

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

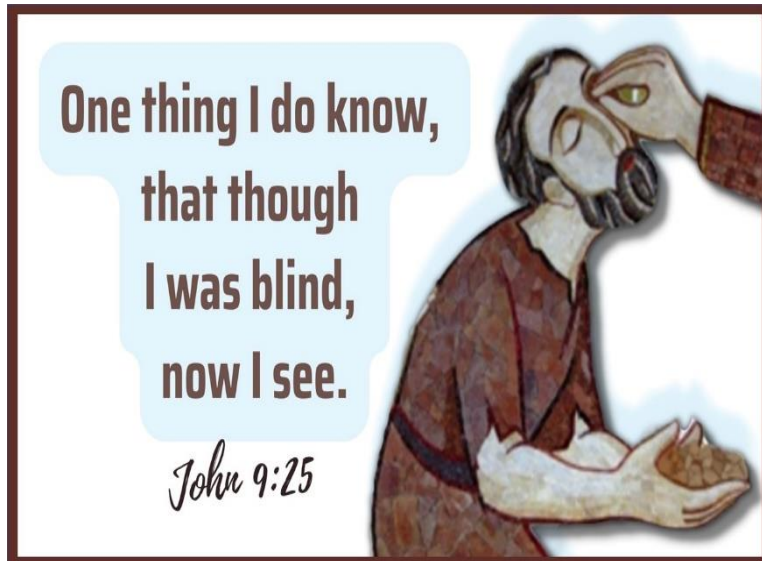
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March 19, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Little Rock Scripture Study presents:

Galatians and Romans; March 22nd at 9:45 am – 11:30 am. Lesson 5 in the North Hall.

Check out Fr. Ignatius message:

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Seeds of the Word community invites you to attend the First Profession of Vows of two male and two female novices who have been in formation here in Calgary, as well as the incorporation of a new missionary member to religious formation. This celebration with Bishop McGrattan will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on March 19 at 7 pm.

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:**

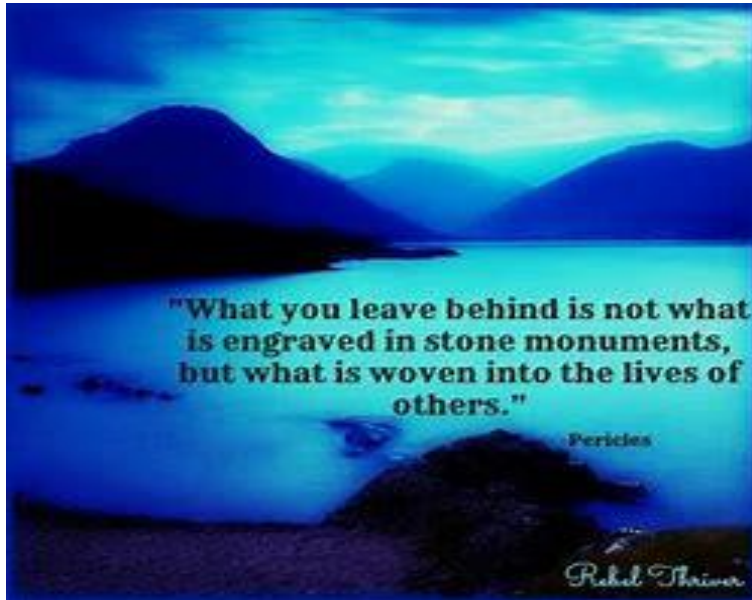
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Deadline for Parish Newsletter

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

What you leave behind



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Dear Friends,

I once knew a man whose motto was, "A man's worth is measured by the amount of toys he leaves behind!"

He often liked to tell others about his huge mansion in a prestigious part of the city, the expensive cars he and his wife drove, the expensive holidays they took, the getaway condo in the mountains, the skiddoos, boat, motorcycles, designer clothing, and, of course, his half ownership of a Cessna plane.

I suppose by that standard, he accomplished quite a bit and he was worth a lot! Hopefully, his self-worth came from more than his material accomplishments.

That's not the standard by which God counts your worth.

How you live your life and how many lives you've touched is more important than how many toys you can accumulate. Your charitable contributions to the needy gives meaning to your life, work and money.

Perhaps, at times, you may think that your life doesn't matter. Don't listen to those who might have told you that you're worthless. They have their own issues and don't know what they're talking about!

You have worth because God made you and so your life matters. The soul that lives in your body is yours. It was given to you by our God for a purpose. **You were chosen to be born and to live in this world.**

Whether you're a leader or someone who prefers to work behind the scenes, everyone has the ability to influence others in a positive way. You don't always know how important the little things you do for others can be. The kind words you say always makes someone's day. The small things you do have a bigger positive effect than you may ever know. Who knows for how long the good things you do may continue to affect others???

Your life matters at every stage regardless of your age. There are things you've learned, life skills, that you need to teach others.

God has a master plan and you have a role to play in it. You have a contribution to make in the world, even if you are unsure of what that is. The world would not be the same without you in it.

Your worth is ***not*** measured by the toys you leave behind. The toys break down, wear out and disintegrate in time as though they were never there. Your *worth* is a measure of the love you show to others, the kindness in your eyes, the warmth in your voice. It's *the people* your life touches. That's what makes our God proud as you follow Him to your journey's end. That's how *you* will be remembered.

That is the legacy you will leave behind.

Fr. Ignatius Tran

HOLY WEEK AT ST. GERARD'S:

- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm
- Good Friday, April 7 at 3 pm
- Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8pm
- Easter Sunday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Holy Thursday is washing of the feet of the 12 disciples. If you would like to participate as one of the 12 disciples, please contact pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca

Following the mass on Holy Thursday, all are welcome to adore the blessed sacrament until 12:00 am (Midnight). Please consider stay and visit with Jesus for an hour, sign up via website <https://www.stgerards.ca/adoration-sign-up>

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the following liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral:

- Chrism Mass, Monday, April 3 at 7 pm
- Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm
- Good Friday, April 7 at Noon and 3 pm
- Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8pm
- Easter Sunday, April 9 at Noon

Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of March 17, 2023:

Collections Last Week – \$7,320.66

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

Weekly Break Even - \$8,184

(= Budgeted Expenses -\$403,931 plus \$36,194 (TIA) / 54 weeks)

SHORT - \$863.35

TIA (Together In Action) to date: \$2,945.00

Donation envelopes are available at the parish office.

Welcome NEW parishioners!! Have you officially signed up to become a member of our parish? Sign up today to become a member of the parish.

Visit <https://www.stgerards.ca/becoming-a-registered-member>

Sign up for electronic giving at <https://stgerards.ca/donate>:

E-transfers accepted through Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca ; please specify intended ministry if applicable- ie. St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Mexico, TIA, etc.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Parishioners, please visit our

Sacramental Preparation board (South Hall) and keep the **First Eucharist** and Confirmation candidates in your prayers. Thank you!



First Eucharist:

Session 4 - April 1 at 9:00 am; plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early. Focus on Chapters 8, 9 & 10.



CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

Session 4: April 1 at 10:45 am (Lesson 21 & 24)

This week read & reflections on:

CHOSEN Lesson 24 "Where do I go from here?"

May 13 @ 1:00 pm, Confirmation celebration (all including ESPP)

Revised schedule posted on our website; <https://stgerards.ca/childrens-sacraments>

Video Presentation of the pastoral letter, view: https://youtu.be/fRmOqT_W2ZY

MISSION COUNCIL MINISTRY

Support the Mission Council by recycling your used cards. Please **DO NOT** cut the



back of the cards, donate as is. Easter Cards are available by visiting the parish office.

Save a date March 25- 26: Browse and pick up your greeting cards for all occasion at the parish hall. Attend Sunday mass, come for fellowship at 9:00 am or 11:00 am then browse at our selection.

REFLECTIONS ON GOSPEL READING – John 9:1-41



This is the second in a series of three “Scrutiny” Sunday gospel stories (the Lenten readings from Year A are always used in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those who are journeying through their final weeks of “purification and enlightenment” before their baptism at the Easter Vigil.) The story of the man born blind is artfully told in an imaginative way, exploring the relationship

between faith, knowledge, sin and vision. Even though the healing of the blind man is the central physical change, the moral and theological reality of sin is equally important in this gospel account. The disciples’ first question, “Who sinned?” and Christ’s answer are provocative still today. The Pharisees are so threatened by Jesus’ action – an action that explodes their neat traditional categories – that they resort to meaningless nit-picking.

1. What sentence or phrase in the gospel speaks to you?
2. Has there been a time when you “saw” Jesus clearly, perhaps in a person, a news story or an ordinary event in your life? Explain.
3. Has your own stubbornness or unwillingness to see another’s point of view ever caused hurt or division?

4. We all have blind spots in matters of justice and charity. They affect the way we see things in family life, work, etc. What will help us to improve our vision, in order to “truly see”?

