



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

January 15, 2023
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

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. (16th) NO MASS
 Tues. (17th) 7:00pm +Gary Copan
 Wed. (18th) 9:00am +Brian Woodward
 10:00am **NURSING HOME (SOUTH)**
 +Joseph Paydli
 Thurs. (19th) 9:00am +David Blahut
 2:30pm **YORKTON CROSSING**
 +Helen Anna Marie Kelly
 Fri. (20th) 9:00am +Eileen Boryski
 Sat. (21st) 9:00am Deceased members of
 Misa, Dominguez, Loving, Abella &
 Taboada families

5:00pm +Jacalyn Zeljeznak
 6:30pm Mass following Sacrament
 Preparation Session

Sun. (22nd) **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 9:00am Mass for the People
 11:00am +Joseph Paydli

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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Creator God, help us to find holy balance as we seek to attend to others and take care of ourselves. We pray in Jesus' name.

-The Redemptorists

Sunday Connection

First Reading

Isaiah 49.3,5-6

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40.2,4,7-10

God desires obedience

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

Gospel Reading

John 1.29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.



BAPTISM

The First Sacrament of Initiation

The next Baptism Preparation Session is planned for Sunday, January 29th at 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

To register, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible. office@stgerard.ca



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

Eli Maksymytz

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



Divine Mercy Devotion
Wednesdays at 2pm
(except the first Wed. of the month)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

8 Days of online Biblical Reflection, January 18-25, 2023

An online Bible study led by a diverse selection of ministers 12:15-1:00 pm daily (Saskatchewan time) except Sunday, Jan. 22 which will be at 3 pm. Please be sure to register using this link: <https://bit.ly/WPCU-2023-Bible-Study>

This Bible Study series will also be available on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@PrairieCentreforEcumenism>

The 2023 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17), was prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches. The themes for each day should be familiar to everyone who lives in Canada. The issues facing the churches in the United States affect us because of their proximity to our borders and as they relate to our present situation in Canada.

Although Canadians often speak of building a diverse, inclusive, and just society, we know that racism is deeply embedded in our society and that we have seen great violence against people of colour and against ethnic and religious minorities. As we undertake these Bible Studies, let us bring the honest questions and reflections that come when the light of the gospel illuminates the truth of both our past and our present. As we seek greater unity, may it be in service to the love and justice God has revealed in Jesus.



News from the CWL



CWL Memberships for 2023 are due now. The fee is \$35.00 and can be paid by cheque or cash and put in the Sunday Collection marked CWL, or mailed to CWL, 125 3rd Ave. N., Yorkton, SK S3N 1C4. Make cheques payable to CWL.

The winner of the draw for a 2023 CWL membership was Angela Ostapovich.

The winner of the Wall Hanging Raffle drawn on December 24th was Gary Colbow. Thank you to Lorraine Kweens for donating the wall hanging.



News from the Knights of Columbus



January 15 Parish brunch
January 21 Bingo – afternoon – 12:00pm
January 25 Articles for *The Word* due
Bingo – evening – 5:00pm

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.782.8664. www.kofc-2031.ca

Heavenly Father,
you send us your Son as a lamb.

May we always be worthy of the gift of his sacrifice for our salvation.


You send us your Spirit like a dove.

May we always be grateful for the peace and protection that is promised through your Spirit.

Amen.



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Bringing Home the Word

Proud Servants of God

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

“My servant” is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else’s goals, and the adjective “my” suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today’s readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became “a light to the nations that [God’s] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became “an apostle of Christ Jesus,” proclaiming the good news of God’s love “to the church of God that is in Corinth.” As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus “might be made known to Israel” (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God’s goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are fulfilled. Ask any parent, spouse, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God’s love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That’s what it means to be a servant of God.

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Please pick up your 2023 offertory envelopes, available in the Welcome Area when you are at Mass.

Or stop into the Parish Office during regular office hours. Thank you!

The 2022 annual charitable donation (“tax”) receipts will be available for pick up by the end of February.

2023 GIVING PROGRAM

The 2023 Sunday collection (offertory) envelopes are in the Welcome Area for those who have contributed by this method in 2022. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FIND YOUR BOX OF SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** please phone or email the Parish Office.

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.

OR you may e-transfer your donation instead! Email giving@stgerard.ca for more information.

2023 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Do you contribute by Pre-Authorized Giving? Would you like a set of Special Collection envelopes?

If so, please contact the Parish Office at office@stgerard.ca or phone 306.782.2449 during regular office hours.

Camp O’Neill has been offering spiritual growth to young people for over 50 years!



The camp is hoping to continue to do good things in the future but we need help. We need people to help us discern our future and to possibly join our board of directors. Please consider helping kids who may not otherwise be able to enjoy a camping experience or, even more importantly, may not have a chance to be exposed to the treasures of our faith. We also are looking for ways to help adults enrich their faith.

Please contact Deacon Dave Hudy if you have any thoughts, ideas, or if you are thinking of joining the Camp O’Neill board:

dave@stphilomena.ca or 306.728.5525

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues. (17th): Grade 10 Retreat
- Wed. (18th): Grade 11 Retreat
- Sat. (21st): 5:00pm- Sacrament Prep (*Parish Hall*)