



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

September 4th, 2022

Twenty-third
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.

Pastor.....	Fr. Louis Nguyen	306.782.0323	louisYorkton@gmail.com
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Parish Office Administrator.....	Sandra Archer	306.782.2449	office@stgerard.ca
Caretaker.....	Mario Guerra		

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (5 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (6 th)	7:00pm +Harry Bourne
Wed. (7 th)	9:00am +Bienvenido Bacalso
Thurs. (8 th)	NO MASS
	2:30pm LAKESIDE MANOR
	+Mildred Thiele
Fri. (9 th)	NO MASS
Sat. (10 th)	9:00am +Helen Piontek

5:00pm +Victor Jeanroy

Sun. (11th) **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME**

9:00am Mass for the People
11:00am +John Fedirko

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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Good and gracious God, encourage us in our work, calm us in our rest, and inspire us in our prayer. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

First Calculate, Then Build

Scripture:

•Wisdom 9.13-18. King Solomon muses about how little we can understand when it comes to God's intentions and plans. Any glimpse we get of understanding comes from the Holy Spirit.

•Philemon 1.9-10,12-17. From behind bars, Paul writes to Philemon about Onesimus, a slave of Philemon, whom he met in prison. Paul urges Philemon to accept Onesimus back as a brother, and to free him from slavery so he can become one of Paul's coworkers.

◦Luke 14.25-33. Jesus reminds us of all the planning and work we put into building a tower or waging a battle. At least that much sacrifice and effort must go into being one of his followers.

Theme:

The universe God has created is so immense and complicated that we could never hope to understand it, even though we act as if we do so in our plans for towers, wars, industrial and business operations, and other complicated projects. We invest a lot of energy in these earthly projects. Sometimes they are the focus of our entire life. Jesus is asking us to invest that much energy into begin a dedicated follower.

Reflection:

Jesus requests that anyone who wishes to follow him abandon everything, including family, so that all energy can go into being a disciple. This sounds a little harsh until we realize how some of us give up our whole life and even our family for other pursuits. Star athletes, musicians, and dancers often begin dedicating their entire life to their talent and craft when they are children. Many go to special schools, away from home, and literally give up their childhood in order to succeed.

- When you hear of dedication such as this, are you inspired by it, or are you angry with parents that pressure their children to perform with this intensity?
- If you had a child who was a prodigy in some area, ...would you give up everything for that child to succeed, or insist that they put their talent in perspective and concentrate on being a child first and foremost?

Adults often give up their entire life, including their family life, in order to succeed themselves. People called "workaholics" are usually praised and rewarded for the number of hours spent at work, even though their dedication at the office often reflects a lack of time and attention at home.

- On the continuum from a lazy loafer to an addicted workaholic, where do you fall? Are you closer to being lazy or to being addicted to work? Do you think you are right in the middle? What do you think others would say? What would your friends and family say?
- When it comes to your faith, where would you fall on such a continuum? Are you lazy about your relationship to God? Are you so involved with social, business, and church activities that your family is neglected? Or are you someplace in the healthy middle? Why do you think so?

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



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ST GERARD CHURCH

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAM 2022 - 2023

**FIRST RECONCILIATION
CONFIRMATION
FIRST EUCHARIST**

GRADE 2 AND UP

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

EMAIL US AT OFFICE@STGERARD.CA
BEFORE **SEPTEMBER 8TH**



News from the CWL



The time has come!! CWL Garage Sale starts with setup on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 5 & 6 at 9 am. Monday the east entrance will be open at 8am.

If you haven't received a call about volunteering to help, please come to help setup and/or help with the sale on Thursday 9 am - 7 pm, and Friday 9 - noon. We also need help with the cleanup starting at noon on Friday. All help is greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided for the workers. Donations of garden produce and baking would be appreciated.

Deadline to return CWL Raffle Tickets is TUESDAY, September 6 at noon.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have offered their help. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.**



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos have been cancelled until further notice.

- Sept 5 9am CWL needs your help to setup for the garage sale
- Sept 7 7pm Planning Meeting

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



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."*

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The new Liturgical Ministries schedules may be picked up in the Sacristy if you did not receive one by email.

