

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

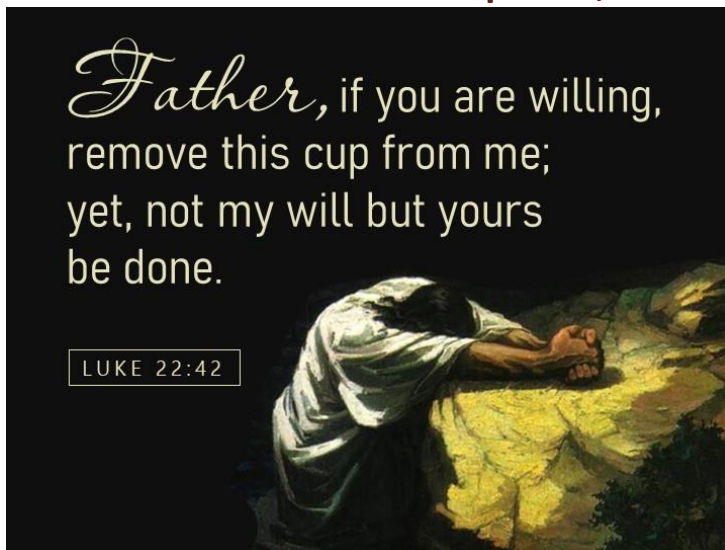
Newsletter

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April 10, 2022



Palm Sunday

Check out Fr. Ignatius' Message:

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Office Hours for Holy Week

Closed noon **April 14, 2022.**

Closed **April 18, 2022.**

Returning to normal office hours **April 19, 2022.**

Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Congratulations! We are on Day 99. Please download your daily readings from *Ascension Press*.

[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:**

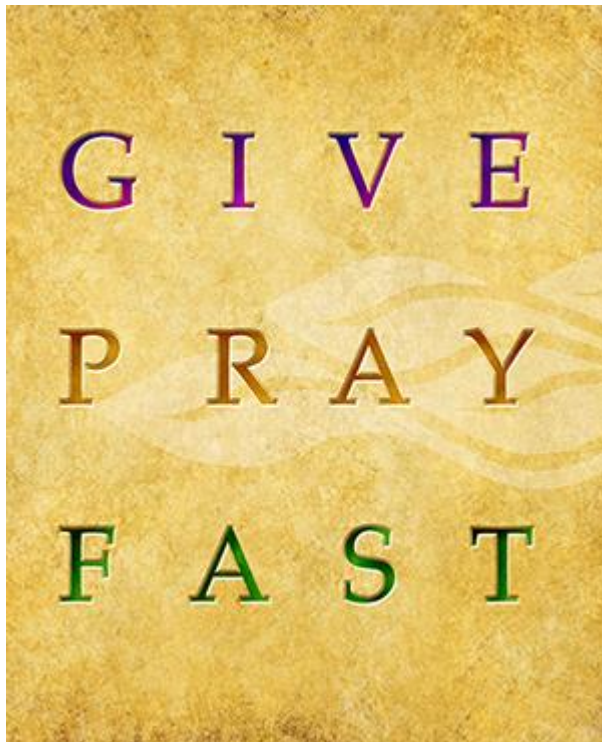
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Deadline for Parish Newsletter

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Almsgiving



Dear Friends,

Ever hear the expression, “Give till it hurts?”

It makes me think of the poor widow in *Mark 12:41-45*:

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

*Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “**Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.**”*

Almsgiving is an act of *charity*. It’s an outward sign of Christian love to provide for the needs of others. St. Augustine described fasting and almsgiving as “the two wings of prayer.”

The Pharisees believed that if they had plenty of food and material riches, it was because they had found favour with God who bestowed all these good things on them because they deserved it. They believed that God ignored the poor and hungry individuals because they were unworthy in His eyes.

Jesus came to change that type of thinking. He taught us that we *are* our sister’s and brother’s keeper. We are to give alms to help the less fortunate in our world. They are all around us, children and elderly, the sick and the suffering. They are nearby and in lands far away.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Now this I say, those who sow sparingly will also reap sparingly, and those who sow bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he or she has purposed in his or her heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Jesus said, “**It is more blessed to give than to receive.**” My hope is that you experience this blessedness that Jesus promises.

Fr. Ignatius Tran

This Week's Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 12	9:00 AM Morning Mass
Wednesday, April 13	9:00 AM Morning Mass
Thursday, April 14 (no morning mass)	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM
Friday, April 15 (no morning mass)	Good Friday Mass 3:00 PM
Saturday, April 16	Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
Sunday, April 17 @ 9:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 10 @ 11:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass

Sacramental Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST:



If you haven't done so, please bring a 4 x6 photo of the candidate and label with their name on the back.

