



# St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

Established December 11, 1904

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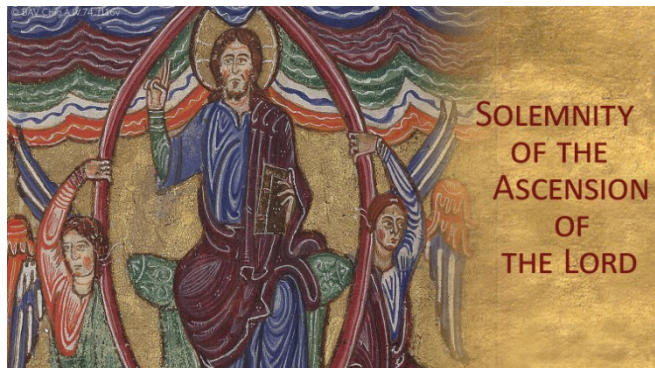
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St. Gerard Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota, and Métis peoples.

### ST. GERARD PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary Prayer
	6:30pm	All-choir Rehearsal (Jubilee Hymn)
Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> +Dan Wassill
		<i>Followed by Pastoral Council Mtg.</i>
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +George & +Loretta
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		<i>Followed by Pastoral Team Meeting</i>
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +Lewis Lozinski
	6:30pm	Confirmation Preparation
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8:00am</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	9:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> +Rev. Ken Greer



Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm	<b>Holy Mass</b> for the People (70 min.)
Sun. June 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	<b>Holy Mass</b> 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



Today we reflect on the significant role of the Holy Spirit in our faith journey. We can explore how the Holy Spirit guided the early Christians, continues to guide the Church, and assures us of God's constant presence. These insights help us understand the enduring impact of Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit and its relevance in our lives today.

**The Ever-Present Advocate** The Holy Spirit is the outpouring of God's perfect love, allowing the early Christians to encounter and experience this love. Jesus often spoke of the Father's love and taught His disciples how to live according to it. This love became present to the first Christians through the Holy Spirit. Despite facing persecution, they found peace and strength in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was this divine love that empowered them to continue Christ's mission.

The same Spirit that guided and empowered the early Christians is available to us today. By embracing the Holy Spirit, we can find peace and strength to continue Christ's mission in our own lives. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow God's love to work through us.

**The Guidance of the Holy Spirit** Today we reflect on how the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in the Gospel, guides the Church. In the first reading, we see the apostles making important decisions with the help of the Holy Spirit. This guidance was crucial in resolving issues and uniting the early Church. The Holy Spirit provided clarity and direction, helping the apostles stay true to Jesus' teachings.

The role of the Holy Spirit didn't end with the apostles. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, offering wisdom and support to leaders and believers alike. This presence helps the Church remain faithful to the mission of Christ, even in challenging times. The decisions made by the Church are influenced by the Holy Spirit, ensuring they align with God's will.

We are reminded to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in our own lives. By opening our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we can find the strength and wisdom needed to make good decisions. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us, just as it led the apostles, and continue to guide the Church in truth and unity.

**Embracing God's Presence Everywhere** Today we learn from the second reading that there is no need for a temple because God's presence is everywhere. This powerful message shows us that God is always with us, not confined to a specific place or building. It reassures us that we can experience God's presence in our daily lives, wherever we are.

Let us embrace this truth and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can live our lives with the assurance that God is guiding us every step of the way. This constant presence is a source of peace and strength, helping us to navigate life's challenges with faith and confidence.

As we reflect on the 6th Sunday of Easter Year C, we see how the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, plays a vital role in our faith. Whether guiding the early Church, offering wisdom today, or assuring us of God's constant presence, the Holy Spirit remains our Advocate. Let us embrace the Holy Spirit in our lives, finding peace, strength, and guidance in every step of our journey.

**Prayer** Holy Spirit, guide us and fill our hearts with your love. Help us to follow your will and stay true to Jesus' teachings. Be our comfort and strength in all we do. Amen. [www.young-catholics.com](http://www.young-catholics.com)



# SIGNS of GRACE™

**Confirmation**  
**The Second Sacrament of Initiation**  
**First Eucharist**  
**The Third Sacrament of Initiation**

Please pray for our children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist.

After completing thirteen sessions with their parents, the Celebration at Holy Mass will be Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (Pentecost Sunday)



**Our parish has a FORMED subscription.** Visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup) and search "Yorkton" and then select our parish. Enter your name and email, click the link sent to your email address, and then you are in! No passwords! No charge!

