



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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Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Larry Partap, Grace Picur, Maria Pinto and Ray & Kay Rainka.

Fr. Janusz will be away on June 20th & 21st. Masses will be cancelled on those dates.

Change in Office Hours: On Thursday, June 30th the office will be open from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, July 1st.

Our next special collection for phase one of our Window Project will take place on July 2nd & 3rd. Special collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you in advanced for your generous support, we look forward to completing the work on this portion of our project!

Thank you to everyone who attended our family barbeque fundraiser on Sunday, June 12th! Together we were able to raise \$1,000.00 towards phase one of our window project! Thank you to our Ladies Group, the Knights of Columbus and all who volunteered their time and talents to make our fundraiser such a success!

Thank you to Ruby Pyrz, who for the last year has dedicated herself to preparing the young people of our parish to receive the Sacraments. Ruby has travelled to Ireland where she will be marrying her fiancé, Adam, in August. Please remember to keep Ruby and Adam in your prayers as they take this next step on their journey together!

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
June 18 th	5:00 p.m.	Grandfather Alex Abaunza & Uncle Alex Abaunza - Espinoza family
June 19 th	9:00 a.m.	Deceased friends and family members - Lisa & Mbusa Sikiminywa
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Rosendo & Felimon Franco and William Picur - Jim & Grace
	12:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
June 22 nd	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Katherine & Nicholas Buhay - Sylvia Chorney
June 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Mary Lawrence
June 24 th	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Lisa, Michelle & their families - their parents
	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Olivia Vargas - Espinoza family
	9:00 a.m.	Blessings for Ruby & Adam
June 26 th	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Maria Audelina Portillo - family
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Mary Lawrence - Francisco family
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving for Lisa, Michelle & their families - their parents
June 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Mary Lawrence - Monica Brechka & Faye Danku
	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Maria Audelina Portillo - family
June 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Maria Audelina Portillo - family
	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Maria Audelina Portillo - family
July 1 st	6:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Laurent Carriere - Lyn
July 2 nd	5:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
July 3 rd	9:00 a.m.	Blessings for Jackie & Rob Pyrz
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Laurent Carriere - Lyn
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Don Matthews - Francisco family

<u>Weekend Collections</u>	
June 4th & 5th Envelopes: \$1,190.00 Loose: \$45.00 Window Project: \$118.50	June 11th & 12th Envelopes: \$1,948.50 Loose: \$105.00 Window Project: \$127.95
June Direct Deposits: \$650.00	

Please extend your thoughts and prayers to the family of Mary Lawrence, who passed away on Monday, June 6th. A funeral was celebrated in our church on Tuesday, June 14th.

Please join us in congratulating all those from our parish who received their First Communion on Sunday, May 29th and those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 27th! May God’s loving presence sustain them throughout their lives and may the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and kindle in them the fire of God’s love.



A message from our new Sacramental Preparation Coordinator:

“Hello! My name is Alexia Flores. I am excited to be leading the Sacramental Preparation at St. Gerard this year. I can't wait to meet all the wonderful families in this Parish and walk with the parents and the candidates in their spiritual milestones.

I am originally from El Salvador but moved to Canada in 2015. I am fluent in Spanish and English. I grew in trust of God through the move and encountered his personal love at a Catholic retreat a few months after. Since then, I have chosen to live my life for Christ! After high school I was a missionary with NET Canada, worked at two Catholic Churches and I am currently studying Graphic Design to meet my

passion for Evangelization with dynamic communication skills. I have moved to Winnipeg to live in the same city as my fiancé. We will be getting married in October! I hope we are able to meet soon!”

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform filled with thousands of Catholic movies, shows, audio programs and books. You can enjoy FORMED for free on your computer or smart device. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, scan the QR code or go to <https://signup.formed.org/>. Not sure what to watch? Try the FORMED Pick of the Week for June 19th: *Baptism in the Holy Spirit & Fire*. Or the Pick of the Week for June 26th: *Lectio: Peter: Episode 1: Put Out Into the Deep*.



The Church calls the Eucharist the source and summit of Christian Life. It is therefore important for us to understand the basics about receiving this Sacrament when we attend Mass.

As the communicant in front of you receives Holy Communion, you are to make a sign of reverence. In Canada, we express our reverence with a simple bow of the head as we approach the minister to receive Holy Communion.

The priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of the Holy Communion then lifts the consecrated host, shows it to the communicant and says "The Body of Christ". The communicant replies "Amen". When we say, "Amen" we are saying yes, we believe that this truly is the Body of Christ. Yes, we are members of the Body of Christ. Yes, we will take Jesus into our hearts.

In Canada, the consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. If one receives on the hand, please try to keep still until the minister of the Sacrament has placed the host in your hand and removed their hand. Your hands should be free and not holding anything else as you receive Holy Communion. It is inappropriate to reach for or grab the host.

If one receives on the tongue, the communicant approaches the minister who lifts the host and shows it to the communicant and says "The Body of Christ." The communicant replies "Amen," opens their mouth and gently extends their tongue. Please be sure to hold still until after the host is placed on your tongue and the minister has removed their hand.

Once you have received the host, take one step to the side, consume the host and then reverently move on. Do not take the host and move on before consuming it.

If you are approaching to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest, reverently bow, receive the blessing and move on.

Review these rules often to properly prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament of the Most Holy Communion. By example, your behaviour and conversations at home can assist our parish community to grow in holiness.