

St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 11th, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

| Mon. 12 th | | NO MASS |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| | 9:00am | Perogy Bee Preparation |
| | 5:30pm | Knights of Columbus Rosary Prayer |
| Tues. 13 th | 9:00am | PEROGY BEE |
| | 6:00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 7:00pm | Holy Mass +Adeline Kolodziejak |
| | | Followed by Knights of Columbus |
| | | General Meeting |
| Wed. 14 th | 9:00am | Holy Mass + Eugene Ostapovich |
| Thurs. 15 th | 9:00am | Holy Mass |
| | | +Tus & +Eileen Lamontagne |
| | 2:30pm | Holy Mass at Yorkton Crossing |
| | | +Bernice Neumeier |
| | 6:30pm | Confirmation Preparation |
| | 7:00pm | Baptism Prep 3/3 (Lower Level) |
| Fri. 16 th | 8:00am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 9:00am | Holy Mass + Maggie Sawchenko |
| | 7:00pm | Knights of Columbus Family Prayer |

Fifth Sunday of Easter

| Sat. 17 th | 5:00pm | Holy Mass for the People (70 min.) |
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| Sun. 18th | 10:00am | Holy Mass for the People (75 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

Baptism/RCIA: Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office 12 months

prior to the marriage date

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The 4th Sunday of Easter Year C focuses on Jesus as our caring and guiding Shepherd. Through the readings, we learn about the importance of hearing His voice, spreading the Good News, and the inclusive call to follow Him. These reflections help us understand and apply these themes in our daily lives.

Sharing the Voice of the Good Shepherd Today we learn about the boldness of Paul and Barnabas in spreading the Good News about Jesus. Their example shows us the importance of sharing the message of the Good Shepherd. Just as they spoke courageously, we too must be willing to share the Good News so others can hear Jesus' voice.

Paul and Barnabas faced many challenges, but they did not give up. They understood that people needed to hear about Jesus to follow Him. Their commitment inspires us to be brave in our faith and to share it with others, even when it is difficult.

To help others hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, we must speak about Jesus in our daily lives. This can be done through kind words, loving actions, and sharing our faith stories. When we do this, we help others recognize the voice of Jesus and follow Him. By sharing Jesus' message, we help others join His flock. Just as Paul and Barnabas did, let us be bold in our mission to bring the Good Shepherd's voice to everyone.

The Inclusive Call of the Good Shepherd In Revelation, a great multitude stands before God. This vision shows us that salvation is offered to everyone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants all people to follow Him, not just a select few.

In the past, hearing God's voice was a privilege for priests and prophets. But Jesus changes this. He calls everyone to hear His voice and follow Him. His message is for all people, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows each of us by name. He cares for us and guides us on the right path. When we listen to His voice, we find the way to true peace and happiness.

We are reminded of the inclusive love of Jesus. He reaches out to all of us, inviting us to be part of His flock. By following Him, we join the great multitude standing before God, united in faith and love.

Jesus, Our Guiding Shepherd The passage in the Gospel of John happens before the resurrection. Jesus and His disciples are in Jerusalem for Hanukkah. During Hanukkah, a reading from the Book of Numbers, where Moses hears God's voice (Numbers 7:89), is traditional. So, it makes sense that Jesus would talk about His sheep hearing His voice.

In the Book of Numbers, only Moses hears God's voice. But Jesus brings a new message. He wants everyone, not just priests and prophets, to hear Him. This shows His love and care for all people. God is speaking to us, but we need to listen. The noise and distractions of the world can make it hard to hear Him. We must find quiet times and places to focus on His message. In these moments of silence, we can hear Jesus guiding us.

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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm Sunday Mass 10:00 am



There will be no Children's Liturgy Sunday, May 18

We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community

Tessa Dionne Hudson Thomas Sophia Thomas Azaiah Martin Natalie Simoneau Ila Newberg Parker Thomson Henry Prost

who were baptized recently at St. Gerard.

May these children and their families experience joy and new life.





Our Lady of Fatima | Brother Francis and Friends

Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of the three shepherd children from Fatima who saw visions of Mary, later to be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Learn about the courage and faith these children exhibited and how they were rewarded with an amazing miracle!

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News from the Knights of Columbus



May 13 General Meeting – election of officers –

following Holy Mass

May 16 Family Prayer – 7.00 May 18 Bingo – afternoon – 12.00

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

Options Pregnancy Center (Regina) Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

Administered by the Knights of Columbus No. 2031

Take a baby bottle home on Mother's Day, fill it with money or a cheque, and then return the bottle on Father's Day. Your gift will help equip their Center to care for the women, men and families affected by an unexpected pregnancy, and will provide financial support for additional health care services that they provide.



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is handpicked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



Every Nation, Race, People and Tongue

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality. The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but, from its beginning, it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism.

The next week, the entire city came to hear them. This angered many of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

We know that many Jewish Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement. (See Acts 15:1.) They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by "every nation, race, people, and tongue" (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected, because what really unites them is the "blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

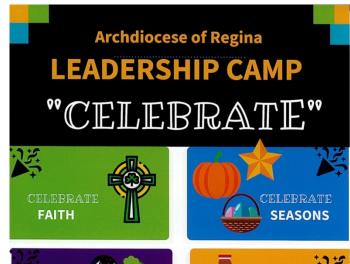
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STEWARDSHIP

Our Parish grows with your Ministry of Discipleship through Time, Talent and Treasure. If you are discerning to be involved in any of the areas of ministry, please contact:

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We would love to have you! Blessings!







CELEBRATE
Older Campers
Aug 10 @7pm Aug 13 @ 1pm
Those entering Gr. 10 - U



To register: bit.ly/oyyam-camp
COST: \$200 (sponsorship available)
Contact oyyam@archregina.sk.ca with any questions.



MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honour.

May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Amen.