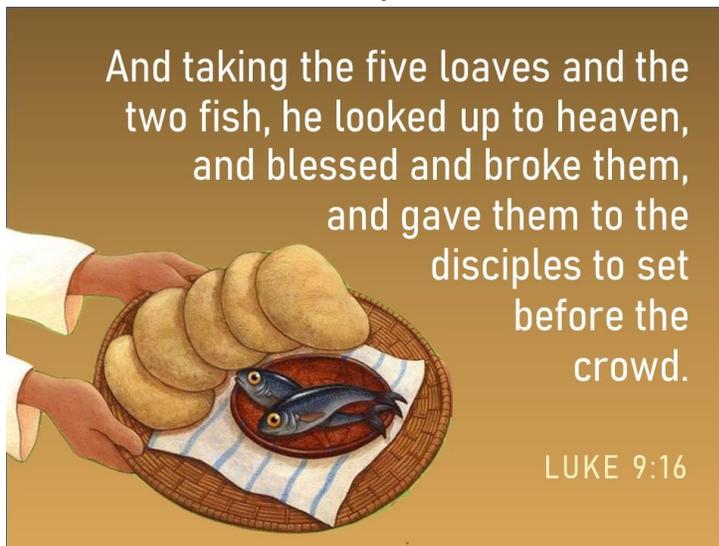


June 19, 2022



Corpus Christi Sunday

Check out Fr. Ignatius' Message:

Being Faithful - See pages 2-3

Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Congratulations! We are on Day 169. 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

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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

BEING FAITHFUL

Dear Friends,

I'm sure there isn't even one of us who hasn't done something they feel they have failed at. We all make mistakes. Hopefully, we'll learn and grow from them so they are not repeated. The scriptures are full of accounts of all kinds of good, faithful people like David, Jonah, Elijah and many others, who have made mistakes.

St. Paul reminds us that **“in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)**

This bible verse reminds us that God can use our failures to **do amazing things despite our weaknesses.**

A parishioner once told me she wants to help bring about the Kingdom of God on earth by being a witness of her faith, but doesn't feel she has made any kind of impact on anyone. I pointed out to her that her children are being raised in the faith and her husband, who did not belong to any church before he met her, has become a devout and practicing Catholic! Who knows how many others are now coming to church because of her influence?

God calls us *to be faithful*. He can take care of the rest:

In the book, Second Calling, Dale Bourke writes that years ago, she attended a conference. When it was over, her friend Bruce offered her a ride to the airport.

As they were about to leave, another man asked if he could join them. As they drove away from the hotel, she and Bruce asked the man where he worked, and he mentioned a Christian organization.

Bruce said, "I have fond memories of that group, because I attended a retreat of theirs one time, and that's where I became a Christian. It was in 1972 in New Hampshire." Bruce went on to explain that eventually his whole family became Christians and went into God's work. His sister was a missionary and Bruce became publisher of a major Christian publishing house.

Bruce finished the story saying that the retreat had had worldwide impact when you think about it.

The man was silent.

Dale and Bruce thought that maybe they were boring him.

Then the stranger quietly said, "*I led that retreat. It was my first time as a conference leader, and I felt like a total failure. Until this moment, I have always believed it was one of the biggest failures of my life.*"

Dale Bourke wrote, "What had seemed like the simple act of offering a ride to a stranger had turned into a powerful reminder that God uses our efforts whether we realize it or not. I may spend the rest of my life doing things that don't seem at all successful. Yet only God knows the purpose."

"I am called simply to be faithful."

God is with us. God can indeed use the things and experiences we have failed at to change the lives of others by using them to teach other people lessons or prevent them from making the same mistakes we have.

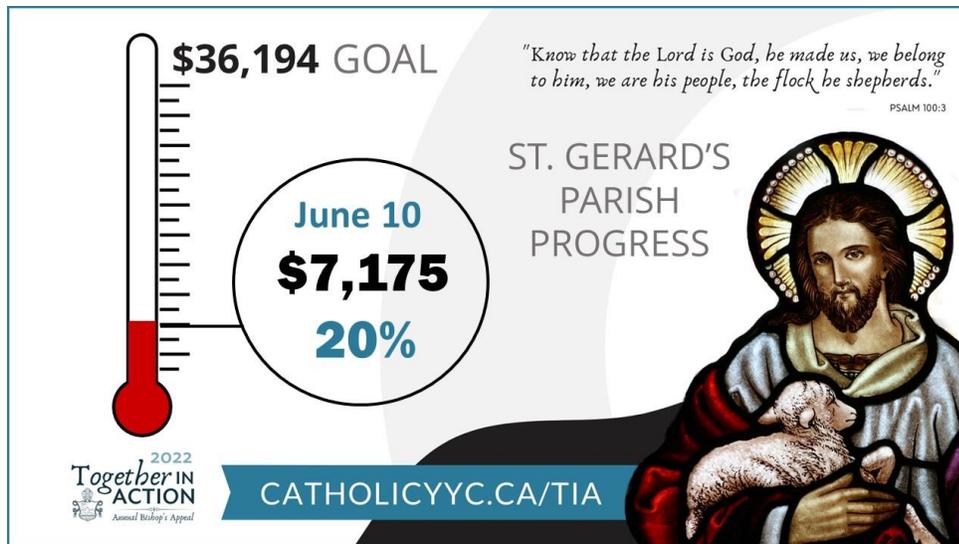
Right now, you may feel like a failure in what you're doing. It's okay! Just be faithful. It's not your job to figure out if what you do (or what you did in the past) matters. That's the work of the Holy Spirit.