## Are you looking for a Confirmation or First Communion gift?

Stop by the Parish Office! There is a great selection of rosaries, necklaces, bracelets, crosses and much, much more! Mark this special occasion with a thoughtful gift! All items are sold just above cost as a service to our St. Gerard Parish Family. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$50.00!



## All Ladies of the Parish

are invited to the

## CWL BBQ Social

Wednesday, June 11  
Social Hall



Fellowship will begin at 4:30 with supper to follow at 5:30. If you plan to attend please sign-up on the sheets in the Welcome Area. There are also sign-up sheets for a salad and dessert potluck to accompany the BBQ meal.



## News from the Knights of Columbus



May 25

Parish Family Brunch  
Articles for "The Word" due  
Bingo – evening – 5.00

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664. More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)

Options Pregnancy Center (Regina)  
**Annual Baby Bottle Campaign**  
*Administered by the Knights of Columbus No. 2031*



2025 Baby Bottle Campaign  
Mother's Day to Father's Day

### How to participate:

- Pick up your bottle here at church to fill it with cash or a cheque.
- Donate with a credit card at: [www.reginapregnancy.com](http://www.reginapregnancy.com)
- Donate by etransfer to: [office@reginapregnancy.com](mailto:office@reginapregnancy.com)



If you have any questions call Options at 306.757.1371  
or come by our new Centre location  
at 690A Pasqua Street

May God bless you for your support of this ministry!



Today's gospel expands on a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging, and they want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed, but the ways we understand or practice our faith have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with two essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers has changed, and, at Mass, we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but there are some changes in theological understandings, too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways.

Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish, not Christian, practice. Dissension arose. But, the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

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## A PRAYER FOR BLESSINGS AND SHARING

Based on Psalm 67



God, be kind to us and guide us.  
Shine your light on us and show us the way.  
Help us see your blessings in our daily lives.  
Fill our hearts with your peace.

Let the whole world know your love.  
Help all people see your goodness.  
Teach us to share your message with others.  
May we bring hope to those around us.

You are fair and just in all things.  
We trust in your plan, even when life is hard.  
Help us to work for what is right.  
Make us instruments of your peace.

Bless the work we do each day.  
Bless our families, our friends,  
and those in need.  
Help us use our gifts to serve others.  
Let your love be seen in all we do.

May all people praise you, Lord.  
May every nation  
come to know your name.  
Help us to be your light in the world.  
We give thanks for your mercy and care.

Amen.



## Catholic Education Week, May 25 – June 1, 2025

Each year, Catholic Schools in Saskatchewan participate in a week-long celebration to remember, promote, and appreciate the gift of Catholic Education. In our province, this special week encompasses World Catholic Education Day which is always celebrated on Ascension Thursday – this year on May 29.

This year's theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, reminds us that we have been called to express God's love as people filled with hope, faith, mercy, a sense of justice, and joy. Through the sharing of prayer, scripture, and calls to action, all will be given the opportunity to experience the richness of our Catholic faith in their learning and celebrations.

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions to Catholic education provided by our students, staff, families, parishes, and the Board of Education as well as the impact of Catholic Education in our province. The week is marked by special activities such as prayer celebrations and service activities in Catholic schools across the province.

May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold... and especially this week, the blessing of Catholic Education.

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Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools invite all parishioners to celebrate Catholic Education Week during the week of May 25 to June 1, 2025.

In celebrating this year's theme, **Pilgrims of Hope**, our students and staff will focus on showing love as people of hope, faith, mercy, justice, and joy. Daily prayer, scripture sharing, and calls to action will encourage everyone to participate fully on their faith journey.

Please feel free to join in on special activities by contacting your local school to find out more.



# CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN



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May 20, 2025

## Catholic Education Week May 25-31, 2025

In joy and thanksgiving, we, the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, invite you to join us in recognizing the gift and the impact of Catholic education as we mark World Catholic Education Day on May 29, 2025, and celebrate Catholic Education Week in our province from May 25 to May 31.

This year's theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, is taken from the Jubilee Year of Hope that we are observing in 2025. It invites us to celebrate how Catholic Education is at service of hope in so many ways. As the recently deceased Pope Francis has stated, hope is a gift from God and a task for all Christians. It is a "...light in the night" as the world struggles with seeking truth, understanding, mutual respect, and true peace.

Five key themes will be explored in our schools this week to help us to understand how we can be pilgrims of hope through Catholic education.

