



St. Gerard's

Roman Catholic Parish

September 8th, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Established December 11, 1904

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 Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 9 th		NO MASS
	8:00 am	Perogy Bee (preparation)
Tues. 10 th	9:00 am	Perogy Bee (pinching)
	6:00 pm	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	7:00 pm	Mass For those who died of suicide, and their families
	7:30 pm	K of C General Meeting
Wed. 11 th	8:00 am	Perogy Bee (packaging)
	9:00 am	Mass +Gerald Farkus
	10:45am	Mass at Sacred Heart H.S. +Henry Enns
Thurs. 12 th	9:00 am	Mass +Lorne Perepeluk
	7:00 pm	Hospitality Renewal Workshop
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer (lower level)
Fri. 13 th	NEW 8:00 am	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00 am	Mass +Sheila Hryniuk
Sat. 14 th	4:00 pm	Children's Liturgy Training (lower level)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 14 th	5:00 pm	Mass for the People
	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Exemplification
Sun. 15 th	9:00 am	Mass for the People
	11:00am	Mass for the People

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

Anointing:

Please contact the Parish Office
After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323

Infant Baptism:

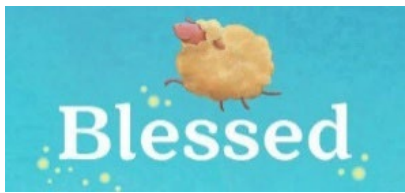
Please contact the Parish Office

RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024

(For children
who have already received First Holy Communion)

September 19 PARENTS MEETING (MUST ATTEND) at **6:00 pm**

Registration and \$40 fee are due at the meeting. (A family rate is now available! Email office@stgerard.ca for more info.)

September 28/29 Enrolment Mass. Parents with candidates must attend one of the Masses at 5pm or 11am

October 17 Session 1: You are Blessed!

November 7 Session 2: The-Best-Version-of Yourself;
God Sent Jesus to Save Us

November 14 Session 3: Forgiveness & Healing

November 21 Session 4: Your First Reconciliation

November 28 Session 5: It's Only the Beginning

November 30 (Sat.) First Reconciliation Retreat at 10:00 am

December 5 Celebration of First Reconciliation

Each session, as well as the celebration, will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall (use Parish Hall entrance on Third Ave N)

Your Sacrament Coordinators are Rene and Ophelia Adane: adanerene@gmail.com



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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will only take place once in September - Sunday, September 8th at 11am.

We need more volunteers to keep this program running. Please attend one of the training sessions in the Lower Level (use EAST entrance):

Sat. Sept. 14th at 4pm
 Tues. Sept. 17th at 6pm
 Thurs. Sept. 19th at 6pm

If you are unable to make any of these dates, please email prost.litz@hotmail.com and we will try to arrange an alternate time for training.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays at 6pm followed by Holy Mass

Fridays at 8am followed by Holy Mass

As Catholics, we believe that at each mass, during the consecration, the priest speaks these words "this is my body which will be given up for you" and at that instant the miracle of transubstantiation occurs. The bread and wine which we offer become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true presence in the form of bread and wine. It Is Christ!

Adoration is when a consecrated host is placed in a monstrance (from the Latin monstrare, to show or view) for adoration (for us to adore Him).

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!*



News from the CWL



General Meetings Note that our regular meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month.

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 10 General Meeting – after Mass
 September 14 **Exemplification** – after Mass
 September 15 Bingo-afternoon-12.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca

2024-2025 ST. GERARD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council

Pastor	Rev. Sathi Antony
Chairperson	Mark Bell
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Secretary	Joanne Geysen
Liturgy	Colleen Haider
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Public Relations	Jonathan Rosas
Social Action	Hector & Jenny Baraoidan
Stewardship	Linda Maddaford
Youth	Scott & Colleen Hoffort
CWL Rep.	Marie Kruger
K of C Rep.	Jonathan Rosas

Parish Finance Council

Pastor	Rev. Sathi Antony
Chairperson	Nathan Bewcyk
Hall	Henry & Lorraine Kweens
Properties	Steve Piontek
Member at Large	Carm Molnar

WELCOME to the newest leaders serving on the Parish Pastoral Council:

Hector & Jenny Baraoidan (Social Action)
 Scott & Colleen Hoffort (Youth)

and **WELCOME** to Robert Kocalka who is the new Caretaker at St. Gerard Parish!

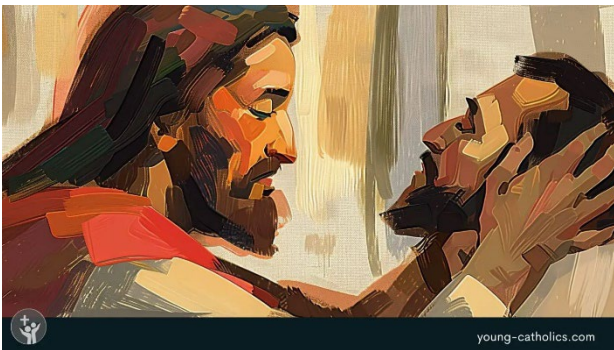
Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are re-established. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

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YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAYER

Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. Amen.