LIVING THE WORD

What is God’s challenge for me this week? Perhaps it is to recycle old glasses, examine my own spiritual eyes, learn about physical blindness? Or something else?

WHO WAS ST. PATRICK? https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain during the 5th century and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

St. Patrick became a priest and performed many miracles. He converted thousands of people to Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick often used the shamrock to explain the relationship between God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.



God Squad's annual Men Conference!

All men are welcome to a weekend of formation with guest speakers: Fr. Raymond De Souza and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on God Squad's upcoming Conference "Memento Mori: Remember your death and live for heaven". When: March 17-18 at St. Michael's Church (800 85 St SW, Calgary). For more information or to register, visit godsquad.ca/register or call 587-888-5482. Order today and get a [Terror of Demons- Disc Golf set](#) (supplies are limited)

Lenten Parish Mission led by the Sisters of Divine Mercy

An opportunity for a deeper, intimate, and powerful relationship with Jesus: Face of Mercy. The Mission will be led by the Sisters of Divine Mercy, Sr. Katrina and Sr. Gabrielle



MISSION SCHEDULE:

Day 1: Sunday, March 19

5 pm Dinner, followed by 6 pm Angelus & Rosary and First Talk: "Be Not Afraid"

Day 2: Monday, March 20

6 pm Angelus & Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass followed by Second Talk: "Living Your Life with Meaning and Purpose"

Day 3: Tuesday, March 21

6 pm Angelus & Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass, followed by short concluding talk, Adoration, Confession and Inspirational Music (led by the Sisters of Divine Mercy)

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.

Join us for **SOUP & BUN** every Friday at 5:30 pm while quantity last.

Thank you to all guest and our sponsoring ministries.



Stations of the Cross
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Soup & Bun
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
Fellowship 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Silent Reflection 6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

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

Lenten Stations of the Cross also after 9:00 am mass Wednesday – Friday.



Save the Date!
The Catholic Pastoral Center
Pastoral Care Ministry Training

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.

Pastoral Care Ministry Training

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). Note that **all participants must be pre-approved** by their Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coordinator - Stefan Winters, please contact the parish office prior to registration. For more information or to register, visit catholiccyyc.ca/pastoralcare

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all March celebrants including...

3rd – Tom Hand

19th - Ann Sunderland, Gabrielle Aguirre

20th – Christian Cheeseman, Fr. Vincent Ha,
Jorge Perez

21st – Ana Sofia Rojas, Wayne Van Meter

22nd – Brian Suchan,

23rd – Bill Lerner, Amy Langille

31st - Reynald Taguinod



MASS INTENTIONS –MARCH 2023

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| Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30 pm | Lucas Tomes | SI |
| Wednesday, March 22 @ 9:00 am | Nicolas Abi-Rached Family | SI |
| Thursday, March 23 @ 9:00 am | Lorne Stinn | RIP |
| Friday, March 24 @ 9:00 am | Frena Langille | RIP |
| Saturday, March 25 @ 5 pm | Dorota Klimek | RIP |
| Sunday, March 26 @ 9:00 am | Sophie Nicolas | SI |
| Sunday, March 26 @ 11:00am | Elenor Robertson | RIP |

SAVE THE DATE!



In Honour of Father Greg Coupal's 50 Years in the Priesthood Celebration

Please Save the Date- Saturday, April 29th, more details to follow.

Please sign his celebration to priesthood card at the entrance of the church.

Annie Jr presented by St. John Choir Schola

All are invited and welcome for an evening of music and entertainment!

St. Gerard's Colette Martinez is one of the directors, organizer and choreographer for this wonderful production.

Purchase a ticket online

<https://www.sjcschola.ca/anniejr.html>

by credit card or e-transfer with no addition fees. For more information, contact Collect via the parish office.

Important Details:

Play location: Bow Valley Christian Church auditorium [5300 53 Ave NW, Calgary](#)

Dates: April 26, 27, 28th - all evening shows

Time: 7pm, sharp. Running time about 100 min, including intermission.

Concession available during intermission.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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
- Hospitality/Security (Part-time) – Sacred Heart, Calgary
- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) – Sacred Heart, Strathmore
- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Calgary
- Children's Liturgy Coordinator (Casual) – St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary

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



Verve Cruise Week Open House

Saturday, March 25th from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Cruise Trinity Lodge Retirement Residence during our Open House! Join us for live entertainment, themed appetizers, treats and cocktails all while learning about what our amazing residence has to offer when it comes to inspired senior living!



Get your Verve passport, cruise our residence during your visit, and you could win big!

