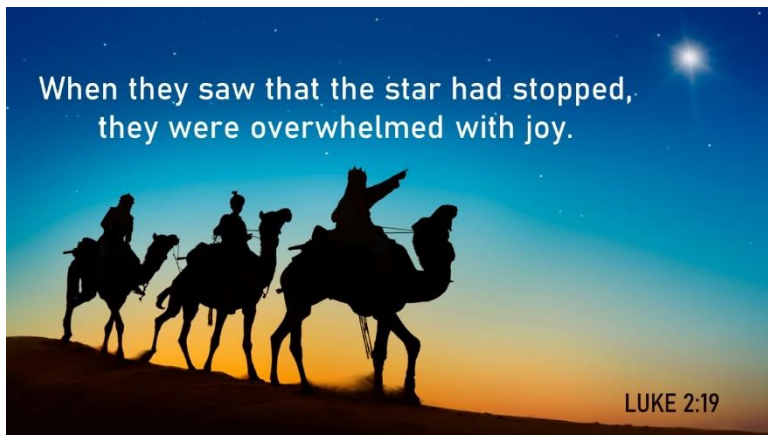


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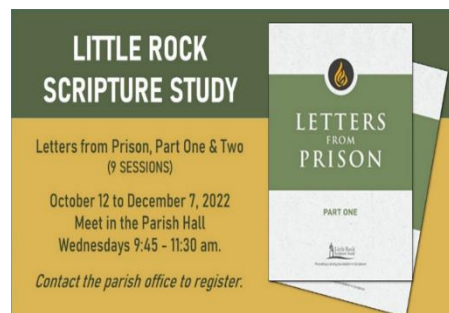
### The Epiphany

### From the desk of Fr. Ignatius:

Effective immediately Fr. Ignatius weekly message will be discontinued until further notice due to his busy schedule. From time to time, he will be back! *Thank you, Fr. Ignatius for taking time in sharing your wisdom. Stay tuned!*

### Letters from Prison Part Two:

Welcome back! **Meeting in North Hall**



See you this  
Wednesday January  
11, 2023, Lesson 4 -  
from 9:45 am to  
11:30 am.

### MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6:30 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am

### ADORATION

Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

### PARISH TEAM

**Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Tran**

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**Gay Abuan-Summers**

Pastoral Program Coordinator

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**Gordon Skaluba**, Maintenance

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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

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



**Thank you for your generosity! You are all amazing!!!**

**Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of January 6, 2023:**

**Collections Last Week - \$20,386.22**

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

**Weekly Break Even - \$6,772.17**

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

**OVER - \$13,477.22**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



### First Eucharist:

Welcome Back Candidates! Parish welcome mass is January 8 at 11:00 am

Session 1 begins January 14 at 9:30 am; plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early.



## CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

Session starts January 14 at 10:45 am

### 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.

Visit our website for detailed confirmation schedule using:

[Children's Sacraments - St. Gerards - Calgary, AB, Canada \(stgerards.ca\)](http://stgerards.ca)–

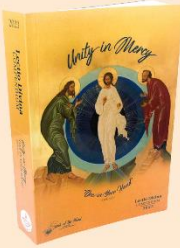
Also, Register with Ascension Press' online course of [Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation, Online Course – Ascension \(ascensionpress.com\)](http://ascensionpress.com) Cost is US \$18.95 and families register directly with Ascension Press.

**The Seeds of the Word sisters will have this available for sale at the advent retreat; \$20.00 per book**

## LECTIO DIVINA

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE OF PRAYERFULLY READING THE WORD OF GOD?

Lectio Divina is a **very powerful method of prayer and formation** for spiritual growth and intimacy with the Word of God. The Church recommends that we do it daily, with the readings from the liturgy.




**STEP BY STEP**

- 1 READING**  
What the Word says?
- 2 MEDITATION**  
What God is saying to me?
- 3 PRAYER**  
My response to God
- 4 CONTEMPLATION**  
The Word that sparks my heart
- 5 RESOLUTION**  
How do I live out this Word

**LEARN HOW TO PRAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD!**

Videos of **Lectio Divina** everyday with Sr. Mary Elisabeth

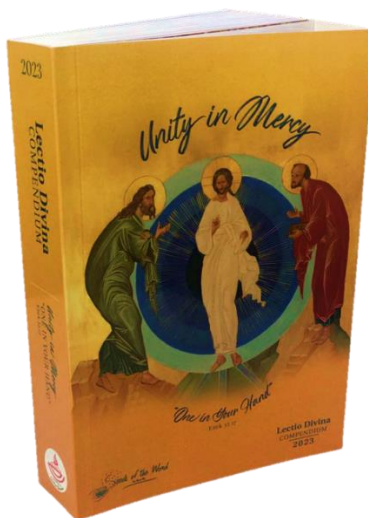
Access the **playlist**



Contact us and get the **Lectio Divina Compendium**: (403) 616-8579; (587) 892-9673

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## CWL NEWS:

CWL Meeting will be held January 10th at 7:00 pm. We will have a speaker or conduct a workshop. Membership fees are due \$40 for 2023. New members welcome! Please contact Marie Robertson 403-710-0391, if you would like further information.

## MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2023

Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm	Joseph John Courtland	SI
Wednesday, January 11 @ 9:00 am	Jacques Wong	SI
Thursday, January 12 @ 9:00 am	John Basciano	RIP
Friday, January 13 @ 9:00 am	Mary Alice & Jacque Girardin	SI
Saturday, January 14 @ 5 pm	David Payne	RIP
Sunday, January 15 @ 9:00 am	Roland Abuan	SI
Sunday, January 15 @ 11:00am	Members of Cappy Smart Band	SI

**\*Accepting mass intentions in FEBRUARY 2023** please contact the office via email or call the parish office today. *The best gift we can offer our loved-ones, living or deceased is our prayer intentions.* **Do you have a person in mind? Let's connect soon.**

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



**Happy Birthday to all January celebrants including...**

Wendel Hoffart 1<sup>st</sup>

Melissa Emmelkamp 12<sup>th</sup>

Gordon Skaluba 14<sup>th</sup>

Miguela Lammerhirt, Roland Abuan 16<sup>th</sup>

**Do you know anyone who has a Wedding Anniversary or Birthday in February 2023? Let the parish office know and let's celebrate with you.**

## SCAM ALERT

Even scammers have a NEW YEAR's Resolution??

**Please disregard these emails**, If in doubt don't open or answer, pay close attention to which email address mail it's coming from. *Contact your friend and alert them their account have been hacked.* Protect yourself by changing your password on email accounts every 3 months. Good hunting!

## Graphic Design Support Needed, 5 pm mass Music Slides.

St. Gerard's Parish is currently in need of a volunteer with Graphic Design skills and experience. Visit website for details <https://stgerards.ca/volunteer>

## Horizons of Hope - Jan 9 @ St. Gerard's

*Have you register yet? Join us, last day to register is January 9 at noon.*

Horizons of Hope will create opportunities for learning and reflections upon end-of-life issues and to promote the need for excellent palliative care. It will assist in clarifying misinformation, and reverse the deceptive messaging found in this increasing culture of death.



All the faithful are invited to take part in the 4-module program being offered in January 2023.

- **Monday, Jan. 9 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 1: Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death
- **Monday, Jan. 16 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 23 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 3: Accompanying Those at the End of Life
- **Monday, Jan. 30 (7 to 9 pm)** | Module 4: Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community



You will be able to choose one of the six following locations: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary); Ascension Parish, Calgary; **St Gerard Parish, Calgary**; St. Martha, Lethbridge; Holy Family, Medicine Hat; St James, Okotoks. Register at [catholiccyc.ca/horizonsofhopec](https://catholiccyc.ca/horizonsofhopec)

## **Around the Diocese: TRAiD for MAiD - Jan 24**

True Assistance in Dying: Why is MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) embedding itself in our country? St. Peter's CWL invites you to attend a session with Peggy Thomson Gibson, MDCM.FRCP(C). She will present how to "Defend the Faith without Raising our Voice" to shed the light of faith through prayer, action and sacrifice. When: **Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7:45 pm**, at St. Peter's (541 Silvergrove Dr NW Calgary) church hall following the 7 pm Mass. Refreshments will be served.

## **TRANSITIONS (January 17 – 25)**

The Pastoral Ministry Office of the Diocese of Calgary is offering Transitions, 15-week peer led support group for individuals who are working through the pain of separation and divorce toward growth and new life. Every Tuesday, from January 17, 2023 to April 25, 2023, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 – 17th Avenue SW, Calgary) No fee registration. Register at [catholiccyyc.ca/transitions](https://catholiccyyc.ca/transitions) or call 403-218-5500.

## **Career opportunities:**

There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary and beyond.

● Coordinator & Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry, Calgary  
Please visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers](https://catholiccyyc.ca/careers) for more information and application details.

## **Warming Stations Volunteer**

Consider helping the Salvation Army's Behind the Shield: Warming Stations and help provide a warm, safe and clean space for those who are vulnerable this winter. Contact (403) 410-1109 or email [cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca)

## **KID Bulletin INSERT –The Epiphany**

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