

January 30, 2022

**Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.**  
*1 Cor 13:4-7*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Check out Fr. Ignatius' Message:**

Presentation of the Lord - See page 2-3

**2021 Financial Statement (Ending December 31, 2021):** See page 4-5.

**Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)**

Join the community in reading the Scripture, prayer and reflection using link below.

[All Bible in a Year Episodes - Ascension Press Media](#)

### MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am  
Saturdays 5:00 pm  
Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 am

### PARISH TEAM

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:  
9 am to 12 pm (noon)  
Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)  
Afternoons **by appointment only:**  
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm  
Closed Holidays

**Deadline for Parish Newsletter**  
Wednesday at 4:00 pm

## Presentation of the Lord

Dear Friends

Have you ever wondered how things might have been different if Jesus had been born in our present time? If He had grown up in Calgary instead of Bethlehem and had carried out His ministry in this region instead of in ancient Israel? Would things have been different for Him had He walked among us here today? Would we have accepted Him more readily and understood Him any better?

I've often wondered about that. What would it be like!

I've heard it said that Jesus would have been invisible in our day and we would simply pass Him by, but I doubt that. In fact, I'm sure we would not. It is not easy to ignore a powerful personality and Jesus was the most powerful personality who ever lived!

It would be wonderful to think that we would welcome Him with open arms and that He would be loved and honored everywhere He went. But I doubt that too. I suspect the overall response to Him today would be about the same as it was back then. A few people would really trust Him and truly follow Him but most would turn against Him for the same reasons they turned against Him back then.

First, there were some who opposed him for economic reasons. Jesus had two basic attitudes regarding money: one, that it could be useful; and two, that it could be dangerous. Jesus believed the purpose of material possessions was to help other people live better lives. When they served that purpose, He approved them. When they failed to serve that purpose, he denounced them and so he was opposed by greedy people who used money to make their own lives luxurious and cared little or nothing about the basic needs of other people.

Second, He was opposed by some for political reasons. Jesus never held an office or supported any particular candidate. But His way of living and teaching were a threat to the established order. And politicians get greatly concerned about that kind of thing. Jesus believed that all social institutions existed for the benefit of the people and not the other way around.

Finally, there were those who opposed Him for religious reasons. These people were known as Pharisees and they were deeply religious people. Jesus, of course, was also deeply religious. But his religion and their religion were in a state of constant conflict because they came at it from two different directions. The Pharisees were primarily concerned with rules and rituals while Jesus was primarily concerned about people. Those two different approaches produced a lot of conflict!

If Jesus had been born in our present time, would we treat Him any differently? When we stop to think about it, the same opposition to Jesus is still here today both around us and within us. Our society today can be every bit as greedy and corrupt as it was in Jesus' time. We too can become angry and cruel when someone disturbs our comfortable religion and lifestyle with radical ideas of righteousness and love.

Dear God, have we not learned anything in all this time???

Fr. Ignatius Tran

## 2021 Financial Statement (Ending December 31, 2021):

<b>St Gerard Income and Expense Statement For the 12 Month Period Ending Dec 31, 2021</b>			
<b>Operating Income and Expense</b> (Note (1))	<b>2022 (Budget)</b> (3)	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>
Total Revenue	\$ 386,000	\$ 406,321	\$ 411,137
Expenses			
Salaries	\$ 157,200	\$ 157,594	\$ 284,446
Diocesan Support	\$ 55,985	\$ 48,984	\$ 16,770
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$ 84,020</b>	<b>\$ 71,248</b>	<b>\$ 62,013</b>
Administration	\$ 25,480	\$ 24,629	\$ 41,310
Programs	\$ 14,500	\$ 9,656	\$ 13,907
Total Expenses	\$ 337,185	\$ 312,111	\$ 418,446
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 48,815.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,210.00</b>	<b>(-\$7,309)</b>
<b>Charities Collected For</b> (Note (2))			
Together in Action * Note 4		\$ 27,129	\$ 24,295
Mission Mexico		\$ 8,197	\$ 15,662
St Vincent de Paul		\$ 46,043	\$ 48,494
Other		\$ 2,401	\$ 1,150
Total		\$ 83,770	\$ 89,601
<b>Non Financial Statistics</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Baptisms	28	14	29
Funerals	24	22	15
Confirmations	8	18	26
Marriages	1	1	4
First Communion	23	16	30
Profession of faith	Nil	Nil	3
21-Jan-21			
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### Notes to Financial Statement:

**1. Operating Income and Expense** - Refers to the regular collection of donations and the costs associated with the operation of the church and its facilities on a cash basis.

