



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

October 2nd, 2022
Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Established December 11, 1904

LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES
Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

CONTACT US

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (3rd) NO MASS
 Tues. (4th) 7:00pm +David Jakubowski
 Wed. (5th) 9:00am +Jean Kulcsar
 Thurs. (6th) 9:00am +Helen Pasloski
 2:00pm **GLADSTONE SENIORS' RES**
 +Joseph Paydli
 Fri. (7th) 9:00am +Bernice Streifel
 Sat. (8th) 9:00am +Joseph Paydli

5:00pm Keith & Debbie Hayward

Sun. (9th) **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am +Andy Woloschuk
 11:00am Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptism: Please phone the Parish Office to register for Baptism Preparation. 306.782.2449

RCIA: For adults wishing to be received into the Catholic Church, contact Father Louis. 306.782.0323.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Louis 12 months prior to the date when you would like to be married. 306.782.0323

Reconciliation: Saturday at 8:30am or anytime by appointment. 306.782.0323

Anointing: Please contact Father Louis at 306.621.8068.



Rosary Prayer Mondays at 5:30pm
during the month of October,
led by the Knights of Columbus



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!
Eucharistic Holy Hour Devotion
at 6pm (prior to 7pm Tuesday Mass)

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Gracious God, enlighten our minds and open our hearts so we may humbly receive the message of your truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

Moving Trees with Mustard-Seed-Sized Faith

Scripture:

- Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4. The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God about the violence and strife all around him. God assures him that the time ending all this will come. Only patience and faith can help Habakkuk endure.
- 2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14. Paul advises Timothy to bear all hardships with the faith that comes from the Holy Spirit.
- Luke 17.5-10. The Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, and Jesus replies that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could command giant trees to be uprooted and transplanted into the sea.

Theme:

This is a very common theme throughout all the Scriptures – requests for more faith, and help to endure suffering. God is comforting Habakkuk, Paul is comforting Timothy, and Jesus is comforting the Apostles. Where is the source of this faith and comfort we seek? The Holy Spirit.

Reflection:

Faith and comfort – everyone seems to always be looking for more faith and comfort. Jesus makes it seem so easy. The amount of faith the size of a seed could move a tree! If that is so, then what is the amount of faith we have – we who can barely move ourselves to actions?

- Do you consider yourself to be a person of great faith? Why or why not?
- Have you ever received great comfort from someone at a time of great suffering? What did that person say or do to help you?
- Who is a person of great faith that you know? What have you noticed about that person that reveals his or her faith?
- If you had stronger faith, how do you think your life would be different? What can you do to help increase your faith?

Excerpt from *In Touch With the Word, Cycle C for Ordinary Time*, St. Mary's Press, 2006



The Celebration of World Mission Sunday October 16, 2022

World Mission Sunday takes place on the third Sunday of October. The primary purpose of World Mission Sunday is to unite Catholics all over the world in prayer and support of the missions. It encourages prayer and financial assistance for the missionary work of the Catholic Church throughout the world. It enables the Gospel, the Good News, to reach millions who have yet to hear it, and it supports many who experience a significant lack of basic needs daily.

The theme of this Missionary Month is: **"You will be my witness"** (Acts 1.8). We are called to be servants in a way, simple servants that do what they should do. The missionary call leads us to others. Despite our cross, we entrust the Lord with our burdens, and we agree to serve as witnesses of love, joy, and kindness. Evangelizing is an ecclesial act, said Paul VI, and we are all attached to the very heart of their missionary undertakings, to the evangelizing activity of the whole Church. Everyone bears witness to the Gospel, to Christ, and offers it in diverse ways: "in union with the mission of the Church and in her name" (*Evangelii nuntiandi*, no 60). May Mary, humble servant of the Mission, intercede for us.

Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ, and the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.



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

Zev Decena

May this child and his family
experience joy and new life.

Respect



O Blessed Mother,

you received the good news of the
incarnation of Christ, your Son,
with faith and trust.

Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers
facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish
communities places of welcome and assistance
for mothers in need.

Help us become instruments of God's love and
compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us
build a culture of life and a civilization of love,
together with all people of good will, to the praise
and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.



News from the CWL



The next CWL Meeting will be Wednesday, October 12
@ 7pm in the CWL Room. All members are invited to
attend this important meeting.



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Knights will lead
the rosary prayer each Monday at 5:30pm in the month
of October.

Oct. 5	Planning Meeting @ 7pm
Oct. 12	Rosary for the Unborn at 6:30pm (near monument at west side of church) General Meeting @ 7pm

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



The Knights of Columbus will be
doing a fall yard cleanup the
morning of October 15 for seniors in
the parish who are unable to do
their own cleanup.

Please contact Keith Hayward @ (306) 783-0963
if you would like us to come to your yard.

FAMILY CONNECTION

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in
family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up
to the confidence and trust that our children place in
us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with
just a little faith. In family life we also learn about
obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks
that family members do for one another and for the
household are simply the manifestations of our
responsibilities to one another.

Take a turn with each member of the family and
identify some of the little things that each family
member does that make a big difference in your family
life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each
person is called upon by God to believe that God can
work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make
a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's
Prayer of Generosity (below). Ask that God will work
through your family to make a difference in the lives
of those around you.