On Monday, May 26, we celebrate the theme *Honouring Human Dignity*. Catholic schools teach and celebrate the value that each human person is precious to God and has inherent dignity. Many biblical passages affirm this. In John's Gospel, for example, Jesus teaches: "*Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life... I give you these commands so that you may love one another.*" (see John 15:12; 17)

On Tuesday, May 27, we reflect on *Caring for Creation*. Pope Francis often challenged the world about the urgent need to care for and steward God's gift of creation. His words are a reminder to Catholic educators that "... *protecting creation is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently theological, for it is the point where the mystery of humanity and the mystery of God intersect.*"<sup>1</sup> The Indigenous peoples of this land likewise teach that God, our Creator, establishes us in relationship with other peoples, but also with all creation. We are inspired by Pope Francis's call to honour this relationship: "*May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care.*"<sup>2</sup>

On Wednesday, May 28, we explore *Responding to the Poverties in Our World*. The ministry of Jesus Christ emphasizes the reality of poverty in our world, and the

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<sup>1</sup> See Pope Francis: "Care for creation is an ethical and theological issue" June 27, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, General Audience, April 22, 2015.

importance of compassion, care, and support towards those in need. Jesus' teachings and actions highlight the Kingdom of God as a place where all will be blessed – especially the poor: “*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.*” (see Luke 6:20). Encouraging reflection on the church's social doctrine, Pope Leo XIV recently emphasized, “Give voice to the poor, ... (as we) participate actively and creatively – together with the People of God, in this time of great social upheaval, through attentive listening and open dialogue to all.”<sup>3</sup>

On Thursday, May 29, we look at *Serving in Solidarity*. Pope Francis frequently emphasized the importance of living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, and particularly with the poor and marginalized. Solidarity is more than merely individual acts of kindness, but is a way of thinking and living that prioritizes the needs of the community over individual desires. Solidarity is a matter of charity that seeks compassion and justice. It often requires a shift in our own perspective.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, on Friday, May 30, we reflect on *Living as Peacemakers*. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that *peace* is not something passive, the mere absence of hostility and conflict, leaving tensions between peoples unaddressed. Rather, “peace is first and foremost an active and demanding gift. It engages and challenges each of us, regardless of our cultural background or religious affiliation, demanding, first of all, that we work on ourselves ... [to] eliminate pride and vindictiveness.” Peace seeks “the purification of the heart necessary for building peaceful relationships.... Working for peace requires acting justly.”<sup>5</sup>

As we celebrate this year's theme, Pilgrims of Hope, we emphasize that for people of faith, the virtue of hope is likewise not a passive issue. To be *pilgrims of hope* is to seek, encourage and foster a virtue that calls forth a vision and response – by Catholic educators, by members of the Church, by families, the larger community – that trusts in the redemption of all in our Lord Jesus Christ. The journey of Jesus Christ – through His life and ministry of teaching and service, through His passion and death on the cross, and through His resurrection to new life, which overcomes any obstacle between God and His people – provides the pattern for hope for Catholic education and formation.

In this sense, Catholic education seeks excellence: an excellence which involves developing and bringing to bear all young people's gifts and abilities. As our students grow as disciples of the Lord, they are inspired and equipped to humbly serve God's plan to make the world a better place and seek our ultimate destiny.

We join together in giving thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education and its unique contribution in our province and our communities. We pray in thanksgiving for the continuing existence and protection of publicly-funded Catholic education in Saskatchewan, and for hope and perseverance for educators, students and families.

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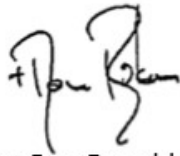
<sup>3</sup> Pope Leo to Centesimus Annus Foundation: May 15-17, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> See: Message of Pope Francis re: “Globalize solidarity and not indifference,” March 4, 2023; Message of Pope Francis for World Day of the Poor” We must uphold values of responsibility, solidarity.” June 14, 2022.

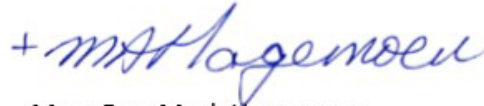
<sup>5</sup> See Address to the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, Friday May 16, 2025.

May Catholic education continue to model Christ: "... the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14:16) May it help all to develop the head and the heart so that we may "prepare [our] minds for action; discipline [ourselves]; set all [our] hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring to [us] when he is revealed." (see 1 Peter 1:13)

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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Most Rev. Donald Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina

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Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen  
Bishop of Saskatoon

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Most Rev. Stephen A. Hero  
Bishop of Prince Albert

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Most Rev. Michael Smolinski, CSsR  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon