



St. Gerard

Roman Catholic Parish

November 17th, 2024

Thirty-third 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

Mon. 18th

NO MASS

Tues. 19th

6:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm

Mass +Christopher Gray

7:30 pm

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wed. 20th

9:00 am

Mass Deceased Members of the

Poirier-Moen Family

followed by Divine Mercy Devotion

Mass at Nursing Home (South)

+Gabrielle Hamilton

10:00 am

7:00 pm

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Thurs. 21st

9:00 am

Mass +Wendell & +Evelyn Dreher

2:30 pm

Mass at Yorkton Crossing

+Donald Blazeiko

6:30 pm

First Reconciliation Preparation

Fri. 22nd

8:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am

Mass +Frank Halliday

Sat. 23rd

11:00 am

"Christmas in November" Fundraiser

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat. 23rd

5:00 pm

Mass for the People

Sun. 24th

9:00 am

Mass for the People

followed by Parish Family Brunch

11:00am

Mass for the People (incense will be used)

followed by Parish Family Brunch

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

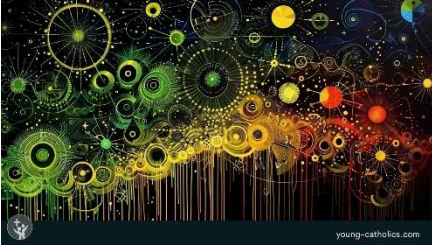
RCIA:

Please contact the Parish Office

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months
prior to the marriage date

YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B brings us readings that speak about the end times, judgment, and the hope we have in Jesus. These readings remind us to stay strong in our faith, trust in God's promises, and look forward to the resurrection and eternal life.

CHRIST'S SACRIFICE In Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, we learn about Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and then sat down at the right hand of God. His sacrifice made us holy, and there is no need for further offerings for sin.

This passage shows us the completeness of Jesus' sacrifice. He has done everything needed for our forgiveness. This should fill us with gratitude and give us confidence in our salvation.

Reflecting on this, we can see how much God loves us. Jesus' sacrifice was once and for all. We should live in a way that honours this gift, knowing that we are forgiven and made holy through Him.

HOPE IN TRIBULATION In the Gospel reading from Mark 13:24-32, Jesus speaks about the coming of the Son of Man during a time of great tribulation. He describes signs in the heavens and on earth, but He also assures us that His words will never pass away. This passage reminds us of the hope we have even in difficult times.

Jesus' words give us hope and strength. Even when things seem chaotic and uncertain, we know that He is in control. His promise to return gives us a future to look forward to.

Reflecting on this Gospel, we can find comfort in Jesus' words. We are reminded that no matter how hard things get, we have hope in His return. This should encourage us to keep our faith strong and trust in His promises.

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FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32 *Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.*

Many things in our lives and in our world are subject to change. Yet all of us find security in relationships and values that endure. Foremost among these are our family relationships. We can confidently accept change if we know that we will continue to be loved by our family and by God. We help impart this sense of trust and confidence in our children with our daily assurances to them that nothing can change our love for them.

As you gather as a family, look through several family photo albums. Observe and talk about things that have changed in your family life over the years. Talk also about the things that have stayed the same. We do not need to fear changes in our family life because we know that the most important aspects of our family life do not change, such as our love for one another. The same is true with God and God's love for us. Read today's Gospel, Mark 13:24-32. Jesus teaches us that things in our world will change and that the world itself will one day end. We don't need to be fearful because God's love for us will never end. Conclude in prayer together thanking God his never-ending love for us.

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Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 25, 2024

6pm-6:30pm	Cantors
6:30pm-7pm	Musicians & Cantors
7pm-8pm	Full Choir

(Please use south entrance)

Blessing of Advent Wreaths at each Mass the First Sunday of Advent (November 30/December 1)

Do you have a family Advent wreath that you would like blessed? Bring it to Mass the First Sunday of Advent!

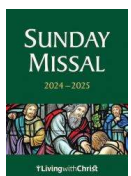
Contact the Parish Office to reserve a set of Advent candles and wreath that you may decorate at home and bring to be blessed the First Sunday of Advent. Limited supply. Cost: \$25.00



Advent Penitential Service

Thursday, December 12th @ 7pm

Several priests will be in attendance



The **2024-2025 Sunday Missals** are available in the Welcome Area until the middle of January. Quantities limited. A \$5.00 free-will offering is appreciated.

