



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 30th, 2021

The Solemnity of
the Most Holy
Trinity

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES:
By pre-registration only until further notice

CONTACT US

The Parish Office is open reduced hours, but the doors remain locked. Please phone ahead.
We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep our parishioners and employees safe & healthy.
You may phone/email the office Monday to Thursday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mon. (31st) NO MASS
Tues. (1st) 7:00pm +Alfredo Muyargas
Wed. (2nd) 9:00am +Joan Kormos
Thurs. (3rd) 9:00am +Ferdinand Thiele
Fri. (4th) 9:00am Jody Chupa
Sat. (5th) 9:00am +Darlene Bernath

5:00pm +Effie Shumay
7:00pm Mass for the People

Sun. (6th) **THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

9:00am +Pauline Dziaduck
11:00am +Brenda Popoff

Please note that pre-registration for Saturday/Sunday
Mass continues until further notice. (Max. ~100)



**Come and Spend an Hour
with the Lord!**

Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- **EACH HOUSEHOLD must pre-register separately for Saturday/Sunday Mass.** Online at www.stgerard.ca beginning Monday morning until all seats are reserved or until Thursday at 12 noon (whichever comes first)
- **Max. 100** (approx.) people may attend Mass beginning June 1
- Members of the same household may sit together at the marked seating
- Two-metres separation is required between households at all times, even with masks on. **Please arrive early.**
- The following must stay home for the sake of the wider community:
 - ❖ People with COVID-19 symptoms, who live with someone with COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
 - ❖ Those who have travelled to/from a "hotspot", outside of Saskatchewan or outside Canada within the last 14 days
 - ❖ Those who are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or have someone in their household waiting for test results



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Connected
Online!**

www.stgerard.ca



Lord, you command me to love all people. Remove the prejudice that keeps me from loving my brothers and sisters.

- From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*
Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

A Note from Your Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate one of the most important mysteries of our faith: The Most Holy Trinity. First of all, I have to confess I am unable to explain so that you may fully understand this mystery, because this mystery is huge and, as humans, we cannot completely understand it.

However, if we enter into this mystery, if we spend time to pray, reflect or meditate on it, and with God's grace, we would have an experience of God. Indeed, what we celebrate this weekend brings us face to face with the mystery of God. There is one God but three different persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - a God within us, and yet utterly beyond us. This is a great mystery, but it is a mystery of love and unity.

We always start our prayers by making the Sign of the Cross to remind us of this great mystery of our faith. We also often finish our prayers by proclaiming this mystery by saying "*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*"

We could not have ever figured out on our own that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God revealed himself to us as the Most Holy Trinity, three-in-One. Jesus came and said he was God's Son, and that meant God was his Father. And He promised to send his Spirit after he ascended into heaven, so the Holy Spirit was God as well. What we believe is something so mysterious. Our Lord taught us about this and we believe in him.

In the first reading Moses reminds us that this great mystery of faith is God's plan. God chose to reveal himself to us as he is: the One true God.

God revealed himself to the Israelites as the One and only God, and he took Israel out of Egypt to show his power and made them into a nation with him as their own God. That revelation was a preparation so that one day, He would send his Son and reveal to us that not only was there One God alone, as the Israelites believed, but that God is the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the second reading Paul describes what happened to us at our own baptism. On that day, a priest or a minister poured water on our heads and these words were read: "*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*". At that moment, we received the Holy Spirit, who made us adopted children of God. It also meant God became our Father. The Holy Spirit was poured into our hearts so we would call God "Abba! Father!".

The mystery of God is what we believe, and it is what we, as believers, share. We may not completely understand the Most Holy Trinity, but we believe. As a result, everything we do as believers, we do in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And in the Gospel Jesus said to his disciples, and he asks us too: to "make disciples of all nations", and with the power of the Most Holy Trinity, count on his presence as we spread the Gospel and baptize others.

Today, when we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity we:

- Thank God the Father for creating us and revealing himself to Israel and to us, as the One True God. Remember, God, as a Father, loves us and cares for us all as his children.
- Thank God the Son for obeying his Father in Heaven and coming down and becoming man to show us that God is Our Father, and for enabling us to become his adopted children. Through the incarnation Jesus became a brother to us. He shared with us our human life in all things, even death.
- Thank God the Holy Spirit for transforming us into God's adopted children and for bringing the Holy Trinity into our hearts and helping us to understand and live this great mystery of our faith.

