



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

February 23rd, 2025

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

ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

*Merciful God, teach us to forgive, even those who have hurt us
or harmed those we love, so that we may be witnesses to your
forgiveness. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

Mon. 24th

NO MASS

6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal

Tues. 25th

6:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm

Holy Mass Diana Hornung

7:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

Wed. 26th

9:00am

Holy Mass +Tony Kryski

10:00am

Communion Service at YDNH (N)

7:00pm

Bible Study - No Greater Love

Thurs. 27th

9:00am

Holy Mass +Heiner Cattelaens

6:30pm

You are Loved Session 2

7:00pm

RCIA (Lower Level)

7:00pm

Centering Prayer (Lower Level)

Fri. 28th

8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00am

Holy Mass +Douglas Hayden

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mar. Sat. 1st

5:00pm

Holy Mass for the People (70 min.)

Sun. 2nd

9:00am

Holy Mass for the People (75 min.)

11:00am

Holy Mass for the People (80 min.)

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

2025 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 4th

3pm-6pm

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Free-will Offering

6:30pm

Rite for the Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday, followed by Holy Mass

Wednesday, March 5th

9:30am

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard

11:00am

Distribution of Ashes at Sacred Heart High

1:15pm

Mass with Elementary Schools at St. Gerard

7pm

Holy Mass for the Parish

Tuesday, April 1st

7pm

Lenten Season Reconciliation with Adoration

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

9am Mass, followed by Divine Mercy Devotion
7pm Bible Study

THURSDAYS DURING LENT

12:10pm Mass, followed by Lenten Lunch
7pm RCIA

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Holy Mass

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING DURING LENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One hour prior to each weekday Holy Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Holy Mass during the Season of Lent.

Holy Week



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, April 12th at 5pm

Sunday, April 13th at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Mass at 7:30pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Celebration at 12noon and 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Festive Food at 2pm

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 8:30pm

At the Mass of Easter Day – 10am

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT IS COMING

Ash Wednesday is
March 5th, 2025

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

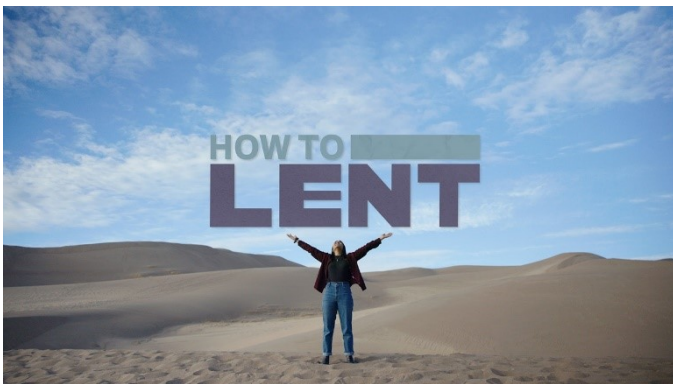
If you have palms in your homes from previous years, **please bring them to the church by Sunday, March 2nd**. There are baskets in the main entrance of the church for the palms.

On Tuesday, March 4th the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served by the Knights of Columbus from 3pm to 6pm. At 6:30pm we will celebrate the Rite of Burning the Palms followed by Mass. These ashes will be used Ash Wednesday.



Lent is approaching fast!

Are you ready to make the most of it?



You're invited to prepare for Lent (yes, ahead of Ash Wednesday!) with *How to Lent*. This four-part video series provides insights into the origins of Lent, why the Church compares Lent to a desert, and how to create a Lenten plan that will transform your life beyond Easter Sunday.

Make the most of this year's Lent by preparing for the season and entering in more deeply with time for prayer, reflection, and genuine encounter with Jesus.

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Lenten Bible Study



No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Beginning **February 26th** the Bible Study "No Greater Love" will be held Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm for five weeks (**Feb. 26; Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 2, 9**)

To cover the cost of books, materials and snacks, a fee of \$60 (\$100 per couple) is to be paid when you register. Each individual will be given a copy of the *No Greater Love* book and workbook.

Registrations are being taken at the Parish Office.

LOOKING FOR A PODCAST? Check out:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/the-jeff-cavins-show-podcast>

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/the-fr-mike-schmitz-podcast>

LENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY! Adults, families and children booklets will be available!



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

Love Your Enemies

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus demanded of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people we do not particularly like or who do not belong to our families, ethnicities, or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called *retributive justice*, and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or issuing a fine.

However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times, some form of community service is required of the perpetrator.

It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

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WE ARE HIRING!

St. Gerard Parish is inviting applications for the position of Parish Office Assistant.

