

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bulletin

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February 10, 2023



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Little Rock Scripture Study presents:
Galatians and Romans

February 15th at 9:45 am – 11:30 am.

Lesson 1 in the North Hall

Check out Fr. Ignatius message:

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Pope's Prayer Intention - February 2023

Please pray for the Pope's intention in February 2023: *Let us pray that parishes, placing communion – communion of people, ecclesial communion – at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need.*

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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)

Afternoons **by appointment only:**

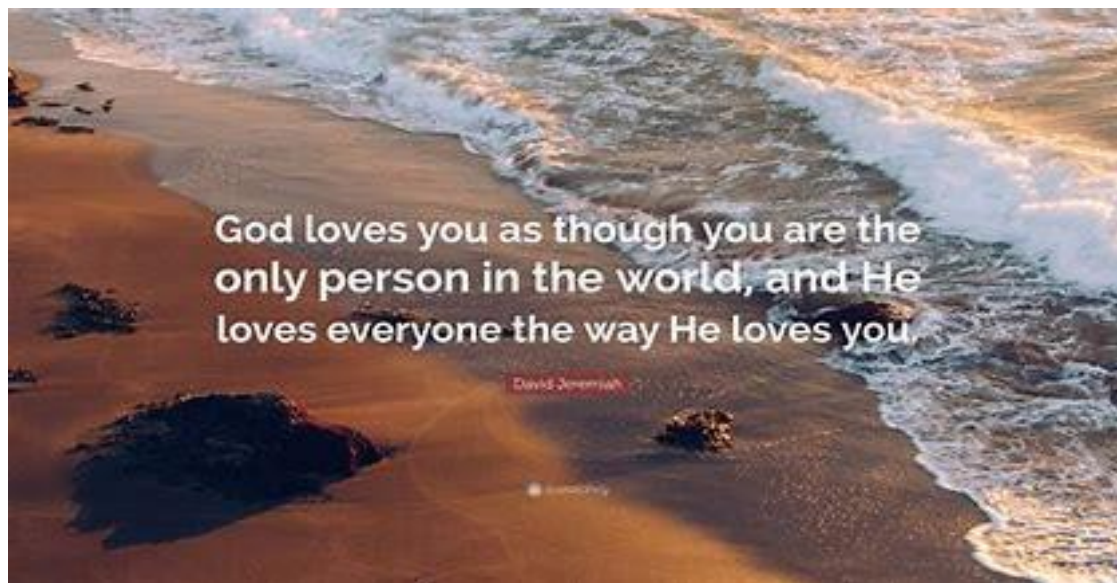
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Deadline for Parish Newsletter

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Happy Valentine's Day!



This is what God wants of us. He wants us to love as He does. He wants us to love our fellow human beings regardless of how they look, where they live or what they believe.

This type of love is more than a feeling. It calls us to action. We show our love by what we do for each other. God's love can be seen between parents and children, friends, romantic partners and even strangers. Some show this love through patience and giving. Some enjoy *giving* more than receiving.

When you give money to help the poor, you are showing God's kind of love. When you donate clothing, coats, kitchen appliances and bedding, you are showing God's love to those in need. When you share your time to help others in any way, you are being an instrument of God's love. When you give to others without expecting anything in return, you are showing God's type of selfless love.

This Tuesday is Valentine's Day. Remember those you love and thank God that you have been blessed with them in your life.

FATHER IGNATIUS TRAN

Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of February 3, 2023:

Collections Last Week – \$7,578.77

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

Weekly Break Even - \$8,184

(= Budgeted Expenses -\$403,931 plus \$38,000 (Anticipated TIA) / 54 weeks)

SHORT - \$605.23

Thank you all for your generosity and keeping the parish alive.

Donation envelopes are available at the parish office or sign up for electronic giving at <https://stgerards.ca/donate>; donations via **e-transfers accepted** through Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca; please specify intended ministry if applicable- ie. TIA, St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Mexico etc.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:



First Eucharist:

Session 3 on March 11 at 9:00 am; plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early.

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

CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

Session 3: March 11 at 10:45 am (Lesson 12, 13.14)

This week read reflections on:

CHOSEN Lesson 10: "Why Tell My Sins to Priest?"