The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign Needs Volunteers!!!

St Gerard Parish has committed to help on Dec 18, from 10am-6pm at the following locations: Parkland Mall, Save On Foods, Real Canadian Superstore and Walmart.

We need volunteers to do **two-hour shifts** and are very much in **need** of new volunteers this year! The kettles are the Salvation Army's main fundraiser and funds that are received support all their initiatives for the year.

Please text/call Bernadette at 306-782-0109 or Jenny at 306-620-2848 to book your shift. Must be 16 years to man a kettle.



News from the CWL



Thank you to Rosemarie Todos and her crew and to all who supported the Christmas Pudding Fundraiser.

Thank you to Christine Shuya for her service as one of our Co-Presidents. We wish you all the best in your new home and community.

Christmas Potluck Social on Wed., Dec. 4 in the parish hall for CWL Members, Spouses/Significant others, and Widowers of Members who have passed. Social hour will begin at 4:30, supper at 5:30 with a program to follow. Sign-up sheets for attendance and potluck dishes are in the welcome area of the church.

Membership drive weekends on Nov. 23/24 and Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Fees will remain at \$35 for the year. Our local council subsidizes an additional \$7.50 per member, thanks to fundraising efforts and personal donations, to cover the yearly membership fees that are paid to the National council. Fees may be paid in cash, by cheque made out to St. Gerard CWL, or e-transfer to pell@sasktel.net. If your financial institution requires a security answer and question, please use What is this for? and CWLMembership.

Next general meeting is January 7, 2025



News from the Knights of Columbus



November 16	Exemplification-after Mass
November 24	Parish Family Brunch-after both Masses
November 25	Articles for "The Word" due
November 30	Put up Keep Christ in Christmas - 9.00
	Bingo-afternoon-12.00

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.



The Social Action Committee is thrilled to present once again, *The Giving Tree*! Beginning November 17, you'll find our tree in the Welcome Area, ready to bring holiday cheer to those most in need.

We invite you to select a tag—or several—and shop for the listed items. When returning your unwrapped gifts, please attach the tag and feel free to use one of our gift bags for an extra touch. Your kindness will bring joy and hope to others this Christmas. Thank you for being a beacon of light in our community this holiday season!



Parish Goal:	\$44,216
Raised to date:	\$ 2,885



Bringing Home
the Word **+**

"In Those Days..."

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the "birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end, there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we emerge as new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

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Arnold Bucsis
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Social Action is a collective effort to create positive change in our community by helping address issues like inequality, poverty, or injustice. It involves activities such as advocacy, community organizing, and volunteer work to empower individuals and improve communities. If you are interested to be part of this committee, please reach out to Jenny at 306-620-2848.

Christmas in November Update

Preparations are well underway for our 3rd annual "Christmas in November" Raffle and Bake Sale. Raffle tickets are available for sale before and after each Mass. If you have not picked up a book of tickets, please take one to sell to friends and neighbours. The deadline to return all tickets, sold and unsold, is 4pm Thursday November 21st at the Parish Office.

Bakers and cookie makers, the drop off for your cakes, squares and cookies is Thursday Nov. 21 and Friday Nov. 22 starting at 9 AM and ending at 5PM. For bakers of fresh buns, rolls and breads you can drop these items off at the Parish Hall on Friday Nov. 22 between 9 AM and 1 PM. Please remember to include a list of ingredients used in your baking in case of allergies or other food sensitivities. Assembly of items for sale begins on Friday Nov 22 at 11 AM. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in tray preparation or in the kitchen. Any help is greatly appreciated.

The Raffle and Bake Sale begins Saturday November 23rd at 11 AM.

~Submitted by Mark Bell,
Christmas in November Committee Chairperson

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

This prayer to St. Michael is particularly powerful in moments of temptation or personal strife, offering peace and strength. It speaks directly to the young and the old alike, reminding us of the perpetual conflict between good and evil that rages both around and within us. Through this prayer, we are called to stand firm against the trials and temptations that confront us, armed with faith and fortified by the example of St. Michael the Archangel.



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle; be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.