



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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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.*

#### ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		NO MASS
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> +Adeline Kolodziejak
	7:30 pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Donald Blazeiko
		<i>Followed by Divine Mercy Devotion</i>
	10:00 am	<b>Mass at Nursing Home (North)</b>
		+Theresa Spykerman
Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +Stan Skaluba
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (use east entrance)
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>NEW</b>	8:00 am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> +John & +Rose Banga
	4:30 pm	Altar Servers Training

#### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> for the People
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> for the People
	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> for the People



#### SACRAMENTS

<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment
<b>Anointing:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office <i>After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323</i>
<b>Infant Baptism:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office
<b>RCIA:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office
<b>Matrimony:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date



On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the readings invite us to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service. These themes challenge us to examine how we live our faith and interact with others. Let us explore the messages in these readings to deepen our understanding and commitment to following Christ.

**TRUE WISDOM** The first reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the just person suffering because of their righteousness. The wicked plot against the just, trying to see if God will save them. This passage reminds us that living a righteous life may lead to suffering and opposition.

We can learn from this reading that true wisdom is not always appreciated. Sometimes, doing the right thing brings challenges and hardships. However, we are called to remain faithful and trust that God sees and knows our struggles.

This reflection helps us understand that wisdom from God leads us on a path that may not be easy, but it is the right path. We should seek wisdom that brings peace, righteousness, and a closer relationship with God. Staying true to this wisdom, even when it is hard, is our call as Christians.

**HUMILITY AND SERVICE** In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him.

This lesson on humility and service is crucial for us. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need.

By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus' example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.

**RIGHTEOUS LIVING** The second reading from the Letter of James speaks about the conflicts that arise from selfish desires. James urges us to seek peace and righteousness instead of giving in to jealousy and selfish ambition. He reminds us that true wisdom comes from God and leads to good deeds.

Righteous living means putting God's will above our own desires. It involves seeking peace, being gentle, and showing mercy. These actions reflect God's wisdom and bring harmony into our lives and communities.

James' message encourages us to examine our motives and actions. Are we driven by selfishness, or are we seeking to live in a way that honours God and serves others? By choosing righteousness and peace, we align our lives with God's will.

**PRAYER** Lord, grant us true wisdom to seek Your will above our own. Help us to serve others with humility and love. Guide us to live righteously and in peace. Amen.



Are you a Christian (baptized in another tradition besides Catholic) interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?

Are you baptized Catholic in need of celebrating Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion? Are you not baptized yet have interest in the possibility of becoming a baptized Catholic Christian?

If you are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the richness of what the Catholic Church teaches in an open and welcoming environment with our parish family. If you are a Catholic, still thinking of deepening your Faith?

If you have questions about the Church, God, and your faith, if you are struggling with doubts about God, if you are just curious about where God may be leading you, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

### ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

This session is for ALL current and NEW Altar Servers. Anyone who would like to join is welcome! Pizza and pop provided!

### Liturgical Ministries Workshop

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to 9pm or  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am to noon.

*For all current ministers as well as those who would like to find out more about becoming a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, etc. Childcare will be provided.*

### ST. GERARD (Our Parish Patron) FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16

As a Parish Family, we will pray the  
**St. Gerard Novena:**

October 7	5:30 pm (with Rosary)
October 8-11	7:00 pm
October 12	4:30 pm
October 13	8:30 am
October 14	5:30 pm (with Rosary)
October 15	6:00 pm (with Adoration)



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays at 6:00pm  
Fridays at 8:00am

**Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus** to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before our Lord. You can sit quietly and say nothing, just keeping Him company like you would with a dear friend. *Stay for one minute on your way to work or school. Or stay for the entire hour. Feel His love and His peace!*



### REGISTER TODAY FOR THE EXCITING BIBLE STUDY!

Registration forms are available on the table in the Welcome Area.

Single - \$60  
Couple with one set of materials - \$75  
Couple with two sets of materials - \$100

The first session begins Wednesday, October 9

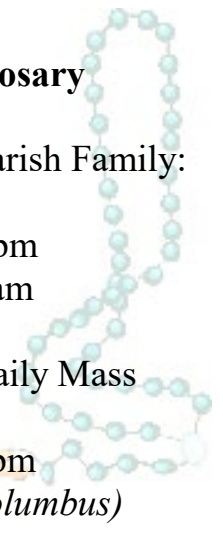
### October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

We will pray together as a Parish Family:

Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 8:30 am

and 30 minutes prior to daily Mass

Monday – 5:30 pm  
*(led by the Knights of Columbus)*





### The Price of Goodness

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow, they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

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## FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9.30-37

*Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.*

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love. Pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity.

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is the 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. We'd like to encourage you to look for events in your community that you can participate in or find other ways to educate yourself on truth and reconciliation. The office of the Archdiocese of Regina will be closed on Monday, September 30 in honour of this day.