Highlights for fiscal 2021 with comparative to fiscal 2020:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total <b>Personal</b> Giving	\$361,564	\$384,445	(\$22,881)
Electronic Donations	\$139,471 (39%)	\$116,654 (30%)	\$22,817
General Expenses	\$312,111	\$418,446	(\$106,335)
Transfer to Central Savings	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000
CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)	\$38,434	\$23,811	\$14,623

Overall personal giving declined a nominal 6% or \$22,881 in fiscal 2021, however the parish benefited from strong expense controls, primarily in the area of Salaries and Administration to record a surplus for the year of \$94,210. Accordingly, a decision was made in late November 2021 to transfer \$50,000 to the Diocesan Central Savings fund to be held at credit for St Gerard's. These funds are set aside for emergencies, building repairs and maintenance etc.

Of further note is the \$139,471 or **39% of all personal giving was conducted through electronic channels**. Parishioners are encouraged to donate electronically, if at all possible, to reduce manual processing and improve efficiency. **Details on electronic giving may be obtained on the parish's website: [www.stgerards.ca](http://www.stgerards.ca) or by calling the office at (403) 253-2251.**

**2. Charities Collected For** - Represents funds that St Gerard's collects on behalf of other charities and remits directly. These amounts are not included in the parish's operating income and expenses as well as the Budget.

**3. The Budget**- For fiscal 2022, at the direction of the Calgary Diocese, revenues were budgeted at 70% of the most recent three-year averages. In addition to the budgeted revenue and expenses as noted herein, the parish has also budgeted \$25,500 for capital expenditures including lighting upgrades, painting, flooring, and contingency.

**4. TIA** - The parish Goal for 2022 has been established at \$36,194.

**General** - Due to the generous response of parishioners to the financial needs of St Gerard's, conjunctive with expense reductions in all controllable areas, the parishes surplus discretionary cash position as at Dec 31, 2021, was recorded at **\$173,011, inclusive of \$50,000., transferred to the Diocesan savings account at credit of St. Gerard's**. Further, with the realignment of parish operations, most notably in staff cost reductions, the parish is again projecting a net operational surplus for fiscal 2022. The ongoing support of all parishioners remains vital to ensuring the continued success of St Gerard's in maintaining and growing all aspects of service to the parish community.

On behalf of Father Ignatius, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who have stepped forward to sustain the parish and its faithful in 2021. We continue to pray to our patron, St Gerard Majella, for his continued intercessions and blessings upon our parish!

## **St. Gerard's 2022 TIA Goal - \$36,194**

### **Our Weekly Financial Pulse 2022:**

**Collections Last Week** - \$5,978.71

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

**Weekly Break Even** - \$6,914.00

(= Budgeted Expenses - \$337,185 plus TIA target of \$36,194 / 54 weeks)

**SHORT - \$935.29**

## Parish Mission:



# Great News!

*Save the Date*

Fr. Cristino Bouvette will lead our Parish Mission on March 20 - 21.

He will be preaching at all March 19 / 20 weekend masses  
He will lead the Parish Mission: March 20 and 21 at 7:00 pm

## Sacramental Preparation



**FIRST EUCHARIST:** For the complete First Eucharist schedule of date visit our website at [www.stgerards.ca](http://www.stgerards.ca)

First Session starts **February 5 at 3:00 pm.**

(In-person and via zoom, invitation to be sent closer to date)

## CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

Session starts **February 13, 2022 at 1:00 pm**

(In-person and via zoom, invitation to be sent closer to date)

Introducing our Confirmation candidates to the community:

Parent's/ candidates, please drop off a 4x6 photo of the candidate at the parish office. Please label photo with your child's name. Parishioners are asked to keep the confirmation candidates in their prayers.



