



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 6th, 2022

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (7 th)	NO MASS
Tues. (8 th)	7:00pm Special Intentions
Wed. (9 th)	10:00am ASPEN VILLA +Joseph Paydli 5:30pm Deceased members of CWL & Knights of Columbus
Thurs. (10 th)	9:00am +John Jason Himpe 2:30pm LAKESIDE MANOR +Theresa Spykerman
Fri. (11 th)	REMEMBRANCE DAY 9:00am +Lauretta Schwitzer
Sat. (12 th)	9:00am +Peter Giannoulis
	5:00pm +Regina Rudolf
Sun. (13 th)	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME 9:00am +Shirley Griffiths 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)

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Gracious God, help us to love others so that, in our final days, we feel no remorse about how we lived our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-The Redemptorists

In Touch with the Word

Make Progress, Speed On, and Triumph

Scripture:

- 2 Maccabees 7.1-2,9-14. Seven Jewish brothers and their mother, who were tortured and killed for remaining faithful to the Law, believed in life after death and found courage in that belief.
- 2 Thessalonians 2.16-3.5. We are reminded to make progress and to remember that God will give us the strength and courage we need.
- Luke 20.27-38. The Sadducees, who did not believe in life after death, try to fool Jesus with a question about a woman who marries and then outlives each of seven brothers.

Theme:

We are called to pray and work so that the word of Jesus makes progress. Our strength and courage for proclaiming the word comes from our belief in the Resurrection, and in our reward for every good work and good word. On this earth the seven murdered brothers and their mother looked foolish, but they believed God would surely restore them to life. They believed that God is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

Reflection:

We are urged to pray that the message of Jesus *makes progress*. This phrase, “makes progress,” is translated many different ways in different Bibles. The New Jerusalem Bible says “spread quickly.” The Good News Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say “spread rapidly.” The Carmelite translation says “speed on and triumph”. It is urgent that we race on and get this message of Jesus out to the world. That is quite a command.

- Do you see your task to get the message of Jesus out to the world as a serious command? Why or why not?
- How serious is this call to all Christians? How urgent a matter is it? Must it really be a top priority, or can we put it on the back burner for now?

We are urged to pray that we will be delivered from those who are evil and confused. We are told to find our strength and confidence in Jesus.

- Do you actually find strength and confidence in Jesus? Or is Jesus still sort of abstract to you?
- Who in your life might be evil or confused? Do you ever fall into that category yourself? How so?

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

FAMILY CONNECTION



Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight.

When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight. Read together the short form of the Gospel, Luke 20:27, 34-38. Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Pray together for those in your family who have died and conclude by praying today's Psalm.





BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is planned for early 2023. To register, please email the Parish Office. office@stgerard.ca



We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community those who were baptized recently at St. Gerard:

Levi Liebrecht

May this child and his family experience joy and new life.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is an incredible journey of discovery,

the discovery of 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.

The RCIA process is intended for those who are non-baptized. There are several rites and stages that are part of the process to prepare adults for Baptism and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

****Rite of Reception of Baptized Christians 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 Fr. Louis at 306.782.2449 or 306.782.0323.

****The RCIA sessions are beginning in the very near future!**

Ecumenical (Non-denominational) Prayer Service

for those experiencing grief and loss

The first Wednesday of each month at 3pm.

St. Gerard Church
125 Third Ave N, Yorkton

Fellowship and refreshments to follow.
Everyone welcome!



Divine Mercy Devotion

Wednesdays at 2pm

(except the first Wednesday of the month)



News from the Knights of Columbus



Bingos will resume in the near future.

November 9 Memorial Mass at 5.30pm followed by supper in Hall
November 19 Family Prayer at 7:00pm
November 20 Brunch after 9am & 11am Mass

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



The Knights of Columbus are selling 2023 Parish Liturgical Calendars after each Mass in November! Only \$5.00 each! *While supplies last!*

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER UPDATE

Plans for our Christmas in November event scheduled for November 26, 2022 are proceeding. Raffle tickets are available before and after Saturday / Sunday mass at the church entrance. To clarify comments received we are asking parishioners to donate a pan of squares or cookies and an item for the bake table. These items can be dropped off at the parish hall the week of November 21 to 24th. Items can be delivered Monday to Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday November 24th from Noon to 7:00 PM.

- Submitted by Mark Bell, Pastoral Council Chairperson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues. (8th): 7:30pm- Finance Council Meeting
(Meeting Room A)



Bringing Home the Word

The Fallacy of Reincarnation

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead or the immortality of the soul. But in Maccabees, one of the last books written in the Old Testament, one can see how the Jewish sons find strength to resist their torturers in the belief that they will live forever. They firmly believe that God will raise them up if they remain faithful to him.

Jesus makes it even clearer that our souls will live forever and that our bodies will rise up one day with him after death. The faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was faith in a living God; even if they had died hundreds of years before, they were alive in God.

We pray together in the Nicene Creed, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Thus, belief in reincarnation is contrary to Christian faith; Jesus taught a different doctrine. We live life on this earth once, die once, and are judged once.

Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). We hope that one day we will rise with him, even if on earth our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). To be a witness to Jesus is to be like the first apostles, a witness to his resurrection.

The living God who called Abraham, Isaac, and Moses is the same God who sent his Son, raised him from the dead, and who calls us to follow him and rise up to be with him forever.

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SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
7:00pm – Social Hall

In 2021 the Archdiocese of Regina requested that all parishes amend their **constitution and bylaws** to align with the new format and vision.

An ad hoc committee has developed a revised document which will be discussed and formally adopted at this Special Meeting.

Copies of the draft document may be picked up from the large table in the Welcome Area. Or you may email the Parish Office to receive the document electronically.

Please familiarize yourself with the document prior to the meeting. Thank you.

News from the Archdiocese of Regina

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$ 46,774
Amount Raised to Date: \$ 5,660 (12.1%)

Grief and Loss Accompaniment Workshop

There are many different kinds of Grief and Loss. Loss of relationships, loss of a loved one, ambiguous loss, and shattered assumptions. When people are in the middle of suffering a significant loss, there are many emotions to deal with. We will explore and look at how to accompany someone during this emotional time in their life. The workshop will focus on the language of accompaniment. Please join us on Saturday, November 19 from 1-5 pm via zoom. You can register by emailing:

victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com

Ecumenical Prayer Service *for those experiencing memory loss*

Offering fellowship & support

The third Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm

St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church
729 Main Street, Melville

For more information, contact Dave Hudy:
306.728.5525

2023 GIVING PROGRAM

In the not-too-distant future, the 2023 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes will be in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2022.

Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving? No need for cash or cheques! Plus, pre-authorized Giving is assured, results in lower administrative costs, and assists our parish when budgeting for programs and services. **Please complete the Pre-Authorized Giving form** and submit it to the Parish Office or via the Sunday collection. Forms are available on the large glass table in the Welcome Area.

May the memories of and prayers for our loved ones bring us many consoling moments this month.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OURS

992 God revealed the resurrection of the dead to his people progressively. Hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead established itself as a consequence intrinsic to faith in God as creator of the whole man, soul and body. The creator of heaven and earth is also the one who faithfully maintains his covenant with Abraham and his posterity. It was in this double perspective that faith in the resurrection came to be expressed.

According to the Catechism, our belief in the resurrection is based upon a faith relationship with God as creator. Reflecting on the beauty and mystery of creation, we ask if there is more to life, if there is something beyond the grave. Will not God who loves us now with his good gifts care for us in the afterlife?

But there is a better reason. God intervenes in our affairs with a definite purpose. He has a plan for us that includes life after death. As a God who makes history, he marked the center point of all human affairs in the resurrection of his Son.

As Jesus pointed out in his response to the Sadducees, Yahweh is the "Living God." He desires living beings to worship him and return his love. He has shown us the door through death to a new life. As long as we worship him, we can be assured that he will not abandon us. He wants us to live, forever!

What have you been taught about the resurrection of the dead? What importance does this belief have in your life?

How do we know there is life after death? We know through Scripture and the tradition of the Church. But more important than these, through God's dynamic presence, he communicates the love and compassion of his will. We can trust God in all things, including the greatest challenge life gives us, death. If he lives, so shall we, for his love transcends all things, even death itself.

Whom would you like to see in the next life? How would you like to see raised up and share in God's love? Pray for those people this week.

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Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CSA Education Committee

Over the last two years, many of the educational events that the Core Working Group has provided have been done through zoom. Although the pandemic is still with us, we are now in a position to meet in person. To this end, the Core Working Group has re-established an educational committee to oversee, coordinate and arrange workshops and presentations on a variety of topics around clergy sexual abuse. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss potential opportunities, we would invite you to contact the education committee at csaeducation@archregina.sk.ca.

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Emmaus Family Support

1 in 4 families experience chronic mental health challenges. Holidays can be tough when navigating these kinds of difficulties. Even good feelings like excitement and anticipation can trigger stress responses. You do not have to walk this path alone. If you care for a loved one with mental health challenges and feel you could benefit from the support and prayers of peers, contact emmaussupport.ca to join a meeting.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

Archbishops Appeal

Eternal Life. What is it? What will it be like? These are the questions the readings are exploring this week in the Mass. The first reading from 2 Maccabees shows the graphic account of the mother and seven brothers who are arrested and tortured. Despite the punishments that they received from their captors, the reason they endure is based on their conviction of eternal life and the Resurrection.

Paul encourages us to pray for those who are persecuted so they will be delivered from the pains that those persecuted for the faith endure. For more information or to donate, visit archregina.sk.ca/groupage/archbishops-appeal/



Visitation House Thank You from Fr. John Weckend - Queen City Marathon 2022

On behalf of our Visitation House QCM relay team (Cole, Will, Jennifer, Lyle, and myself), I thank everyone who supported us in this year's run. Over \$8000 has been collected in our parishes through the generous work of our CWLs. I hope you will continue to support the outreach work in our city by Visitation House, Director Theresa Hilbig, and her group of dedicated volunteers.

Camp Monahan's Christmas Dinner is back!

Come enjoy an evening of great music, food and dancing on Saturday, November 26 all in support of our summer programming. Tickets may be purchased online at eventbrite.ca. For more information visit our website at campmonahan.ca, call (306)522-1047, or email campmonahan@sasktel.net.

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...')

Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee. Did you know... on October 14, Sr. Eva Soloman published her first book; Come Dance with Me: A Medicine Wheel Practice of Anishinaabe Catholic Interculturation of Faith. It explores how Indigenous rituals and practices blend with those of western Christianity and how this could illuminate a renewed spirit of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and the Catholic Church.

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