



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

May 19th, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

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. 20 th		NO MASS
	5:30 pm	Rosary Prayer led by the K of C
Tues. 21 st	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (Preparation)
	7:00 pm	Mass +Adeline Kolodziejak
	7:30 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting (MRA)
Wed. 22 nd	9:00 am	Mass +Janet Gress
	9:30 am	Perogy Bee (Pinching)
	10:00 am	Mass at Nursing Home (South) +Christopher Gray
Thurs. 23 rd	9:00 am	Mass +Mike Diakuw
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (use east entrance)
Fri. 24 th	9:00 am	Mass +Ambrose Wolfe
Sat. 25 th	10:00 am	Sacrament Retreat
<i>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>		
Sat. 25 th	4:30 pm	Rosary Prayer
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 26 th	8:30 am	Rosary Prayer
	9:00 am	Mass for the People <i>Followed by Parish Brunch</i>
	10:30 am	Rosary Prayer
	11:00 am	Mass for the People <i>Followed by Parish Brunch and Annual General Meeting</i>

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 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

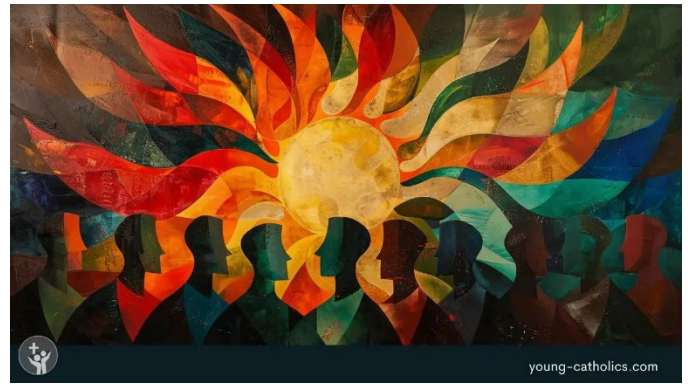
Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.

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Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY



Living as Witnesses

The Holy Spirit calls us to be active witnesses in the world. This means living out the love and truth of the Gospel every day. We show God's love through our actions and how we treat others. Each act of kindness or moment of truth-telling is a reflection of God's love. We are not just telling others about Jesus; we are showing them His love in action.

This can be challenging, but it is also rewarding. As we live out our faith, we inspire others to seek God. We become lights in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit. young-catholics.com

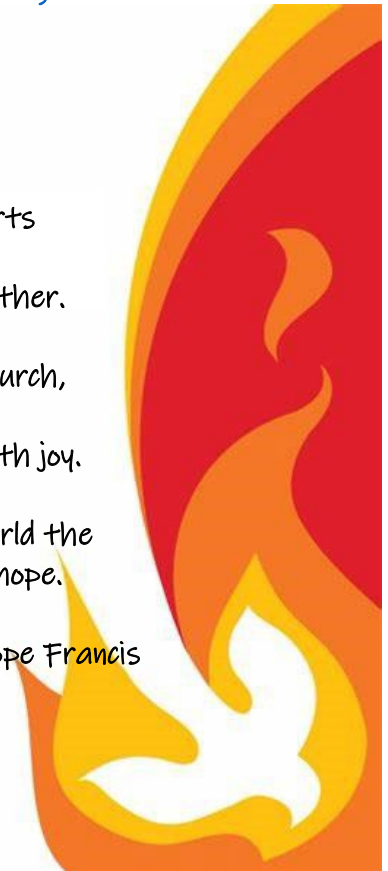
Holy Spirit,


breathe into our hearts
and let us inhale the
tenderness of the Father.

Breathe upon the Church,
so that she may
spread the Gospel with joy.

Breathe upon the world the
fresh restoration of hope.

- Pope Francis





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





Please pray for the

Children of our Parish Family
who will be receiving the




Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 25	10:00 am	Retreat
Saturday, June 1	2:00 pm	Rehearsal
Sunday, June 2	2:00 pm	Celebration



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 25	Articles for "The Word" due
	Family prayer – 7.00
May 26	Parish Brunch – last one until the fall
May 29	Bingo - evening - 5.00

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



Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Beginning Saturday, June 1
through Sunday, September 1

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

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

Take a baby bottle home, 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.



May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Are you looking for a Confirmation or First Communion gift?

Stop by the Parish Office! There is a great selection of rosaries, necklaces, bracelets, crosses and much, much more! Mark this special occasion with a thoughtful gift! All items are sold just above cost as a service to our St. Gerard Parish Family. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$20.00!