And remember that we are called to make God's name to be glorified. Make more disciples of Jesus to all nations and bring them into God's family through baptism.

I would like to conclude my message for this weekend by saying: *“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.”*

May the Most Holy Trinity be with you and bless you all. Have a wonderful weekend.

Father Louis

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



- 30 minutes before and after Daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday)
- Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Jackson Schedlosky-Painchaud
May this child and his family experience joy and new life.

Praise the Lord

Praising God for Who He Is

“Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.”

- Psalm 33

When have you felt overwhelmed by God's presence and power?

There are many reasons to praise God, but his powerful presence must rank number one. We praise God because he is the creator and we are his creatures. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving. We praise God for what he is, first of all. His activity among us comes second.

Many times, our prayer life shrinks to our own parochial concerns. My prayer is focused on myself, my needs, my wants. But is that really prayer? Isn't prayer at its roots treating God as God? Should prayer be praise for God out of a sense of awe and reverence?

Praise God. Praise God for he is our God.

Dedicate your day to the glory of God. Take time during your day to give him the praise he is due.

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News from the Knights of Columbus



June 2nd Executive Meeting @ 7pm (virtual)
June 9th General Meeting @ 7pm (virtual)

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Keith Hayward @ 306.783.0963. www.kofc-2031.ca

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

GROWING IN WISDOM: SEEKING GENERATIVITY - AN INTRODUCTION

In September 2021 Queen's House and other retreat centres across Canada will be joining together on Zoom to offer a two-year on-line program for people 60+ who are wanting to explore their unique Spirituality in their Wisdom Years.

To learn more about this ground-breaking new program please join us for a two-day online gathering on **Friday June 4 & Saturday June 5, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Hear keynote speakers including Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, faculty from the Forest Dwelling Program, Oblate School of Theology, and past graduates to discern if “Growing in Wisdom” is your next transformative adventure.

\$25 per participant for this two-day gathering. Registration deadline **June 1**.

More info or to register: <https://bit.ly/2RKe59K>

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship of treasure is not about giving to a need, but rather it is about the need to give. It is important for us to share our money and our material possessions because all the good things that God has made are meant to be shared. We need to return thanks to a loving God for the many blessings we have received.

Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered.

- Submitted by the Stewardship Committee



Called to Follow Jesus

By Johan van Parys

Every time I sit at the desk in my home office, I glance at the small crucifix lying on it—a simple wooden cross with a small metal corpus. It was given to me by one of the late abbots of the Benedictine abbey of Mont César in Leuven, Belgium. He had received it from the late Bishop Boleslavs Sloskans, a Latvian national who had secretly been ordained a bishop in 1926 for a diocese in the former Soviet Union.

When authorities found out, he was arrested and sent to a Soviet work camp. He managed to keep a small crucifix during his imprisonment. At the beginning of World War II, Bishop Sloskans found refuge at Mont César, where he spent the rest of his life. The crucifix rested on his desk at Leuven until it was passed down to the abbot.

I remember the day father abbot gave it to me with great clarity. It was the day I decided not to become a priest. I had always wanted to be a priest, thinking that I had the calling. In prayer, I heard Jesus say, "Come and follow me," which I understood to mean "become a priest." When I turned seventeen, I applied to our local seminary; thus began a circuitous trajectory in and out of seminaries until I finally decided that I must not have *the calling*.

That was a difficult moment. I visited the abbot who was my spiritual director and said that I was sad not to have "the calling." He said that while I may not be called to be a priest, surely I am called to follow Christ. The latter, he continued, is much more important than the former.

He then recounted the life of Bishop Sloskans and gave me the small crucifix. He explained that what made Bishop Sloskans such a great Christian was not his calling to the priesthood, but the way he lived out his calling to follow Christ wherever he found himself—even in prison.

At that moment I realized that I had received the calling—maybe not to be a priest, but to follow Jesus. There is no higher or better calling. There is only one calling, and it is the one Jesus addresses to each of us: "Come and follow me."

