

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



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**Fr. Peter's office hours:** Tuesday - Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Parish office hours:** Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### Mass Times

**Tuesday - Friday:** 6:30 p.m.

**Saturdays:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### Sacraments & Other Ministries

**Confession:** Contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Peter to schedule a time. Regular times are a half hour before each weekday Mass, Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 p.m. and First Fridays during Adoration from 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**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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**St. Gerard Parish Prayer:** Heavenly Father,  
we thank You for allowing us to find a home in  
the parish of Saint Gerard.

Here, we hope to love, to share, and to renew our  
lives in You.

Please send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we  
discern the path that will draw us closer to You.

Help us to cherish and appreciate our brothers  
and sisters, offering our gifts and talents when  
needed, praying for one another, caring for the  
sick and the needy, and welcoming the stranger  
and outcast.

Help us to take responsibility for the life of our  
parish and to work for the holiness of all its  
members.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord, and through the intercession of  
Saint Gerard, our Patron Saint.  
Amen.

**Nonperishable Food Donations:** Thank you to  
everyone who contributed nonperishable food  
donations to support Harvest Manitoba during

Lent. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 570 pounds of food for those who are facing food insecurity.

**Parish Directory Update:** Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for our church photo directory.  
We truly appreciate your participation. If you have not yet registered, we encourage you to reserve your spot  
as soon as possible.

We are also offering advertising space in the directory for businesses and individuals. This is a great  
opportunity to promote your services while supporting the work and ministry of St. Gerard Parish. The  
directory will be distributed to all parishioners and used throughout the year, giving your advertisement  
ongoing visibility. Advertising rates are \$100 for a business card size, \$150 for a quarter page, \$250 for a half  
page, and \$500 for a full page. The deadline to submit advertisements is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sign-up sheets for photo sessions and advertising forms are available in the narthex. For more information or  
to reserve ad space, please contact the parish office.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention / Requested by</u>
May 16	5:00 p.m.	Maria † & David Noguera † / Espinoza family
May 17	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Joshua Paculaba †
May 19	6:30 p.m.	Msgr. Roger Bazin †
May 20	6:30 p.m.	Fr. David Brabant †
May 21	6:30 p.m.	Mass
May 22	6:30 p.m.	Mass
May 23	5:00 p.m.	Norma Cruz † / Cruz family
May 24	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Successful eye surgery for Dolores Matthews / St. Gerard Ladies Group Needs & intentions of all parishioners Confirmation Mass
May 26	6:30 p.m.	Msgr. Roger Bazin †
May 27	6:30 p.m.	Fr. David Brabant †
May 28	6:30 p.m.	Mass
May 29	6:30 p.m.	Mass
May 30	5:00 p.m.	Ted Ziemski † / Christina
May 31	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Thanksgiving / Fr. Peter

## Our Collection

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
Offertory Envelopes: \$2,290.00  
Loose collection: \$451.00  

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\$2,741.00

**May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Offertory Envelopes: \$1,915.00  
Loose collection: \$642.00  

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\$2,557.00

**Help Us Improve Parish Offertory Processing:** Parishioners are encouraged to use regular church offertory envelopes whenever possible. When visitor envelopes are used, the name must be written clearly on each envelope. Regular parish envelopes already contain a number linked to parishioner information in the parish database, which helps save time and ensures donations are recorded accurately. Anyone wishing to receive a box of parish offertory envelopes is invited to call or email the parish office. A box of offertory envelopes can then be prepared and issued to you.

Our volunteer collection counters also ask that the amount of each donation be written on the outside of the envelope, as this greatly assists with accurate and efficient counting. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of our parish.

**Our Celebration of Confirmation:** Please pray for the young people of our parish who will be confirmed on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. This is a joyful moment in the life of our parish as our young people are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us come together as a community to celebrate this moment in their spiritual journey.

**Summer Chapel Schedule:** Out at the lake or camping this summer? The 2026 Archdiocesan Mass schedule for cottage country and camping areas is now available. In the absence of a priest, the local community gathers for a Liturgy of the Word. To learn more about the summer chapels and their schedules, please visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca).

**May is the Month of Mary:** May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. It is a time to honour her unique role in salvation history and her example of faithful discipleship. Throughout the month, we are encouraged to grow closer to our Blessed Mother through devotions such as the Rosary and by reflecting on her humility, obedience and love. May we seek her intercession and follow her example in drawing nearer to Christ.

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers were generously sponsored  
in remembrance of Pat Slobidnyk on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful for this meaningful offering, which helps enrich the beauty and solemnity of our  
Sunday celebrations. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire parish community.

**Parish Barbeque:** The St. Gerard Ladies Group invites everyone to a barbecue on May 24<sup>th</sup>, following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Hot dogs, chips and a drink will be available for \$6. All are welcome to come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Thank you for your support.

**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for May 2026:** That everyone might have food - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**A Movement of Solidarity:** Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. It champions women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Development and Peace's transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of its members and Canadians who stand with them. Join the movement of over 13,000 members and help bring its campaigns to life in your community. Visit [devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus).

**Archdiocesan Fertility Health Awareness Seminar (Spring 2026):** Calling anyone interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning. Learn about the various methods of N.F.P. and how they can benefit your fertility and your marriage. The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is pleased to offer the Fertility Health Awareness Seminar free of charge at St. Boniface Cathedral on May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics include Serena, NaPro & Creighton, FEMM and Couple to Couple League methods. Registration is required. The deadline to register is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. To learn more, contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface - Marie: [mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca); 204-594-0274 OR Nadine: [mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca); 204-594-0295. You can also visit the "Marriage, Family and Life" tab of the Archdiocesan website.

**An Evening with His Grace, Archbishop LeGatt:** All are invited for an evening with His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (accessible only by stairs), hosted by the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Ladies Group.

Archbishop LeGatt will speak on "Women in the Catholic Church in 2026", reflecting on the Synod of Synodality, the challenges women face, and their vital contributions to the Church today. Attendees are invited to bring a new baby item to support Villa Rosa. Coffee and tea will be served; you are welcome to bring a sweet treat to share.