### News from the CWL



**Christmas Pudding Project** Do you have quart sealers that we can use? They can be placed by the CWL Room door in the lower level.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



- September 25 Articles for The Word due
- September 26 Bingo-evening
- September 27 Family Prayer Night-7.00
- September 28 Exemplification-after Mass

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

## CENTERING PRAYER

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46

God is closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing and closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it gives new light and depth of meaning to prayer.

It's an invitation to interior silence and to the Divine Indwelling.

*“Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”* Matthew 6:6

It is an opportunity to let go of external circumstances and their turmoil and to let go of the interior noise of our thoughts and feelings; “to close the door” so to speak. It is allowing our awareness to join the hidden God where He dwells secretly in us and is waiting for us.

God's first language is silence. We do not analyze our prayer, have expectations for our prayer or aim at some specific goal.

It's a way to quiet the mind. It is simply resting in God beyond thoughts, words and feelings.

## The Guidelines

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. A simple inward glance toward the Divine Presence, or noticing one's breath may be more suitable for some persons. The same guidelines apply to these symbols as to the sacred word.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word, as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your thoughts, images, feelings, body sensations, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes. Listen as the leader recites the Lord's Prayer.

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Level (please use east entrance)

September 26, October 10, October 17, November 21, November 28, December 5

Website: [www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org)

For more information, contact:

Ernie Bobowski     306.783.6014  
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# NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H

(Section 66 of the Act)

## CHRIST THE TEACHER R.C.S.S.D. NO. 212 SCHOOL DIVISION ELECTIONS

**Public notice** is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

**BOARD MEMBER: CHRIST THE TEACHER ROMAN CATHOLIC  
SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 212**

### **City of Yorkton at Large – Three (3) positions -Filing of Nomination Papers**

Representing the incorporated area of the City of Yorkton at Large – Three (3) Board Members to be elected will be received by Jessica Matsalla – Returning Officer, or Amanda Dietz – Associate Returning Officer appointed for the City of Yorkton.

Nominations will be received on **Nomination Day, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 2024** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **and** during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) **commencing on September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 8, 2024.**

Forms may be submitted:

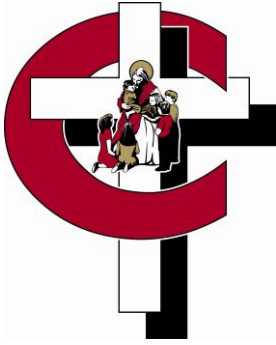
- a) personally by the candidate or by an agent (must also provide an ‘Appointment of Candidate’s Agent’ form) to the Returning Officer’s Office, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 37-Third Avenue North, Yorkton, Saskatchewan;
- b) by registered or ordinary mail to P.O. Box 400 – Yorkton Saskatchewan – S3N 2W3;
- c) by fax at (306)786-6880;
- d) by e-mail to [elections@yorkton.ca](mailto:elections@yorkton.ca).

Nominations forms may be obtained at Elections Headquarters – City Clerk’s Office – City Hall or on the website at [www.yorktonvotes.ca](http://www.yorktonvotes.ca). Nomination forms may also be obtained from the School Division Office at 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton Saskatchewan or on the website at [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca).

Dated September 11, 2024

Jessica Matsalla, Returning Officer

Local Government Election Act, L-30.11 Reg 1



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	<b>Number to be <u>Elected</u></b>
➤ <b>Melville – City at Large</b> .....	<b>2</b>
➤ <b>Sub-division No. 1 (Theodore &amp; surrounding rural area)</b> .....	<b>1</b>
➤ <b>Sub-division No. 2 (Geographic area surrounding Melville)</b> .....	<b>1</b>
➤ <b>Sub-division No. 3 (Rural area surrounding Yorkton)</b> .....	<b>1</b>

Nominations for the above five (5) positions will be received by Delmar Zwirsky – Returning Officer for Christ the Teacher RCSSD No.212.

Nominations will be received during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) commencing on the **24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024** to the **8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024** and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the **9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024** (Close of Nominations).

Forms may be submitted:

- a) personally by the candidate or by an agent (must also provide an ‘Appointment of Candidate’s Agent’ form) to the Returning Officer’s Office, 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton, Saskatchewan;
- b) by registered or ordinary mail to 45A Palliser Way – Yorkton Saskatchewan – S3N 4C5;
- c) by fax at (306)783-4992;
- d) by e-mail to [Delmar.Zwirsky@cttcs.ca](mailto:Delmar.Zwirsky@cttcs.ca)

Nomination forms may be obtained from the School Division Office at 45A Palliser Way, Yorkton Saskatchewan or on the website at [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca).

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024  
Delmar Zwirsky, Returning Officer

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