- Welcomers & Lectors
- Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
- Hospitality Ministers



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



Congratulations to

Justin Guy & Kristen Jonassen

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
Saturday, August 27th.*

*May the Lord be with them
every day of their married life.*



**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*



Bringing Home the Word **+**

A Love of First Preference

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking about his first preference for love. When Jesus says his disciples should “hate,” he means only that we should place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: “In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should, then, love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them” (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean we cannot be half-hearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first. The first “other” is God himself.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation.

There are many ways to love God and neighbor. And everyone, regardless of job or title, vocation or station in life, can love. This Labour Day weekend, consider thinking about how you can better love those with whom you spend your workday: employees or supervisors, colleagues and customers, those who serve you and those you serve.

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STEWARDSHIP

Parish Ministries Survey coming soon. Your parish community needs you!

As we resume regular Masses, Sacramental Preparation, and programming this fall we will need more help with Parish Ministries. The Parish Ministries Form will be distributed on the Sept 10/11th weekend. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents.

- Submitted by Linda Maddaford,
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

FAMILY CONNECTION

Provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. Explain that this is called setting priorities.

Paraphrase the Gospel story for the children. Ask them what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

At every Mass we:

- **CELEBRATE** what we believe. We express our faith in the risen Christ, who gave his life for us out of love.
- **LIVE** what we believe. We give witness to the risen Christ by our way of life.
- **BECOME** what we receive. We become Christ-like, so that others might see in us and in what we do the one who gave his life for us.

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

DO YOU KNOW....

Offering the prayer of the faithful is a priestly task. The whole assembly, by their baptism, are called as priests to pray for the needs of the world.

This is what we are doing when we pray the prayer of the faithful.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Mon. | (5 th): | 9:00am- CWL Garage Sale setup |
| Tues. | (6 th): | 9:00am- CWL Garage Sale setup |
| Thurs. | (8 th): | 9am-7pm *CWL Garage Sale* |
| Fri. | (9 th): | 9am-noon *CWL Garage Sale* |
| Sun. | (11 th): | 1:00pm- Parent Meeting for Sacrament Preparation (<i>church</i>) |
| | | 7:00pm- Marriage Prep (<i>lower level- please use east entrance</i>) |

YOUTH REFLECTION

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For Your Reflection

Building a tower takes a lot of planning, a lot of money, and a lot of labour. So do other things.

- Have you ever had a dream about accomplishing something - a dream that had you planning, thinking, and working in order to make it come true; a dream that you devoted lots of times and energy to? What is that dream? Are you still working on it? Or have you abandoned it?

Some young people throw themselves into a sport, a hobby, a talent, or an interest. They become known for their accomplishments in that area.

- What young person of your age do you know to be a very talented dancer? musician? artist? athlete? debater? writer?

- How much energy and dedication do these people invest in developing their skill?

- Into what area do you put the most time, energy, and enthusiasm? How successful or accomplished to you feel?

- How much time, energy, and enthusiasm do you invest in your relationship with God? in your involvement with your parish? in your relationships with your family? How can you give more of yourself to these areas?

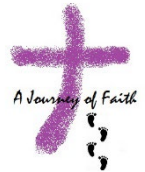
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And to all our friends in St. Gerard's parish, we remind you that we all have a responsibility to share our faith and bring others to Christ. If you know of a family member, friend, co-worker or fellow student who is searching for a deeper meaning in their life, let them know about RCIA.

LOST SOMETHING?



Mitts, toques, etc. – check the literature display drawer marked "Lost and Found" in the Welcome Area.

Books, religious articles, jewellery, etc. – contact the Parish Office.

OFFERING A MASS

The offering of a Mass in the name of a deceased family member or friend is one of the greatest ways to keep our beloved dead in our living memory. At each celebration of the Mass, the great prayer of sacrifice is made complete as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is offered to God the Father. When we offer a Mass for a particular person, we ask that in a special way the individual be remembered by the priest who offers up the great sacrifice on behalf of the whole community of faith. In a very real and active way, the life, death and resurrection of the person remembered becomes present and is offered up with Jesus. Each time we offer up a Mass for someone, living or dead, we celebrate the greatest gift of our faith – the gift of Everlasting Life in Christ.