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

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PARISH FALL SUPPER PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, October 11th
7:30pm
Meeting Room A



•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•

PARISH FUNDRAISER Friday, October 7th 2pm – 5pm (while supplies last!!!)

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

•PEROGIES•CABBAGE ROLLS•PEROGIES•



Bringing Home the Word **+**

The Faith of Humble Servants

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

What's the difference between a believer and an atheist? What separates one who is indifferent to religion from a religious person? Faith! To believe is no small thing and a huge gift. "Father, you're lucky you have faith!" an atheist friend once told me. "I have tried, but I can't believe."

We believers are indeed lucky, because having faith in Jesus opens us up to heaven, to life after death, to finding hope and meaning in suffering. Faith allows us to trust something bigger than ourselves and to be at peace even when all around us is crazy. Faith and acceptance is the difference between interior harmony and frustration.

We have received everything from God, which is why Jesus invites us to have the attitude of humble servants. He uses an example that is clear to his listeners: a servant works hard all day and then comes home and prepares and serves dinner. In so doing, he is merely performing his job. Jesus isn't endorsing the insensitive nature of the master but offering a model of the humble servant who faithfully fulfills his position. Since he receives everything from the master, he can only be grateful for the opportunity to work. Such is our position before God. We have no place being proud or demanding before God because all we have is from him: life, family, health, our talents. All are his gifts to us.

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New to the parish?? WELCOME!

Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (2nd): 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)
- Wed. (5th): 9:30am- Cabbage Roll Bee
7:00pm- K of C Planning Meeting (*Council Chambers*)

"Canada Needs Our Lady" Rosary Rally



**October 15, 2022
12 noon**

Grotto at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

The colourful month of October is once again upon us, and we are again reminded of Our Lady of Fatima and Her admonition to the world that She alone and Her weapon, the Rosary, can bring peace and tranquility to the world. As we look at the world around us there are more signs of chaos and division rather than peace in nations across the globe, and Our Lady's 'adversary' seems to be in total control.

Let us again beseech Our Heavenly Mother, as our powerful advocate, to intervene with the Holy Trinity to bring about the Peace that we all long for. But She, in turn, has asked us to do our part in praying the Rosary.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

Night Hike -

A pilgrimage experience for young adults

All young adults are invited to join us for an outdoor adventure on Sat. Oct. 8th from 2:00 pm until 10:30 pm. We will spend the day/evening out at Camp Monahan (Lebret, SK) The day will consist of canoeing, wall climbing, archery, Mass, Worship & Adoration, good food, great conversation, a Stations of the Cross hike. wiener roast/campfire. Everyone 18 and up are welcome. Cost: \$10

Please go to www.tinyurl.com/ooyam to register.



ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

With autumn's arrival we are reminded of the abundance around us and called into a time to reflect on God's faithfulness. This season of harvest and abundance is a beautiful parallel to our upcoming Archbishop's Appeal, which will officially kick off next week. The Annual Appeal is a chance to align ourselves with the changing seasons and with the generous heart of our Lord. As we journey into the coming weeks, we encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to the Appeal as a way to support your community and inspire hope.

CATECHISM THEME: FAITH

162 Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith." To live, grow, and persevere in faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity" abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

Adapting an old adage: "Faith is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift to God." All things, even the seeds of faith, those moments that invite us to a relationship with God, are freely given. The question remains, how do we respond to God's call?

Do we ignore the calling? We do so only at our own peril, for we must shut out all the voices that guide us: conscience and experience, cultural forces of good and advice of the wise. If we ignore the call through its many channels, we harden our hearts and dull our minds. In the end, we only become self-centered, unable to trust in anyone.

Do we listen and act? Yes! The paragraph lists four ways to affirm God's call. We can listen through study of the Scriptures and prayer (begging God to increase our faith). We act on it through a loving service that gives hope and a dedication to the Church. Notice that the first three means (Bible study, prayer, and loving service) are oriented toward us as individuals, but the last one involves us with other Catholics.

Like the principal of synergy (the sum is greater than the parts), the Church's faith is much greater and wiser than our own individual relationships with God. We can depend upon its guidance, based upon 2000 years of experience. But, there is something even greater than human synergy and experience at work; God acts through the faith of the Church. Through our collective faith as a Church, God gives us the risen Christ in Eucharist, he forgives us in Reconciliation, he heals and comforts us in the Anointing of the Sick, he blesses our marriages, he dedicates men to serve us in Holy Orders. Faith becomes an instrument through which God acts and gathers us closer to him.

Like followers of old, we ask the Lord to increase our faith. And the Lord gives us the tools to increase it: God's Word in the Scriptures, constant invitations to prayer, opportunities to serve others in love, and the faith of the Church. Let us use them.

How have you used the tools of faith to grow closer to the Lord?

"Lord, give us more faith!" we cry out. Many times this is an appropriate prayer, for we have slipped in our exercise of faith. But many times, we might be tempted to pray for spiritual gifts so we can brag. Faith sharing stops being witness and starts being self-glorification.

Pray for faith. But, more important, pray for the opportunities to use faith. For the good of others. And the glory of God. After all, faith is the divine gift of God's relationship with us. Not a stick to measure that relationship.

Reflect on how you exercised your faith this week. Plan one way to grow (reading Scripture, praying, helping others, being involved in the Church). And, just do it.

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