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 \(stgerards.ca\)](https://stgerards.ca)

CWL News

CWL meeting on February 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm; South hall.
All new Members welcome! Tuesday topic: Spiritual Program

Mission Council Ministry



World Day of Prayer for the Sick | Feb 11

Thank you to all who attended the anointing of the sick, Friday, February 10.

As we mark the upcoming World Day Prayer of the Sick on Feb. 11, commemorating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishop McGrattan reminds us to be filled with compassion - echoing the words of the Good Samaritan traveler: "Take care of him". Let us work hard in Canada to ensure improved access to palliative care and other services for those in need - following Bishop McGrattan's urging that "We can, and must do much better".

- [Read Bishop's Message - https://www.catholiccyc.ca/blog/we-can-and-must-do-much-better](https://www.catholiccyc.ca/blog/we-can-and-must-do-much-better) for the World Day Prayer for the Sick

Let us pray: For the sick, lonely and abandoned, may the closeness and saving mercy of Christ bring consolation and peace, we pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS THIS WEEKEND

- *For the sick, lonely and abandoned, may the closeness and saving mercy of Christ bring consolation and peace*
- *For the people of Turkey and Syria suffering from the devastating earthquakes, may they experience the Lord in their midst through the support of the global community during this time of great loss.*



• MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 2023

Tuesday, February 14 @ 6:30 pm	Lourdes Abuan	RIP
Wednesday, February 15 @ 9:00 am	Jemmy Vi Almoros	RIP
Thursday, February 16 @ 9:00 am	Francisca R. Abuan	RIP
Thursday, February 16 @ 10:15 am at Mayfair	Hedy Luijckx	SI
Friday, February 17 @ 9:00 am	Joe Zorko	RIP
Saturday, February 18 @ 5 pm	George John Pereira	RIP
Sunday, February 19 @ 9:00 am	Pauline and Gordon Gerrie	RIP
Sunday, February 19 @ 11:00am	Gloria Almoros	RIP

- ***Accepting mass intentions for April 2023** please contact the office via email or call the parish office today.

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all February celebrants including...

Erika David, 11th

Gerry Preston, Barry Mah 13th,

Beauregard, Valentine, Grace Webber 14th

John Crerar 16th

Allison Fifield, Chibueze Udeogaranya 17th



Do you know anyone celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary in February 2023? Let the parish office know and let's celebrate with you.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training



The Catholic Pastoral Center

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

Save the Date!

Attend Part 1 & 2 for Certification

Part 1: March 24 & 25

Part 2: March 31 & April 1

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE

Pastoral Care Ministry

Visiting the homebound, sick or dying; in the parish or health care facilities.



The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members.

- **Session 1:** Friday, March 24 (7 to 9 pm) to Saturday, March 25 (9:30 am to 4 pm)
- **Session 2:** Friday, March 31 (7 to 9 pm) to Saturday, April 1 (9:30 am to 4 pm)

Location: Catholic Pastoral Centre (120 17 Ave SW, Calgary)

Registration Fee: \$50/person (Covers training costs, lunch for both sessions, and refreshments). Fee should not be a deterrent. No one will be denied participation. Please contact Anthony to make other arrangements.

For more information or to register, visit catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Upcoming Events:

February 22
Masses 9 am & 7 pm

Ash Wednesday

Your father who sees in secret will reward you.

MATT 6:18



Stations of the Cross Devotion

All are welcome to join the community in prayer. Following the 9:00 am weekday mass (every Wednesday – Friday) and every Friday evening at 7:00 pm



Stations of the Cross

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Soup & Bun

Fellowship @ 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross @ 7 PM
FREE WILL DONATION WELCOME



*Thank you to our Ministry Sponsors:
Sacristans, Cards Group, Baptism, Ushers,
PPC, Knights of Columbus and the CWL.*

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Lenten Reconciliation Service

March 16, 2023
7:00 PM

**Lenten
Reconciliation
Service**



Lenten Parish Mission led by the Sisters of Divine Mercy

March 19-21, 2023, see <https://stgerards.ca/>

Pastoral Care: Accompanying in Conflict and Complicated Situations

Join Fr. Timothy Boyle in a monthly reflection on ministry, pastoral care, and the art of accompaniment, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. When: Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 10:30 am at St. Martha's Church in Lethbridge, or join via livestream:

stmarthasparish.ca

Salvation Army's Behind the Shield needs volunteer.

