosary Prayer
	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

FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

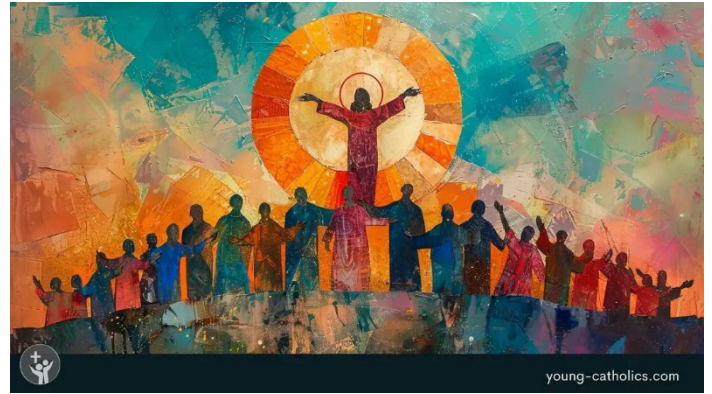
As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Following in Faith


The Gospel from Mark 16:15-20 tells us about Jesus' last instructions to His disciples. He told them to go out and share the Gospel everywhere. Jesus promised that those who believe and are baptized will be saved. He also said that signs would follow those who believe. These include casting out demons and healing the sick. After giving these instructions, Jesus ascended into heaven.

The disciples did as Jesus commanded. They went everywhere and preached. God worked with them, confirming their words through miraculous signs. This shows that even though Jesus ascended, He is still active in the world through His followers. It reminds us that we are called to continue Jesus' work. We should share the good news and live in a way that shows we are His followers.

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Christ has no body
but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth
but yours,
Yours are the eyes
with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which
he blesses all the world.

-Teresa of Avila (attributed)



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 by contacting the Parish Office. The next session will be held June 6, 13 and 20 at 7pm. Please use the east entrance.



News from the CWL


**The St. Gerard CWL Council
Invites All Ladies**
to the Social and BBQ Supper
Wednesday, June 5
at St. Gerard Parish Hall
Social starts at 4:30pm with Supper to follow
Free-will Offering
*Please sign the attendance sheet
in the Welcome Area by Sunday, May 26*




**Summer Weekend
Mass Schedule**

Beginning Saturday, June 1
through Sunday, September 1

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass)
5:00 pm
Sunday Mass
10:00 am




News from the Knights of Columbus

**The Knights will lead the rosary prayer each Monday
at 5.30 during May, the Month of Mary.**

The Knights of Columbus Council #2031 would like to extend wishes for a happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of the parish who play such an important role in nurturing their families, as well as all those women who encourage, care and guide others with patience and compassion. May God bless you all!

May 18 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

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



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS**

According to the criteria of the Archdiocese of Regina, the following must be followed if you wish to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Have **passion** for the **Vision** of St. Gerard Parish.
- Can **commit** to being a representative on Parish Council, and are **available** for workshops and Parish Vision Programs.
- A follower of **Stewardship** (time, talent and treasure).

If this describes you, please consider being part of the Parish Council! *Nomination forms are available at the Parish Office. Deadline for nominations is Thursday, May 16th at 12 noon.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING


Sunday, May 26, 2024 following the 11am Mass

As a parishioner, it is your right and your responsibility to attend this meeting, and it is an opportunity to offer suggestions.

(The 2023 Annual Report is available at each entrance to the church.)

Options Pregnancy Center (Regina)
Annual Baby Bottle Campaign
Administered by the Knights of Columbus No. 2031

Take a baby bottle home on Mother's Day, fill it with money or a cheque, and then return the bottle on Father's Day. Your gift will help equip their Center to care for the women, men and families affected by an unexpected pregnancy, and will provide financial support for additional health care services that they provide.



**The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Regina
will gather
in Joy and Thanksgiving
for the Ordination of**

Daniel Malone
to the
Sacred Order of the Priesthood
by the Most Rev. Donald J. Bolen
Archbishop of Regina
on
Friday, June 7, 2024
7:00 pm
at
Holy Rosary Cathedral



Up in Heaven

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven "up there" along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today's readings also indicate that Jesus is seated at God's right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally, the place of honour is at the dignitary's right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God's right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honour. The responsorial psalm refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. "Throne" suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honour, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is "above" means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance, but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus' ascension means the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth's space and time but now enjoys the highest honour with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: "To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist." Do our lives show that we believe this?

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In Laudate Deum, Oct 2023, Pope Francis writes with urgency that "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes" (LD 70),

Catholics around the world are called to join in daily challenges that motivate changes in personal habits, and gradually transform societies.

May we plant Seeds of Hope as we pray; Mary Mother of Jesus, Mary Mother of Creation turn our hearts toward to contrition, help us respond to the cries of the Earth.

- Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
Social Action Ministry



Agnes Bojaxhiu, now known worldwide as "Mother Teresa," was born in Macedonia in 1910. A Sister of Loreto, she was sent to India, where she spent years educating wealthy girls. Teresa began to experience a series of visions in which Jesus asked her to serve the poorest of the poor. She did just that for the rest of her life, founding the Missionaries of Charity. She was canonized in 2016.

When I have visited a friend whose house is spotless and whose life seems perfectly organized, I feel more than a twinge of inferiority. I'm forever behind on everything that needs to be done, and our house looks like a toy factory merged with a laundromat that blew up. Why can't I keep up? I wonder. I want to be the organized, efficient, got-it-together mom. I want my child to have a household that runs like a machine, with a mom who juggles everything calmly and expertly.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta has insight to share with those of us seeking after perfection. She once said that we are not all called to do great things, but we are called to do little things with great love. Not with great efficiency, not even with great skill. Great love. Saint Teresa should help us realize that when our children grow up, we want more than anything for them to remember feeling happy and loved because of the little things. To remember a mom who made time to play in the sandbox, dance in the kitchen, and read to them in bed. We want them to recall a mom who did these littlest things with the greatest love.

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ST. GERARD PARISH CARETAKER POSITION

Applications are being accepted for the St. Gerard Parish Caretaker position:

- 30 – 40 hours per week
- Flexibility of hours depending on the events calendar each week (evenings, weekends)
- Cleaning, care and maintenance of the church building, hall, rectory and grounds
- Interviews will be arranged for the selected individuals made by the HR Committee
- Stop by or contact the Parish Office for details of job description

Please submit all applications and resumes to the Parish Office or email Nathan Bewcyk at: nate.bewcyk@gmail.com

Nathan Bewcyk, Finance Council Chair
Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chair
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