Session 4 on April 30 at 3:00 pm. *(In-person only) – Altar cloth activity (children) & parents session)*

Candidates, please remember to bring you placemat artwork to the session so we can laminate them.

CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

If you haven't done so, please bring a 4 x6 photo of the candidate and label with their name on the back on our next session: **April 10, 2022, at 1:00 pm**

Service project opportunity:

April 10 at 2:30 pm after our confirmation class.

- Assist St. Vincent de Paul build food hampers and join the Lenten Food Drive. Contact Marcia at Algol@shaw.ca ;
- Share your artistic side with the community. Join us after class to paint the glass windows in the hall. Easter theme artwork.



- **Make it count! Volunteers needed for First annual Easter scavenger hunt**
– April 16 from 2-4 pm. Contact Gay at pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca

Candidates are invited to complete weekly lessons from Ascension press:

CHOSEN: YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD CONFIRMATION

Apr. 17- Week 10 | CHOSEN Lesson 21 "Do I have what it takes?"

Easter Break! April 15 -23 Focus: Plan to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during Easter break, Work on completing projects - saints, service, sponsor, Letter to Bishop)

New date: Retreat, Rehearsal and Reconciliation Service

May 28 at 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

June 5@ 2 pm, Confirmation celebration with Bishop McGrattan

PARISH MISSION



Thank you to all that participated on our parish mission on-line and in-person.

Synod Listening Sessions:

Thank you for participating in the Synod Listening sessions. Your participation is much appreciated.



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

Our Weekly Financial Pulse 2022:

Collections Last Week- \$7,267.90

(= 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)

OVER - \$353.90



Hospitality Coordinator

We require a hospitality coordinator to purchase supplies on a weekly basis for our coffee ministry. Please contact the office if you can help fill this important role.

Library Volunteer

Do you have experience as a librarian? Please contact to office for details.

CWL Meeting Update

The next **CWL meeting** will be held at **7pm** on **April 12th** at the church hall. We will discuss several fundraising opportunities and the May dinner. Then we'll break into groups of service, social justice and prayer.

Flowers for our Altar

We need flowers to decorate our church for Easter. Please consider making a donation via the “Altar Flowers” envelopes found in your pew.



Announcing St. Gerard's First Annual

Easter scavenger hunt

Saturday April 16, 2022 from 2 to 4 pm
at St. Gerard's Church

Please join us
for treats,
crafts, prizes
and family fun.
*Remember to dress
for the weather!*



COST: a canned
good or a non-
perishable food
item for St.
Vincent de Paul

St. Gerard's Lenten Food Drive



The **Saint Gerard's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** and the **Knights of Columbus** invite you to participate in a Lenten food drive running from Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) to Easter Sunday (April 17, 2022). We are requesting donations of **non-perishable** food items or grocery gift cards. A listing of food items will be posted on the **St. Vincent de Paul** food bin located in the narthex or on the St. Gerard's website. Thank you for your support.

St Gerard's Lenten Food Drive Hamper List:

Canned Soup	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Pork and Beans
Coffee	Juice 1L
Apple Sauce	Luncheon Meat
Cereal	Soup Crackers
Canned Tomatoes	Cookies
Macaroni and Cheese	Peanut Butter
Jam	Hamburger Helper
Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup
Canned Salmon	Canned Tuna
Pasta Sauce	Rice
Dry Chicken Noodle Soup	Pasta
Toilet Tissue	Hand Soap
Laundry Pods	



Prayer Life

- ❖ For people displaced by war and violence especially the people of Ukraine, that they may always find the support they need from governments, agencies, and people of goodwill, let us pray to the Lord...
- ❖ For the poor, whom God prefers, that their cries may be amplified, heard and transformed through solidarity into actions; let us pray to the Lord...