The way each of us lives out this calling can be very different. Mostly it is informed by our personal strengths and talents. Yet in the end, our fundamental calling as Christians is to become more and more like Christ regardless of who we are, where we live, or what we do.

Every time I glance at the simple crucifix, I think of Bishop Sloskans and I am reminded of his commitment to Christ. His example, like that of many saints, is an inspiration to us all.

Let us pray daily for the grace to be faithful to our calling as followers of Christ—no matter where life's path takes us.

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PEROGY BEE

Mon.	(31 st):	9:00 am- Peeling
Tues.	(1 st):	9:00 am- Pinching
Wed.	(2 nd):	9:00 am- Packaging

MASKS REQUIRED**GLOVES PREFERRED

(Maximum 30 participants each day).



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PARISH FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 4th

2pm – 5pm

(while supplies last!!!)

Potato & onion perogies	\$35	(10 dozen)
Potato & cheddar perogies	\$40	(10 dozen)
Cabbage rolls	\$25	(5 dozen)

(Rice with dill)

Enter at parking lot & turn into the driveway in front of the church. Remain in your vehicle and someone will take your order. Please wear a mask!

YOUTH REFLECTION

"Baptism"

This Week...

Great things happen on mountaintops, and all three readings revolve around the greatness of God and God's love. Moses calls the Israelites to consider the great things done by God, and Paul challenges the Romans to consider the greatness of our Christian heritage. Finally, the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel has Jesus on top of a mountain, sending forth the eleven chosen ones to do great things - to baptize and to teach, and to know that he will be with them until the end of the world.

For Your Reflection

The twelve Apostles are not great people. At the time Jesus commissions them, only eleven remain, because one has committed suicide after betraying Jesus. Peter denies Jesus, Thomas doubts that he has risen, and none of them really understand what Jesus was all about. But they became great because Jesus sent them forth to do great things. They were given a responsibility, and they lived up to it.

- When have you been given a big job to do? When did someone believe in you? When did you live up to a responsibility, even though you were not necessarily confident in your abilities?
- How is it that ordinary people can end up doing great things?

When we are baptized, it is done in the name of God as Trinity. We are baptized in the name of a God that has relationship and love as the inner core: "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

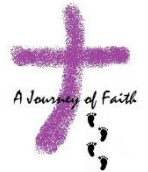
- "Father..." Think of your father, your mother, your grandparents. Think of life, think of being created. Think of the times you have been creative and you have formed something out of an idea. This is what our *Abba* is about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?
- "... Son ..." Think of yourself as a son or a daughter. Think of yourself as a brother or a sister. Think of yourself as a teacher or a student of another. Think of yourself as a friend. This is what Jesus is about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?
- "... Holy Spirit." Think of holiness. Think of power. Think of energy. Think of goodness. Think of the positive force of doing the right thing to do. Think of the joy that comes to you when you make the right decision. Think of the harmony of all people joining together to be a support to one another. Think of love. This is what the Holy Spirit is all about. What kind of God is this? Why are we baptized in the name of this God? What does it mean?



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery, the discovery of God's love in Jesus. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the friendship and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we invite you to join us in the RCIA journey. It is a warm, welcoming experience that introduces the Christian faith in our Roman Catholic tradition. We explore topics such as Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history and the core beliefs of the Church. Anyone who has taken this "leap of faith" has found it to be a life-altering experience.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the Catholic Church respects that baptism. Baptism is the sacrament of our rebirth in Christ and our immersion into His saving death and Resurrection. It can never be repeated. Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church happens after a period of preparation through catechesis, prayer and worship, and an introduction to Catholic life, values, and mission.



Adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can prepare for reception of this sacrament through a period of catechesis and prayer.

If you are interested in this journey of faith, please contact Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.

LOST SOMETHING?



Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available daily at the EADM Centre Chapel at 484 Hamilton St. Regina. Hours: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Please help us keep Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available in Regina on a daily basis.

The Healing and Growth Centre St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission

St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission – Searching for God's purpose in your life? Want to live life more fully, and take your faith to the next level? Then, come to St. Therese! At St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission, adults of all ages can explore their faith, discern their vocation in life, foster their prayer life and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit on line at www.sttherese.ca

Rachel's Vineyard: a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, please contact Elaine at 1.306.480.8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

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