



# St. Gerard

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2022

Twenty-fifth  
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

Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm *Prayer Vigil-Merlin Mroske*  
 Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>) 10:00am *Funeral Mass-Merlin Mroske*  
 Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm +Jude Vajdik  
 Wed.(21<sup>st</sup>) 9:00am +Wayne Loster  
 10:00am **NURSING HOME (SOUTH)**  
 +Jean Kulcsar  
 Thurs.(22<sup>nd</sup>) 9:00am +Bruce Wonchulanko (7 yrs)  
 11:00am - *Funeral Mass -*  
*Lauretta Schwitzer*  
 2:30pm **BENTLEY SENIORS' RESIDENCE**  
 +Agnes Zuback  
 Fri. (23<sup>rd</sup>) 9:00am +Theresa Spykerman (1 yr)  
 Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am +Elizabeth Beres (1 yr)

5:00pm Deceased members of the  
Pelletier family  
 6:30pm *Mass following Sacrament  
Preparation Session*

Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>) **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME**  
 9:00am +Helen Piontek  
 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.



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

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

Stay  
Connected  
Online!

[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca)



Faithful God, you keep your promises to us. Please give us the grace to keep our promises to you and to others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

## In Touch with the Word

### Choosing God or Money

#### Scripture:

- Amos 8.4-7. Amos scolds the unjust merchants who trample upon and cheat the poor. He insists that their sin of greed will not be forgotten.
- 1 Timothy 2.1-8. In a letter to Timothy, Paul urges that prayers be offered for kings and others in authority.
- Luke 16.1-13. Jesus teaches us that we cannot live our life for money if we wish to live our life for God.

#### Theme:

Greed, dishonesty, and injustice abound in our world. Amos warns that greedy actions will be remembered. Jesus warns us to be trustworthy in small matters, so we might be trusted in larger matters. And in the midst of this problematic and imperfect world, Paul asks us to pray for the people who govern us.

#### Reflection:

Jesus tells an interesting story to lead up to his warning about greed, or love for money. A rich man fires his manager, and that manager makes allies among his customers by reducing the amount of their debt to the rich man. Rather than being angry, the rich man liked this manager's shrewdness. It takes one to know one!

Obviously Jesus does not want us to be dishonest, but he does want us to be resourceful. If we served the Reign of God with as much savvy as this manager served himself, think of what might happen.

- Friendships can be political. Jesus knows that. What is he telling us about the friendships we form and the way trust can affect relationships?
- How does greed or love for money get in the way of serving God? Is there money you do not need to spend on yourself that might be used in a less selfish way? What might you do with that amount of money?

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

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

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### Walking Together



Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division invites you to a walk for all students, families, staff, & parish members in celebration of the new school year and in recognition of our shared journey. All participants are invited to wear an orange shirt in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.

We also invite participants to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Food Bank.

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

Sacred Heart High School 280 Gladstone Avenue North

Gathering: 5:30 pm

Walk: 5:45 pm

BBQ to follow

To assist in planning, please register online via the Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools website ([www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca)) or at any CTTCS school or Division Office by September 23rd.



## BAPTISM

*The First Sacrament of Initiation*

The next Baptism Preparation Session is  
**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)

*From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life in all its fullness, and zeal to share that life with others.*

– Saint John Paul II

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation



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



Have you received  
First Communion?

Are you in Grade 4  
(or older)?

There will be a **workshop**  
for all new and returning Altar Servers

**Monday, September 19-6:30pm to 7:30pm**

*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

## 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



**New to the parish?? WELCOME!**  
Please complete a New Parishioner Form and place in the collection basket at Mass. Or stop by the Parish Office. We'd love to meet you!



## News from the CWL



Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Raffle which was drawn on Friday, September 9 at noon at the garage sale.

The winners are as follows:

1st Prize: Princess Quilt with Sham - Angela Ostapovich;  
2nd Prize: \$100 Cash - Isaac Heshka;  
3rd Prize: \$100 Cash - Marianne Dierker.

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and also bought tickets. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



**Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.**

Sept. 18 Parish Family Brunch prep @ 8am  
Sept. 24 Family prayer following Mass  
Sept. 25 Articles for "The Word" due

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

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](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)*



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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. (18<sup>th</sup>): 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)  
Mon. (19<sup>th</sup>): 6:30pm- Altar Server Workshop  
Tues. (20<sup>th</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (dough)  
7:30pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting (*Meeting Room A*)  
Wed. (21<sup>st</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (pinching)  
7:00pm- Social Justice Committee Mtg (*Meeting Room A*)  
Thurs. (22<sup>nd</sup>): 9:00am- Perogy Bee (packaging)  
Sat. (24<sup>th</sup>): 5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (*Parish Hall*)  
Sun. (25<sup>th</sup>): 4:00pm- Baptism Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)  
7:00pm- Marriage Prep (*Lower Level- please use east entrance*)



## Do What You Say You're Going to Do

By Paige Byrne Shortal

There is a life lesson in today's Gospel: the person who can be trusted with minor matters, may be trusted with great matters. Likewise, if you can't manage the small stuff, then forget about dreaming big.

This may seem obvious, but we deny the obvious every day. For example, if we overspend our bank account, don't we imagine that having more money is the answer? For the very poor this may be true, but sometimes even those who are comfortable quickly spend their raise or bonus and before they know it, they're overdrawn. There are even winners of the lottery who, before they know it, find themselves with a negative bank balance. When it comes to money, no matter the amount, there are only three possibilities: spend what we have, spend more than we have, or spend less than we have.

Or think about folks whose houses are cluttered with too much stuff. Having a bigger house looks like the answer and yet it doesn't take long to fill up more closets.

We imagine that a "little lie" is okay. "Fibbing" we call it. Yet, fibbing here and cheating there and soon we're able to tell real whoppers without giving it much thought.

We imagine that "just a few" cookies while on our diet won't matter too much. Skipping our walk just for today can't hurt. Putting off until tomorrow the dishes—or our homework or writing a thank you note or returning a call — "just this once" doesn't matter. Missing Sunday Mass is OK if it's not every Sunday. Calling in sick when we need a break—well, everyone does it.

These are the habits of failure and they all start with small stuff. When life seems to be in shambles or it feels like we are spiraling out of control, we might consider trying this: Let's do what we say we are going to do. Period. If we're not eating sweets, then don't eat them. If we're Catholic, we're obliged to go to Sunday Mass, so we go. If we own it and it's dirty, clean it. If we don't have the money, we don't buy it. If we said we'd meet someone at 3 pm, we don't show up at 3:10.

If we do what we say we're going to do, life becomes simpler, and we also feel better about how we are living it because we are keeping our word. We don't have to keep making the same decision over and over because that decision is already made. And we find ourselves becoming people who can be trusted with great matters. It starts with the small stuff.

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### News from the Archdiocese of Regina

#### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Canadian government proclaimed September 30th as a new national statutory holiday, a National day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families, and communities. The Catholic Church has a significant role and responsibility for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

With the recent visit of Pope Francis on his Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada, this day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the history of residential schools, and grow in our understanding towards a commitment to true healing and reconciliation.

**The Regina event will be on September 30, 2022 – 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral;** see the calendar event for full details at [archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2022-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation](https://archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2022-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation)

You can also find more information on our website <https://archregina.sk.ca/calendar/indigenous-relations/2021-09-30/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation>

If you would like to contribute financially to the TRC Healing Fund, please visit <https://archregina.sk.ca/giving>