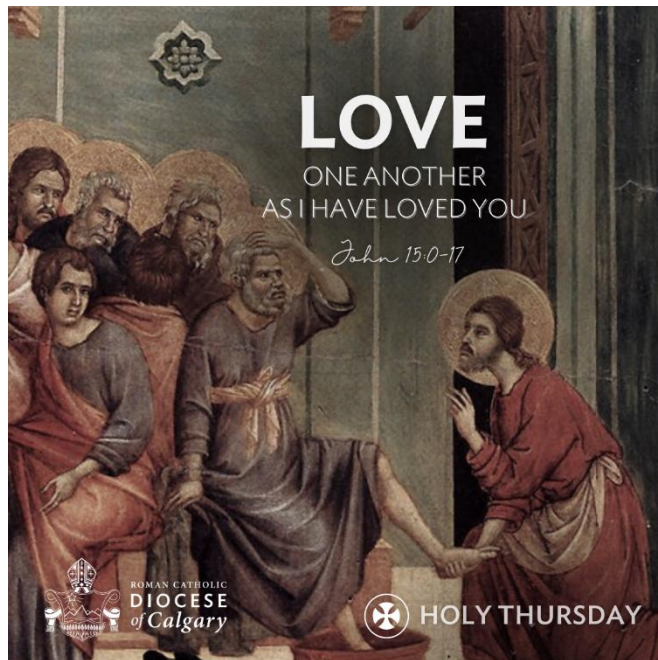


Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. (ORDO)

PALM SUNDAY

- Review the liturgical guidelines for Palm Sunday (on procession, solemn blessing, Passion readings etc.) in the ORDO pg. 199, and Roman Missal (pg. 254-263)
- Looking for a quick FAQ on Palm Sunday to [share in your parish bulletin?](#)

Please find [resources for families or individuals](#) on simple and meaningful ways to draw closely to Jesus in His Passion and Death during the Holy Week.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ, destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering,

Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. (ORDO)

Good Friday

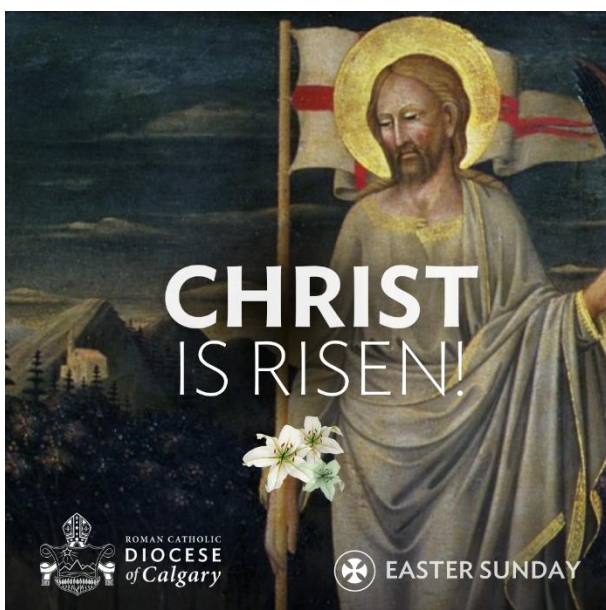
- Review the guidelines for Good Friday in the ORDO pg. 209, and Roman Missal (pg. 295-319)
- **Paschal Feast:** The Church of God fasts today and tomorrow to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of his resurrection. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. (ORDO) [Download graphic](#)



- **Needs of the Church in the Holy Land | Good Friday National Collection**

As requested by the Holy See, the parishes in the Diocese of Calgary will arrange for Second Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land. This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." (St. Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo*)

- Alternatively, parishioners can also give online to the Good Friday National Collection through our website at catholiccyyc.ca/goodfridaycollection



Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday, the people of God remain in prayer and fasting at the tomb of the Lord, meditating on his sufferings, death, and descent to the dead. Throughout this day the faithful are invited to continue the solemn paschal fast which they began on Good Friday. During the Vigil Service, a night of prayer which looks forward to the celebration of the Lord's resurrection, mourning will give way to the joys of Eastertide, which we will celebrate for the next fifty days. (ORDO)



**HAPPY
EASTER!**

Mass Intentions –April 2022

Tuesday, April 12	Olivier Gaucher	RIP
Wednesday, April 13	Henry Donkers	RIP
Thursday, April 14	No Mass Intention (Holy Thursday)	
Thursday, April 14 Mayfair @10:15AM	No Mass Intention (Holy Thursday)	
Friday, April 15	No Mass Intention (Good Friday)	
Saturday, April 16	No Mass Intention (Easter Vigil)	
Sunday, April 17 @ 9:00 am	No Mass Intention (Easter Sunday)	
Sunday, April 10 @ 11:00 am	No Mass Intention (Easter Sunday)	

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to all April celebrants including...

Ron Scott on April 16th

Paul Thompson on April 17th

Randy Langille on April 17th

Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating in April including:

Gerry and Mary Saito – 45th Anniversary on April 22

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

KID Bulletin INSERT – Palm Sunday

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