We can achieve great things without our even being aware of it!

All we have to do is *our* part and our all-powerful, all-knowing God will handle the rest!

Fr. Ignatius Tran

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



Our Weekly Financial Pulse 2022:

Collections Last Week- \$6,923.78

(= 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 - \$89.00



St. Gerard's PPC AGM (Annual General Meeting)

All are welcome to attend the PPC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **June 23 at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. Following the meeting, a light refreshment and fellowship will be served.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

NOW accepting Sacramental Prep in-takes for September 2022

Calling all unbaptized School-Aged children (ages 7 - 17 yrs old):

Let the children come! Has your child expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Inquire today to become part of God's family here at St. Gerard's.

Visit our website to download registration form for School- Aged Baptism under sacraments for Children 7-17 years.

Now accepting on-line registrations (June - September 2022) for all SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS for **First Reconciliation (Grade 2 and up), **First Eucharist**, (Grade 2 and up) and **Confirmation** (Grade 6 and up).**

Schedule of events TBA in September 2022.

Baptism Congratulations



Isabella Emilia Adams

Benjamin Morgan Adams

Adriel-Marcus Crisostomo

First Eucharist Congratulations



Emily Josefchak

Noah Josefchak

MASS INTENTIONS –JUNE 2022

Tuesday, June 21	Chad Westenhouse	SI
Wednesday, June 22	Jose Yogawin	SI
Thursday, June 23	Mercy Yogawin	SI
Thursday, June 23 Mayfair @ 10:15AM	Douglas Whyte	RIP
Friday, June 24	Margaret O.	SI
Saturday, June 25	Isioma and Komo Amakhian Family	SI
Sunday, June 26 @ 9:00 am	Josefino and Norma Suzara	RIP
Sunday, June 26 @ 11:00 am	Gertrudes & Pedro Orogo	RIP

Knights of Columbus – Spring Meat Sale

The **Knights of Columbus** “thank you” for your support! Remember that the **pick-up date** is **Tuesday, June 21, 4 – 5 PM** at St. Gerard’s. Customers can pull up and orders will be placed in their trunks for them. The Knights of Columbus “thank you” for your support!

For more information visit: <https://fundforward.ca/collections/kofc-bishop-klein-bbq>



Please join us for a

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 19 (Father's Day)
after the 11:00 am mass

Enjoy sandwiches, salad and dessert.

Door Prizes for 3 Lucky Fathers

Come celebrate all fathers with family, friends, food and fellowship.



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St. Gerard's PPC Presents



wine tasting EVENT FUNDRAISER

Wines from *Around the World*

Please join us Friday June 24 at 7 pm

Live Jazz starts 6:30 pm

\$25 per person

Register online by **June 20**: stgerards.ca

Limited seating:

20 - 30 guests max



Support the PPC fundraising initiative on **June 24, Friday at 7:00 pm**. "WINE down" your Friday evening with a taste of wines from around the world.

Tickets are \$25 per person; Seating is limited to 20-30 guests max. **Prior to wine tasting, a free Live Jazz entertainment begins at 6:30 pm.**

Deadline to register online is **June 20** by visiting our website.



This Father's Day we remember and give thanks for the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families. Let us give thanks for our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life; our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life, and God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy. St. Joseph, pray for us.

PRAYER LIFE

- ❖ For fathers, that they be granted strength and courage to lead their families toward a deeper love for Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, that their ministry may be fruitful and be received by the people whom they serve, let us pray to the Lord.
- ❖ For the health of Pope Francis as he prepares to visit Canada in July, that God bless the Holy Father with the strength and stamina to travel to our country for a visit of healing, hope and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

A message from Bishop McGrattan

Over 500 small groups shared what was most important and urgent in their hearts during the Synod listening sessions. Bishop McGrattan highlights the themes found in the responses: "There were many challenges that surfaced during these listening sessions but there was one overwhelming concern which was voiced, and that was for families, youth and children in the life of the faith community."

Read the [Bishop's Pastoral Letter on "Growing in Holiness as a family"](#)

Volunteering for the Papal Visit in July

If you are 18 or older and willing to share your time and talents, organizers are seeking many volunteers for innumerable tasks during the papal visit, from greeting and directing pilgrims, to providing translation services, aiding guests with special needs and performing a variety of other roles, including posting images and messages on social media. If you are under 18, you are welcome to apply to volunteer if accompanied by a parent or guardian. To register, visit papalvisit.ca [Here is the volunteer sign-up link](#). Please share as there is a need for many volunteers! The requests to volunteer will be triaged through the papal visit site.

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to all June celebrants including....

Maurice Beauregard – June 20th

Doug Grabham- June 24th

Ernie Zacher – June 25th

Happy Anniversary to all June celebrants including....

Fr. Matthew Emmelkamp -10th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on June 22

Bob and Elena Kravosky – 48th Anniversary on June 22

George and Vivian Palardy – 64th Anniversary on June 30

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

Around the Parish

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

St. John the Evangelist (1423 8 Ave SE, Calgary) invites everyone to come to the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. This exhibit features 159 panels with photographs and historical descriptions that provide a virtual visit to the places where the miracles occurred, and prove that Jesus is really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Full schedule of the Exhibit:

- **June 18** from noon to 6 pm
- **June 19** from 9 am to 4 pm
- **June 20, 21 & 22** from 10 am to 5 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pearly at (778) 681-9134.

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