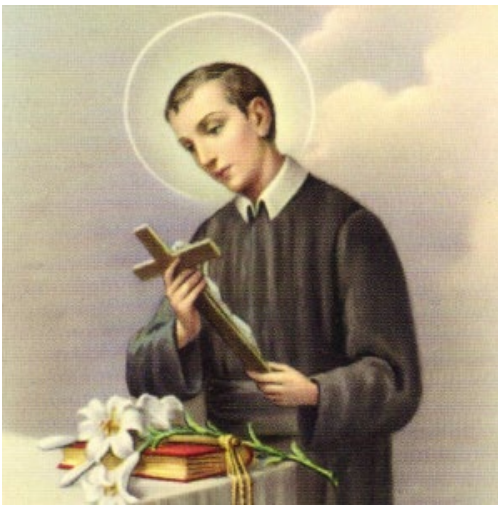
FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading *Mark 7.31-37*

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Today's Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for and ministry to those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay his hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus' healing power is shown in his opening of the man's ears and the restoring of his speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christ's healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show his healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when a family member was ill. What steps were taken to help restore this family member to health? Talk about what it feels like to care for a person who is ill, and about how it feels to be the sick person being cared for. In today's Gospel, we hear about a time when Jesus healed a man who was deaf. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:31-37. Notice how the man who was cured and his friends could not honor Jesus' request to keep quiet about Jesus' power to heal. We continue to celebrate Jesus' healing presence in our lives by giving thanks to God for the gift of healing and health. Conclude in prayer, thanking Jesus for the gifts of health and healing. Pray together for those who are sick. After each person is named, pray, "Jesus, heal us."



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

Our patron saint, St. Gerard, died October 16, 1755 at the age of 29. He had lived for six years a Redemptorist lay brother.

Because of the countless miracles people received through Gerard's prayers, the Church began the canonization process soon after his death.

St. Gerard Majella was beatified on January 29, 1893 by Pope Leo XIII and canonized as a saint December 11, 1904 by Pope Pius X. St. Gerard Majella is the patron saint of childbirth, children, pregnant women, mothers, falsely accused people, good confessions, lay brothers, the Pro-Life movement, and unborn children.

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

October 7-11	7:00 pm
October 12	4:30 pm
October 13	8:30 am
	10:30 am
October 14	7:00 pm
October 15	6:00 pm

Hospitality Renewal Workshop

September 12th at 7pm to 8:30pm

For all Hospitality Ministers, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, K of C and CWL Executive

Liturgical Ministries Workshop

Thursday, October 24th at 7pm to 9pm or Saturday, October 26th 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.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

We praise you, O God, Creator of all things,
Whose mystery unfolds in “a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face.

Jesus, your Son, taught us to wonder
As he made his way throughout the land, contemplating the beauty of creation.

We pray, O God, that you may stir in us
A reverent awareness of our invisible link with the entire created world.

We pray for humility – to remember that we, too, are created and are not creation’s masters.

We pray for compassion – for open eyes and hearts to welcome those forced to flee from their homes due to rising sea levels and drought.

We pray for repentance – so that our thirst for power and domination may be transformed into service.

We pray for simplicity – and the will to turn from our greed which impacts vulnerable people everywhere.

We pray for cultural conversion – that we may simplify our lifestyles, reduce pollution and waste, and exercise prudence in our decision making.

We pray for policy changes – that as a nation and world we may work together to reverse the course of climate change.

Our hearts ache as we ponder:

‘The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?’

We praise you, O God, confident that you work in our hearts and through our actions, so that we may better care for our common home. Amen.

Prayer inspired by Pope Francis’ Laudate Deum (Praise God)
<https://www.cwl.ca/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation/>

Prepared by St. Gerard Stewardship, Sept 2024

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Seven Goals of Laudato Si' are:

Respond to the Cry of the Earth

1. Respond to the Cry of the Poor
2. Work toward an Ecological Economy
3. Adopt Sustainable Lifestyles
4. Foster an Ecological Education
5. Discover God in all things – Ecological Spirituality
6. Build Community Resilience and Empowerment

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/about/>

During the Season of Creation, may we take action to protect the earth and all its creatures. Will you add your name to the Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty Initiative?

<https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter>

Canada's Senator Rosa Galvez sits on the panel of Global Parliamentarians inquiry into Oil and Gas exploitation in the Amazon.

<https://www.fossilfuelinquiry.org/amazon-inquiry-en>

Follow Senator Galvez' defense of the environment at

<https://sencanada.ca/en/senators/galvez-rosa/>

The **Climate-Aligned Finance Act** (CAFA) was introduced in March 2022 and has since been [endorsed by 120 organizations from coast to coast and MPs from four out of the five parties in the House of Commons.](#)

See the full text of Bill S-243 <https://rosagalvez.ca/media/da3f5pak/2022-03-24-cafa-bill-en-fr-side-by-side-legisinfo.pdf>



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St. Gerard Parish Hall

Fee: \$60.00

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**For More Information
Contact the Parish Office**

306.782.2449

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—Kyley D.



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