



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

May 5th, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

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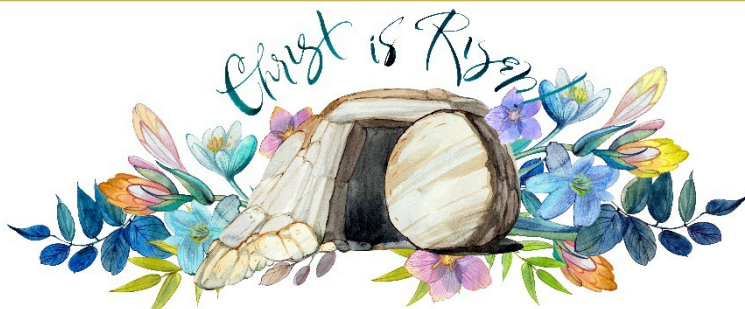
•Social Action

Linda Maddaford

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., 6 th to Fri., 10 th		NO MASS
Mon. 6 th	5:30 pm	Rosary Prayer led by the Knights of Columbus
Tues. 7 th	9:00 am	Kitchen Cleaning Bee
Wed. 8 th	7:00 pm	K of C Planning & General Meeting
Thurs. 9 th	9:30 am	Cabbage Roll Bee
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer
<i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>		
Sat. 11 th	4:30 pm	Rosary Prayer
	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
Sun. 12 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gospel Reading

John 15.9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word *generosity*. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did. Conclude in prayer together by praying Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.*

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A PRAYER TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

*Bless us with Love, O Merciful God;
That we may Love as you Love!
That we may show patience, tolerance,
Kindness, caring and love to all!*


*Give me knowledge; O giver of Knowledge,
That I may be one with my Universe and
Mother Earth!*

*O Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us;
That we may help all fellow souls in need!*

*Bless us with your Love O God.
Bless us with your Love.*

Amen.

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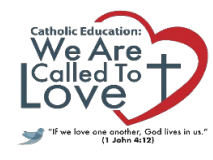
BAPTISM
The First Sacrament of Initiation

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.




There will be no Children's Liturgy Sunday, May 11th.

We walk with the risen Christ who on Easter morning rose with the sun, and each day rises with a new day for humanity and all of creation. In the risen Christ God's plan is fulfilled in all its magnitude. For us, Mary Mother of Jesus, is honoured as Mary of Creation and also Mary Mother of the Poor. We have the courage to pray, Mary, Mother of the Resurrected Christ and witness to the light of the first morning of the New Creation, through your Son, help us to hear and respond to the cries of Creation and the cries of the Poor. Amen. - Submitted by Linda Maddaford, Social Action Ministry



Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools invite all parishioners to celebrate **Catholic Education Week** during the week of May 5-12, 2024.


In celebrating this year's theme, **Catholic Education: We Are Called to Love**, our students and staff will focus on showing love as people of hope, faith, mercy, justice, and joy. Daily prayer, scripture sharing, and calls to action will encourage everyone to participate fully on their faith journey. Please feel free to join in on other special activities by contacting your local school to find out more.




Recently the National Evangelization Team led retreats for Grade 10 and Grade 11 students:

Thank you for welcoming our NET Team to Yorkton! We really appreciate the opportunity to lead these retreats at the church and to use the hall space. We are so grateful for all the organisation and preparation you did and for the generosity you showed us. May God bless this parish and fill you all with His peace & love!


NET Retreat Team 2023-24




News from the CWL



The Catholic Women's League encourages us to live the life intended by Christ and exemplified by Mary. Membership in the League is a gift that provides the opportunity to care for one another and dedicate ourselves to a life of faith, service, and social justice. It is a wonderful way to develop relationships and friendships with our CWL Sisters. To learn more about the Catholic Women's League please contact: Deanna pell@sasktel.net or Christine m.shuya@sasktel.net



News from the Knights of Columbus



May 8 Combined Planning & General Meeting – 7.00
Election of Officers
Bingo – evening – 5.00
May 12 Mother's Day
Start baby bottle drive
May 18 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

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

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.*

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.

Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

The Annual Report will be available next weekend.



God's Call

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God. All who were listening to Peter's words were baptized and became one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The question is not, "Who does God favour?" but, "Who favours God?"

The Gospel story reinforces this point, insisting God's love for us is the foundation of everything: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favoured by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO APRIL 30, 2024

Offertory Collection in April	\$22,380.89
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$92,519.27
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$98,141.41
Offertory Collection Surplus @ 04/30	\$5,622.14

THANK YOU

for your continuing and faithful support!

**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



THANK YOU to the following who assisted with recent projects:

Rectory Flooring Removal & Installation

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| Henry Apilan | Gary Colbow |
| Wayne Exner | Alan Flavel |
| Keith Hayward | Rejean Houle |
| Henry Kweens | Jerrold Malinowski |
| Steve Piontek | |

Parish Centre Floor Refinishing

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| Nick Andrusyk | Mark Bell |
| Gary Colbow | Wayne Exner |
| Steve Piontek | |

And to the ladies who prepared lunches for both teams:

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| Lorraine Kweens | Rose Marchinko |
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