## Little Rock Scripture Study – “Women in the New Testament”

***St. Gerard's Little Rock Scripture Study begins the week of February 15, 2022.***

The study sessions consist of introductory session and 7 lessons.

From Liturgical press ... *“This study of New Testament women engages with women across a variety of connections to Jesus and the apostles and studies them accordingly.*

*Participants will encounter the strengths and needs of these women, but also how being a woman in the holy land during the time of Jesus and the apostles shaped many of the challenges they faced in responding to Jesus. Participants will enter into discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity”*

Study sessions will continue to run using ZOOM as COVID infections remain a concern, participants will meet once a week from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

Interested participants are advised to pick up their materials at the parish office. A free will offering is appreciated to cover the cost of materials. Come join us and meet the Women in the New Testament.



## 2022 Envelopes

Available for pick up at the parish office.

## Giving / Donations

Yellow envelopes now available in the pews for donations towards our ALTAR flowers. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Donations can be made via **E-transfer to [frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca)**;

Are you new or

**Has your information changed?** Do you give direct donation, and your credit card number has changed? Does your credit cards expiry date need to be updated?  
**Contact the office at 403-253-2251.**

## Devotion Books (visit the gathering area)

<b>Sunday Missals</b>	\$5.00 each or two for \$8.00
<b>Sunday Missal for Young Catholics</b>	\$8.00 each
<b>Living Faith (Jan-Feb-Mar)</b>	\$3.00 each

Cash or E-transfers accepted at [frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca)

## Open Ministry Appeal

Thank you to those who picked up a Stewardship form. Additional copies can be found at Hospitality desk. Please return filled out form with the ushers or drop off at the parish office mail slot or in-person. We are currently in need of parish members to participate in the following ministries:

### Altar Servers Needed!

Assist Father Ignatius in the celebration of the liturgy during the mass. All children who have completed First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are welcome to train as servers. An information session will be held on **Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7 PM**. If you have children who are interested, *please contact the office to register.*

### Parish Mission Team

This team works with parish admin to deliver a parish mission during Lent. This team is active a few weeks before and during lent. *Please contact the office for more details.*

Share your  
**TIME  
TALENT  
TREASURE**



What will you  
give back to  
God from the  
blessing you  
have received?

ST. GERARD'S PARISH  
**Stewardship**

### Mission Mexico

St. Gerard's is a parish of strong participation in Mission Mexico. We need help to coordinate with the diocese and lead the parish in this important outreach program.

*Please contact the office for more details.*

### Ushers

Do you enjoy meeting new people and welcoming our brothers and sisters in Christ? This team is actively looking for people to assist us in our weekend masses.

*Please contact the office for more details.*

### Sacristans

Assist Fr. Ignatius "behind- the- scenes" to make his job less stressful. This is an essential service to care for liturgical books, the vestments, and other things necessary in the celebration of the mass.

*Please contact the office for more details.*

## Assisted Listening

Do you have problems with hearing the mass when at church? St. Gerard's has **Assisted Listening Devices** which can help make your experience more enjoyable. For more information, please visit the YouTube link below.

<https://youtu.be/ahT0A6QLV0I>



## Donate your Christmas Cards

The Mission Council asks that you consider putting aside your used and unused greeting cards for donation to our card-making program which supports overseas missions. Please drop off at the Hospitality desk. Thank you for your support.

## Prayer Life

- ❖ For all the Indigenous Peoples who experience unspeakable difficulties and hardships, may they receive healing through the public recognition of their sufferings and pave the way for justice, truth, and solidarity; let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For nations experiencing unrest especially for Ukraine and Russia, may the path of justice pave the way to peace and security; let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For the Diocesan phase of the Synod taking place these weeks of January at the Pastoral Zones, that the Holy Spirit may fill the hearts and minds of participants and that the spirit of listening may pave the way to healing and unity as God's people; let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For religious and consecrated women and men, in recognizing their mission and their courage, that guided by the Holy Spirit, they may continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times; let us pray to the Lord.

## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Inspired by the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Church celebrates on the same day those who have consecrated themselves to the Lord with World Day of Consecrated Life.

- ❖ **World Day Prayer for Consecrated Life Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop McGrattan at St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 5 pm.

## Mass Intentions – February 2022

Tuesday, Feb. 1	Nicola Marcoffio	RIP
Wednesday, Feb. 2	Domenico Marcoffio	RIP
Thursday, Feb. 3	Rozi and Mary Zorko	SI
Thursday, Feb. 3 @ 10:15 am	Diana Fernandes and Roy Mendes	RIP
Friday, Feb. 4	Ab Smith	SI
Saturday, Feb. 5	Madge Doshen	RIP
Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 9:00 am	Mary Genevieve Payne	RIP
Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 11:00 am	Jean O’Hanley	SI

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary to all February lovebirds including:  
**John and Blanche Crerar - 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 2, 2022**

Happy Birthday to all February celebrants including:  
**Lourdes Abuan on February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**John Crerar on February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mary Ann Abuan-Fanella, Jun Abuan on February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Do you know anyone who has a Wedding Anniversary or Birthday in February 2022? Let the parish office know and let’s celebrate with you.



St. Gerard’s is grateful for the PPE’s donated by Alberta Government through Fiesta Filipino organization.

Also, we would like to acknowledge Grand and Toy through the assistance of Wesley Raymundo who donated disinfectant wipes to our parish.

*Thank you for keeping our community safe.*

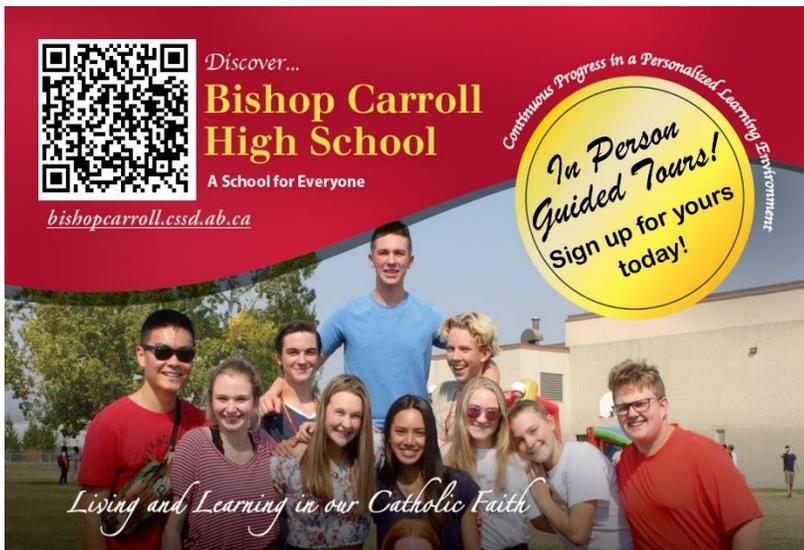
## Calgary Catholic Education Foundation 2022 Cash Raffle

### CCEF 2022 CASH Raffle with 50/50 Add-On

The next **EARLY BIRD** draw for \$2500 is **February 11, 2022**. Get your tickets today and show support to Catholic students in Calgary and the surrounding area. The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation is the only charitable foundation that exclusively supports the 117 schools and over 57,000 students in the Calgary Catholic School District. Purchase your tickets today to be entered to win the Grand Prizes! <https://bit.ly/22Raffle>



## Bishop Carroll Guided Tours, Information and Registration:



Is your child interested in exploring high caliber fine arts experiences?

Would your child benefit from participating in all aspects of their high school experience?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these questions please use either of the links below to join us for a guided tour during the week of February 7-11, 2022."

<https://shorturl.at/yLR89> or

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeOiG2LAUCjYodRlmt\\_Vt3eZFQjRdBnT8CuHahKWeSywlyw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeOiG2LAUCjYodRlmt_Vt3eZFQjRdBnT8CuHahKWeSywlyw/viewform)

## KID Bulletin INSERT – 4th Sunday in Ordinary time

- [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)