

September 10th, 2023 | The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Gerard Parish

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Parish office hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday & Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mass Times

Weekdays: 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office, or speak with Fr. Janusz directly to schedule a time.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office, or use the emergency number on our website.

Communion for the Sick: Everyone willing to take communion to family members who are homebound or sick, please contact the parish office.

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We are accepting registrations for our 2023 – 2024 catechism program and sacrament

preparation programs! Catechism and sacrament preparation classes allow children to have fun learning about God, praying, serving and developing their own spirituality at their cognitive levels.

If you would like to register your child, registration forms are available in the lobby, on our parish website or by emailing the parish office. Completed registration forms can be dropped off at the parish office. Classes begin next Saturday, September 16th!

Back to School - As we enter into a new school year, please take a moment to pray for the teachers and staff members of St. Gerard School, and all Manitoba schools, that they will be blessed with a year of growth in knowledge and goodness!

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for September 2023 -

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on

the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
Sept. 9 th	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Isidro Guerrara – Lyn Carriere
Sept. 10 th	9:00 a.m.	Dec. Teofilo Villavicencio – Villavicencio family
	10:30 a.m.	Marg Savage - Jeannette
	12:00 p.m.	Margaret Tebinka
Sept. 11 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Rudy & Nada Poklar
Sept. 12 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Katarina Stegne
Sept. 13 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 14 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Joshua Paculaba
Sept. 15 th	7:00 p.m.	To honour the Blessed Virgin – Du family
Sept. 16 th	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Joshua Paculaba – his family
Sept. 17 th	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Henry Gaspi & Montano Pecundo – Francisco family
Sept. 18 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. John Sutlic
Sept. 19 th	7:00 p.m.	Kenneth & Makalia Du, writing exams – Du family
Sept. 20 th	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Blanche Khaylil dela Cuesta – Beverly Panganiban
Sept. 21 st	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Rene Espinoza – Espinoza family
Sept. 22 nd	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Jose Du Sr. – Du family
Sept. 23 rd	5:00 p.m.	Dec. John Paul Marleau & Lutz Joachim – Michele Labossiere
Sept. 24 th	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Rustico Almario & Soledad Basilio – Noel & Maria Basilio

Weekend Collections			
Aug. 12th & 13th Envelopes: \$1,393.00 Loose: \$290.25 Windows: \$195.00 <hr/> Total: \$1,878.25	Aug. 19th & 20th Envelopes: \$1,499.80 Loose: \$251.00 Windows: \$45.00 <hr/> Total: \$1,795.80	Aug. 26th & 27th Envelopes: \$1,549.00 Loose: \$239.75 Windows: \$25.00 <hr/> Total: \$1,813.75	Sept. 2nd & 3rd Envelopes: \$1,793.00 Loose: \$160.50 Windows: \$235.00 <hr/> Total: \$2,188.50

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Not sure what to watch? Try the FORMED Pick of the Week for September 10th, *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows* by Kimberly Hahn. In this presentation, speaker and author Kimberly Hahn reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

Or try the Pick of the Week for September 17th, *The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino*. This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood.

We are in the Liturgical season of Ordinary Time! This season calls us to order and to everyday holiness. Ordinary Time is a season filled with feasts, solemnities and days of prayer which allow us to enter deeper into our own spirituality, and to notice the extraordinary moments in our lives, including:

- Tuesday, September 12th – the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday, September 13th – the Feast of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday, September 14th – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday, September 15th – the Feast of our Lady of Sorrows
- Monday, September 18th – the Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino
- Thursday, September 21st – the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

We look forward to celebrating these days and more with you!

...World Youth Day 2023...

My name Mithila Gina Mondol I had recently gone to the world youth day 2023 to Lisbon, Portugal and Spain. I am here to share my experience. As a youth living in the small reality of today where there are not as many youths going to church regularly. Not having a relationship with God which can motivate me or any youth in this period of time to not continue with church because of the lack of youths. This experience has shown me that there are still many youths who are still present today, who have a great close relationship with God, who are willing to let God transform their lives. Being in the presence of many youths who share the same faith encourages me to keep a strong bond with my father in heaven. Hearing their struggles makes me realize I am not the only one who is struggling.

I am a Youth of Neocatechumenal Way, part of the first community in St Alphonsus who is also a parishioner at St Gerard. Through the pilgrimage I had a close encounter with God. He has touched me in various ways, showing me there is a project he wants to do with my life. He wants me to let him drive through the highway of my life and wants me to sit back and relax. After all, he is my father. He wants the best for me and he knows the best for me. God gave me the wisdom to realize there was a particular reason why I was seated in the plane headed to Spain then Portugal. I had many questions going into the pilgrimage, why was I going to this pilgrimage? What does God want to tell me? What are his plans for me? Why me?

There were approximately 200 youths in the Neocatechumenal way present there along with, Priests, catechists, samenerians, and later joined by bishop Hector. We visited the history of Carmen's childhood life. Carmen is one of the founders of The Way. We were told to open the gospel at random to see what will be the gospel that will lead us in this historical encounter with Christ in our lives. My gospel is where I realized that God wants to transform my life to do something much greater than what I can ever imagine, he wants me to trust in him.

We had also visited Fátima in Lisbon, and eventually gone where Pope Francis was going to give the Eucharist. I was able to see him close while he was going past everyone. There were about 2.5 million people which made me see there are so many people who share the same faith as me which had motivated me even more to keep getting closer and closer to God to let him take over so I can sit back and watch as he guides me through my life.

I am very thankful to everyone who had helped me, prayed for me, all my well wishers and very thankful to God that he had given me this opportunity to have this glorious encounter with him. Thank you to each and everyone who has helped me to get through this pilgrimage.