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.)

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the images suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: The Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase "Spirit of God" refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today's first reading tells us that those in the house "filled with the holy Spirit" began fearlessly to tell of "the mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: The Spirit enlightens and comforts us; refreshes us and lets us rest; heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of "the mighty acts of God."



Discovering Our Mission

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

We all have a special calling or mission. We are drawn to a way of life that gives us a sense of purpose. Some people feel called to raise a family, to become an educator, a social worker, an engineer, a scientist, a doctor, a nurse, a lawyer, an electrician, a carpenter, a law enforcement officer, an accountant, a politician, a spiritual leader, a musician, or an artist. It takes time to discern our calling in life. We need to observe and work with others to get a sense of what we would like to become. Our calling in life is not about ourselves; it is connected to a universal vision of a world in which all people can live and work together in love and peace. Inherent in our calling is a common desire to serve people, to improve the quality of life, and to teach others what we have learned.

After Jesus rose from the dead and before he ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a mission to carry out. Their mission was to be a sign of Jesus' presence in the world, to gather people together into one family, and to teach them how to love one another. At baptism, we received the same mission. God's mission must be reflected in our lives and in our work. We have been called in the risen Jesus to be God's presence, to build community, to love and serve others.

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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
Fr. Sathi Antony, Pastor

May 19 to 26 is **Laudato Si' Week** "Seeds of Hope"

St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and now Pope Francis exhort all Catholics to join with the global Laudato Si' Movement, to learn to walk in 'ecological conversion.' This demands no less than a loving awareness of our universal communion with the rest of Creation. We are called to open our hearts to greater creativity and enthusiasm to solving the world's problems. 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

Excerpt from Catechesis on the Letter to the Galatians: 13.

The fruit of the Spirit

Pope Francis, General Audience, October 27, 2021

It is precisely the spiritual combat that is another important teaching in the Letter to the Galatians. The Apostle presents two opposing fronts: on the one side, the “works of the flesh”, and on the other, the “fruit of the Spirit”. What are the works of the flesh? They are behaviours that are contrary to the Spirit of God. The Apostle calls them works of the flesh not because there is something wrong or bad about our human bodies. Indeed, we have seen how much he insisted on the reality of the human flesh that Christ brought to the cross! Flesh is a word that indicates the person’s earthly dimension, closed in on itself in a horizontal existence, where worldly instincts are followed and the door to the Spirit, who lifts us up and opens us up to God and others, is closed. But the flesh also reminds us that everything ages, that all things pass, wither, while the Spirit gives life. Thus, Paul lists the works of the flesh which refer to the selfish use of sexuality, to magical practices connected with idolatry and to all that undermines interpersonal relationships such as “enmity, jealousy, dissension, divisions, factions, envy...” (cf. *Gal 5:19-21*). All of this is the fruit — let’s say — of the flesh, of behaviour that is solely human, “sickly” human. Because humans have their values, but all this is “sickly” human.

The fruit of the Spirit, instead, is “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (*Gal 5:22-23*), as Paul says. Christians, who in baptism have “put on Christ” (*Gal 3:27*), are called to live as such. It can be a good spiritual exercise, for example, to read Saint Paul’s list and take a look at our own behaviour to see if it corresponds, if our life is truly in accordance with the Holy Spirit, if it bears these fruits. Does my life bear these fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control? For example, the first three that are listed are love, peace and joy: a person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells can be recognized by these traits. A person who is at peace, who is joyful and who loves. With these three traits, the action of the Spirit can be seen.

Holy Spirit, Lord Divine

Holy Spirit, Lord divine, come, from heights of heaven and shine, come with blessed radiance bright.

Come, O Father of the poor, come, whose treasured gifts ensure, come, our heart's unfailing light.

Of consolers, wisest, best, and our soul's most welcome guest, sweet refreshment, sweet repose.

In our labour rest most sweet, pleasant coolness in the heat, consolation in our woes.

Light most blessed, shine with grace in our heart's most secret place, fill your faithful through and through.

Left without your presence here, life itself would disappear, nothing thrives apart from you.

Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin, arid souls refresh within, wounded lives to health restore.

Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill, guide the wayward home once more.

On the faithful who are true and profess their faith in you, in your sevenfold gift descend.

Give us virtues sure reward, give us your salvation, Lord, give us joys that never end. Amen.