Port with us for two hours of fun:

Caribbean cuisine appetizers

Island-inspired Life Enrichment programs (Drumfit, Artfull Enrichment)

A photo booth

Live entertainment



Call to RSVP!

Trinity Lodge Retirement Residence

Call (403) 253-7576

1111 Glenmore Trail S.W., Calgary, AB

TrinityLodgeRetirement.com



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The Call of the Catechist – A webinar Series Presented by the CCCB office for Evangelization & Catechists

The three-part series will explore the needs of the catechist today and will be of interest to those involved in evangelization and catechesis, including clergy, consecrated persons, lay ministers, directors, and Catholic educators.

- Tuesday, March 28 - Discerning Charisms | Sherry Weddell (Catherine of Siena Institute)
- Tuesday, April 11 - The Spirituality of the Catechist | Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP (Adrian Dominican Sisters)
- Tuesday, April 18 - Theological Reflection & the Catechist | Dr. Anne Walsh (Redemptorist Lay Missionary);

Sessions are from 11 AM –12:30 PM (MT). [REGISTER HERE](#)

Volunteer for L'Arche

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Acera Run for L'Arche fundraising event on Saturday April 1st 2023 at Confluence Plaza at St. Patrick's Island! Volunteer jobs include Course Marshalls, directing runners which way to go on the course. Running water stations, handing out water to runners. Manning the registration desk for race kit pick-ups and shirt sales. Greeting people and handing out medals. We are in great need of volunteers so please register as a volunteer or reach out to Carmela DiMaio at cdimaio@larchecalgary.org if you're interested.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to help raise money for people with disabilities at L'Arche Calgary through their participation. They will meet people connected to the community, and will get a free t-shirt, coffee, and pizza on event day!

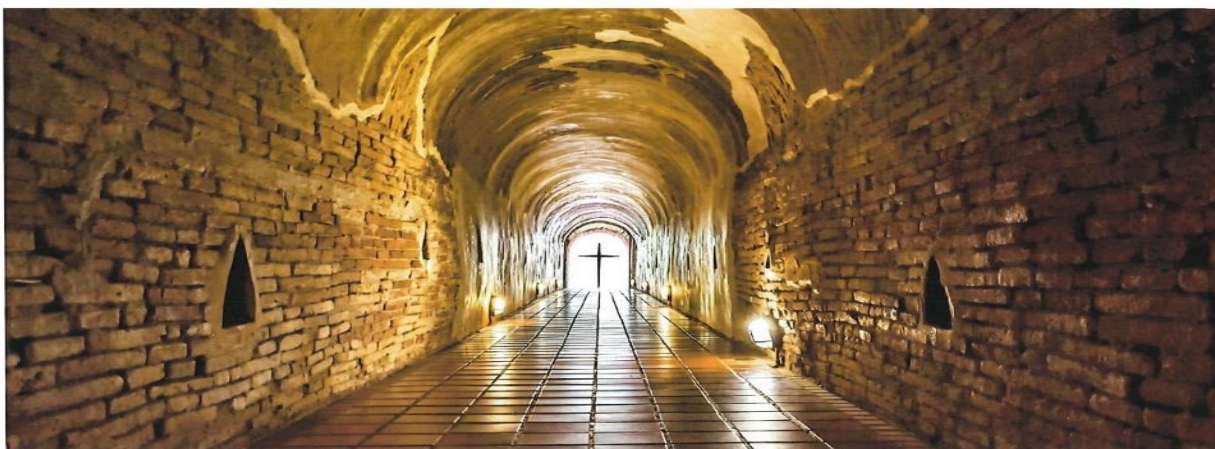
<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/64424/2023-acera-insurance-run-for-larche/volunteer>



[Volunteer details — 2023 Acera Insurance Run for L'Arche —](#)

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raceroster.com



Walking the Lenten Journey

Young Adults Event

COST
FREE

FACILITATOR(S)
Dawna Richardson

WHERE

In person: FCJ Centre 219 - 19 Ave SW

This is an evening of input, reflection and small group sharing, concluding with prayer outside around the fire pit.

STARTS

March 30, 2023 7:00pm

ENDS

March 30, 2023 9:00pm

ADDITIONAL DATES

NOTE

Program designed for people roughly 18-40 years of age.

REGISTER

AT

(403) 228 - 4215



KIDS Bulletin – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Kid's challenge this week: We hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to see things that are damaging the world, and our planet. Let's think of one way you can try to make a difference, to care for our earth and to help people who are poor to change their lives for the better.

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