



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 11th,
2022

Twenty-fourth
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

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am-noon/1pm-4pm (closed Friday)
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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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Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (12th) NO MASS
 Tues. (13th) 7:00pm +Alfred Boucher
 Wed. (14th) 9:00am +Lawrence Pasloski
 10:00am **ASPEN VILLA**
 +Joe Paydli
 Thurs. (15th) 9:00am +April Natrasony
 2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**
 +John Dernisky (1 year)
 Fri. (16th) 9:00am +Agnes Zuback
 Sat. (17th) 9:00am +Zachery James Pelly

5:00pm +Helen Mazer

Sun. (18th) **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am +Donna Appell
 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays at **8:30 am** or by appt.



Come and Spend an Hour with the Lord!

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

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Merciful God, mindful of how much we are forgiven, please give us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

Searching for a Lost Coin

Scripture:

- Exodus 32.7-11,13-14. God's people are sinning against the commandments, but Moses begs that they not be punished, and so God forgives them.
- 1 Timothy 1.12-17. In a letter to Timothy, Paul talks about what a sinner he had been, and how God had dealt with him so mercifully.
- Luke 15.1-32. When accused of eating with sinners, Jesus tells the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost prodigal.

Theme:

No one is unimportant. God cares about everyone. God does not abandon the sinning Israelites; Paul is given grace and mercy; and God will chase after us with love like that of a shepherd who goes after a lost sheep, a loving parent who goes after a lost child, and a woman who goes after a lost coin in her home.

Reflection:

Like a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine relatively secure sheep to find the one missing sheep who has wandered away, God searches for sinners.

The story about the woman losing her one coin and cleaning the entire house until she finds it is probably the parable we can most relate to – most of us have more coins than sheep, and all of us know what it's like to lose something and to go out of our mind trying to locate it.

- If you had ten silver pieces and one was missing, how much time would you spend looking for that one piece?
- What is the most valuable item you have lost and then later found? How did you find it? Did you celebrate in any way after you found it?
- What is the most valuable item you have lost and never have found? Do you think you ever will? Why or why not?

God is just like that woman – searching for something precious that has been lost.

- Have you ever felt separated from God, or lost? Did you feel that God was trying to reconnect? What happened in your life to bring you back to God?
- Have you ever “lost” a relationship? Is there anyone in your life whom you love, but who is not on good terms with you now? What went wrong to cause this problem? How have you attempted to reconnect? What do you think might happen with this relationship in the future?

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

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The "Lost Coin" Scavenger Hunt

Heaven rejoices when a sinner turns back to God, like a destitute widow who finds a lost coin. To make this point, play the "Lost Money Scavenger Hunt." Spread coins throughout the house. Then challenge your family to find the coins. But instead of allowing your family members to keep the money, tell them they will pool the money and use it on a snack or treat. After the hunt, share Luke 15:8-10 (the Parable of the Lost Coin) with your family. Impress upon them the need to seek out the lost and help them return to God.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is
Sunday, September 25th at 4:00pm

Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. office@stgerard.ca



Marriage Preparation Program Fall Session

If you are planning to marry in the next year you are required to complete the 6-week Marriage Prep program. The fall session of Marriage Prep will take place at 7 pm Sundays: Sept 11, 18, 25 and Oct 2, 16, and 23. Please register at the Parish Office and pick up the workbook before the first session. If you have any questions, please contact Farley & Linda at 306-730-5600.

*Farley & Linda Maddaford,
Marriage Preparation Coordinators*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovering 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.

Although the RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized, at St. Gerard we also prepare adults for the Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians (including Catholics) 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 THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The next session of RCIA classes will commence in the very near future!



News from the CWL



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- * To the many men and ladies who so generously gave up their time to help set up, organize, and work at the CWL Garage Sale this past week.
- * To Shirley and her kitchen helpers who prepared and served the meals to all the workers.
- * To everyone who donated food for lunch and coffee breaks.
- * To my CWL Sisters who were always willing to help when called upon.

It was all very much appreciated. This charitable event would not have taken place without the generosity of everyone who helped. Thank you again!

~ Paulette Cooper, CWL President



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

Sept. 14	General Meeting @ 7pm
Sept. 18	Parish Family Brunch prep @ 8am

The K of C Yorkton would like all those who have K of C Sask Charity appeal tickets (sold or unsold) to please return before the end of September.

We wish to thank all those who sold, bought the tickets. We do also have a few more tickets to sell!

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



Knights of Columbus Yorkton Council #2031 will be hosting a Brunch after each Mass Sunday, September 18th. Pancakes, sausages, hash browns, scrambled eggs and fruit.



Missionary Families of Christ
Defending Faith, Family & Life

Live Christ Share Christ of Missionary Families of Christ – Yorkton, SK Canada would like to invite everyone for a day of **Life in Christ Seminar on Saturday, September 17th, 2022** from 8:30am to 4:30pm at St. Gerard Parish Hall. The sessions and talks will help us understand how to strengthen our catholic identity, appreciation, loving and defending our faith.

Registration is free. Please call Ferdie Molo at 306.620.2239 for inquiries. This is also an opportunity to join our community "**Missionary Families of Christ**" with different sections for couples, singles, youth and kids. Enhancing family life in the Catholic faith through prayer meetings, Liturgical bible studies, teachings, conferences and fellowships.

Philemon 1:6 *"I pray that your fellowship in the faith may come to expression in full knowledge of all the good we can do in Christ."*



Bringing Home the Word **+**

Sonship Restored

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes at a later hour, receiving the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us towards those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy, should be that of the loving father in today's gospel. The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The Father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The parent-child relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father in the gospel. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Be prepared to forgive those who have hurt us. Be ready to open our hearts and our arms to embrace those who are seeking our acceptance, our understanding, our love.

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STEWARDSHIP

The Parish Stewardship forms are being distributed after Mass today. Please prayerfully consider serving in one or more of the positions listed. Your gift of service is greatly needed and appreciated. Father Louis and Parish Council will provide training where it is needed.

We also ask that you complete a form and return it if you have cancelled your home phone, changed your email, cell phone number or if you have moved. Thank you.

- Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

Catechism Theme: Solidarity (CCC 1939-1942)

Jesus took the time to treat others with respect, regardless of social status. In other words, he practiced the virtue of solidarity, a "social charity." Solidarity is a respect and love for others based upon their dignity as people. Solidarity means a sharing of material goods, and, more important, a sharing of faith and other spiritual values.

Have you ever seen solidarity practiced? What happened? How did the experience affect you?

In the world's eyes, treating others with respect can be interpreted as a sign of weakness. The world sees opponents as adversaries, strong and weak. Only the strong win and gain respect. The weak are to be shamed and oppressed. To the world, only a fool would show respect until it was gained or demanded.


Jesus accepted the world's criticism, only to show the shallowness of the world's outlook. Yes, he is the fool, but only to the selfish. And to those who are delusional enough to think they are strong. To the weak, he is the savior to the world that needs saving. And, since we are all really weak, he is our savior.

As he shows us respect, we, too, are to show others that respect. Even if we look like fools. After all, God did.

Acting for the good of others can cause us social discomfort. Reflect on the discomfort you have felt in the past. How can you overcome such discomfort for the good of others this week?

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sun. (11th): 1:00pm- Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation (*Church*)
7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)
- Sat. (17th): 8:30am- Life in Christ Seminar (*Social Hall*)
- Sun. (18th): 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)