The Salvation Army's Behind the Shield: Warming Stations is an incredible initiative working tirelessly to provide a warm, safe and clean space for the vulnerable this frigid winter. Let's come together and support this worthy cause - consider helping them out today. Contact: cscalgary.volunteerservices@salvationarmy.ca

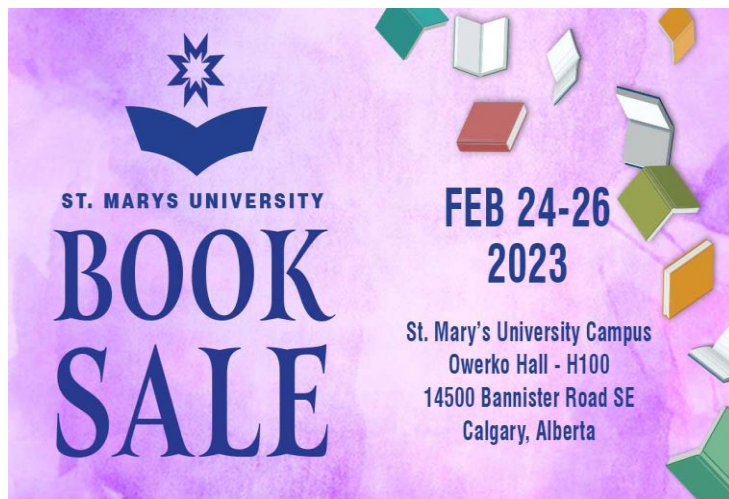
Career opportunities:

The Diocese of Calgary is looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join their team! Check out new career opportunities in the Diocese:

- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) - Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) - St. Pius X, Calgary
- Assistant Care Coordinator (Full Time) - Elizabeth House, Calgary

Please visit catholiccyyc.ca/careers for more information and application details.

St Mary's University – BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 24- 26 (free admission)



St. Mary's University Library is hosting a HUGE book sale - <https://stmu.ca/event/book-sale/>

Accepting donations **January 14 – February 14**; Only on Tuesdays from 4-8 pm and Saturdays from 10-4 pm; Bring donations to Circulations desk library StMU campus – 14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, AB

Donations Restricted to: Fiction, non-fiction chapter books, middle grade fiction, picture books; NO magazines, encyclopedia's, dictionaries or damaged books.

KIDS Bulletin – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHO WAS SAINT VALENTINE?

One of the most popular theories behind the origin of St. Valentine's Day comes from Saint Valentine who lived in Rome during the third century. At the time, the emperor of Rome was Claudius II. Claudius believed that soldiers in the Roman army performed better if they weren't married. Therefore, Claudius passed a law which forbade any soldier from marrying.

Saint Valentine, who was a Roman bishop, started marrying soldiers and their loved ones in secret. When Claudius found out he arrested Saint Valentine and imprisoned him. While imprisoned, Saint Valentine supposedly healed his captor's blind daughter, causing the family of the captor to convert to Christianity.

Feast day: February 14

Patron: of love, young people, interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, plague, fainting, traveling and happy marriages



Prayer to Saint Valentine



O glorious advocate and
protector, St. Valentine,
Look with pity upon our wants,
hear our prayers,
relieve by your intercession the
miseries under which we labor,
and obtain for us the divine
blessing, that we may be found
worthy to join you in praising
the Almighty for all eternity:
through the merits of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Kid's challenge this week

Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. If we do argue with them we must try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible. ***How will you try to make peace with others this week?*** (Source: CAFOD)

VALENTINE COLOURING CRAFT FOR KIDS

In the hall this weekend there is a “Happy Valentine’s Day” bulletin board. Children’s tables will be set up in the hall near the board with Saint Valentine’s Day colouring sheets and crayons. Children in the parish are welcome to colour a page or two and parents can post the artwork on our bulletin board after the masses this weekend. Extra sheets are located in the entrance area as well.

What is one good decision I have made already today?