Qualifications:

- Business College certificate/diploma and/or experience
- Knowledge of the Catholic Church and Faith, and support of the Mission of the Church
- Possess strong and well-developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Working knowledge and experience in financial transactions/handling cash, office equipment, Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint

This is a 20 hour per week position. Please contact the Parish Office for the full job description. Resumes may be submitted to the Parish Office office@stgerard.ca or to Father Antony ansathisjb@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is Thursday,
February 27, 2025



News from the Knights of Columbus



Feb. 25

Articles for "The Word" due

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: www.kofc-2031.ca The page has been updated. Check it out.

World Day of Prayer 2025

"I made you wonderful"
Psalm 139: 1-18

Hosted by St. Gerard CWL

Friday, March 7th - 10:30 am
Ecumenical Service
Followed by fellowship

Please RSVP on or before March 3rd; Deanna at pell@sasktel.net or Linda at 306.730.5600

ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL WORKSHOP At St. Gerard Parish

Saturday, March 15
9:30am to 3pm

Topic: Pastoral Development of our Parish

For all Parishioners, especially all the Council members, Committees and Parish Organizations.

Please register with the Parish Office as lunch will be served.



LITURGY

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that the Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.



Love to sing and lead others in song?

Do you play an instrument and want to share your talent?

**St. Gerard Parish invites all youth Grades 4-12
to join the Youth Music Ministry.**

The Youth Music Ministry will be leading St. Gerard's in song once a month. Musicians welcome.

Our next Mass is on

Saturday, March 1st at 5:00pm

Practice @ 4:15 – right before Mass

For more information, please contact:

Scott Hoffort - 306-621-8291 or

Rita Hilbig - 306-621-6552

WELCOME ALL YOUNG ADULTS GRADES 8 TO 12

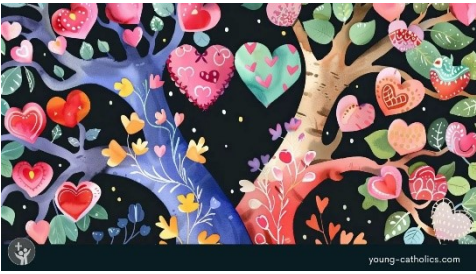
Please mark these dates as
you will not want to miss out on

A LOT of FUN!!!

Saturday, March 1: Start the evening off with a **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist** at the 5:00 pm Holy Mass. Supper to follow. Enjoy a **movie night** and **music** with friends. The more the merrier!

Saturday, March 29: Young people in grades 9 -12 (mature grade 8's also welcome) from around the Archdiocese are invited to come together for a celebration of community and faith at this year's **"My Gen" Youth Rally**. This one-day event is free of charge and happens at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School in Regina. It starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm. It will be a day of music, talks, games, prayer, service projects, sacraments and community.

For more information and to **REGISTER** contact Scott Hoffort at 306-621-8291 or Colleen Hoffort at 306-621-7582 as soon as possible so that travel arrangements, etc. can be made! Further info: www.mygenrally.ca



The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers us lessons on mercy, forgiveness, and living like Jesus. The readings guide us in avoiding judgment, showing compassion, and bearing the image of Christ in our actions. By reflecting on these themes, we can grow in love and understanding, bringing us closer to living out our faith in everyday life.

Showing Compassion Jesus warns us against judging because it leads to unfairness and a lack of compassion. When we judge, we often don't know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions.

Jesus calls us to understand and help each other. Instead of judging, we should try to understand the struggles others are facing. Showing compassion means being kind and supportive, even when we don't fully understand someone's situation.

Judging others can create barriers and harm relationships. It separates us and makes it hard to see the good in others. By choosing to show understanding instead of judgment, we can build stronger, more loving communities.

Reflecting on this message we see that Jesus wants us to follow His example of love and mercy. When we avoid judging and instead show compassion, we follow the path that Jesus set for us. This way, we help bring more kindness and understanding into the world.

Living Like Christ In Paul's message about bearing the image of Christ he explains that we are to live like Jesus, showing His love and mercy in our actions. Living like Christ means embodying His values in our everyday lives.

Being in the image of Christ means showing love, kindness, and forgiveness. Jesus showed us how to love others, even those who hurt us. By following His example, we can reflect His goodness to the people around us.

This calling is not always easy. It requires patience and a willingness to put others first. But when we strive to live like Christ, we become a light for others, showing them the path to peace and love.

Mercy and Forgiveness Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially in politics and on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we truly loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone.

Jesus' message is clear. We are called to a life of mercy, just like David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing kindness over revenge. It means forgiving others, even when it is hard. This path is not easy, but it brings us closer to living like Jesus.

Forgiveness is something we all need. We might think it is just for those who have wronged us, but we also need it for ourselves. Holding grudges can harm us and prevent us from finding peace. Jesus reminds us that we should forgive to be forgiven.

Healing from wounds takes time. When someone hurts us, the pain doesn't disappear overnight. We can pray for God's help in healing our hearts. Asking for the strength to let go of our need for revenge and for the desire to forgive can lead us to true peace.



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