

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

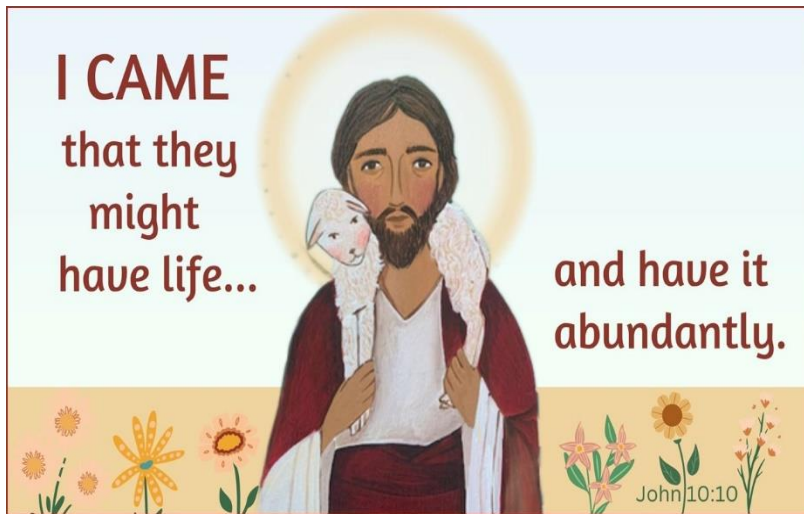
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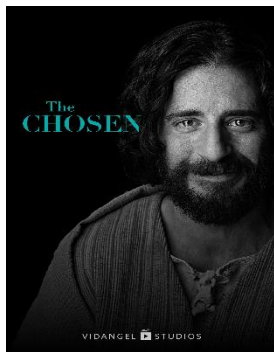
April 30, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Ignatius Message

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The Chosen - COME and SEE Season 1 series **Second Episode** on **April 30 at 1:30 pm**. Join us for a Sunday afternoon movie time with family and friends.

Visit our website for upcoming dates: <https://stgerards.ca/the-chosen>

RSVP **your SPOT** so we can arrange our living room!

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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WEBSITE: www.stgerards.ca

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)

Afternoons **by appointment only:**

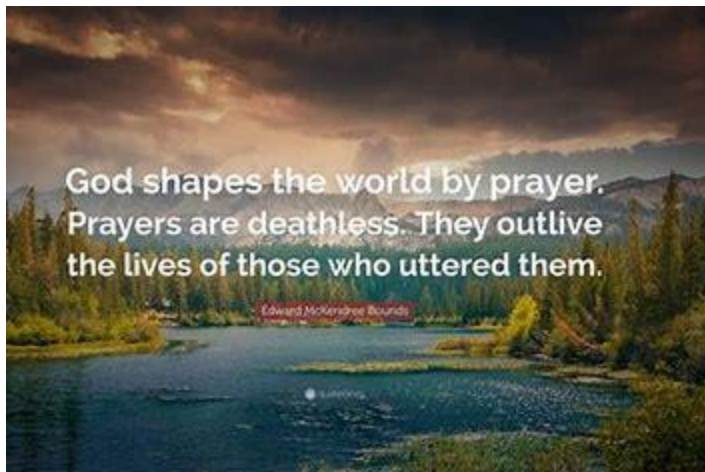
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

Deadline for Parish Newsletter

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Prayer



“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.” – **Mother Teresa**

Dear Friends,

Prayer is powerful! It connects us with our almighty God. It allows us to seek His guidance and blessings. It has the power to shape the world. When we pray, we communicate with our God and share our hopes and desires with Him. In doing so, we are expressing our faith and trust in God’s ability to bring about positive changes. We invite God to intervene in our circumstances and to transform them according to His will. Look at all that Mother Theresa was able to accomplish through prayer!

A few years ago, I was attending an ecumenical meeting on prayer. One of the attendees looked at me and stated that she did not understand why *some people* pray for those who are deceased. “What good does that serve”, she said, “It’s nothing but a waste of time!”

While I didn’t want to enter into dispute with anyone, I felt I had to gently share a different point of view on the subject. It’s true that the dead are no longer *physically* present in this world but prayer is still beneficial for them in the afterlife. First of all,

prayer is *never* a waste of time! Secondly, while *we* may be bound by a linear time line while we live here on earth, God is *not* bound by our earthly laws. Our prayers today for a deceased loved one can have all sorts of beneficial effects for that individual. Our prayers may cause our loved one to have avoided an occasion of sin while the individual was still on earth! Furthermore, praying for the deceased serves as a way to honour their memory, offer comfort and support to their loved ones, and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness on their behalf. Prayer helps us cope with the grief and loss that comes with death. It provides a sense of peace and hope. Prayer *always* works for good. Talking to God is *never* a waste of time!

Let us make an effort to pray more often. God loves it when we talk to Him about our hopes and needs.

Fr. Ignatius Tran

Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of April 28, 2023:

Collections Last Week – \$8,091.06

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

Weekly Break Even - \$8,184

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

SHORT - \$92.94

TIA (Together In Action) to date: \$5,135; 14% of Target

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.

IMPACT REPORT 2022

The Diocese of Calgary is pleased to announce the release of the 2022 Impact Report, which highlights the fruits of your generosity and of our work together over the past year. Read the Impact Report at catholiccyyc.ca/2022impactreport

Little Rock Scripture Study presents:

- **Galatians and Romans**; will resume on **May 3 at 9:45 am – 11:30 am.**
Lesson 10 in the North Hall.

Card Party Ministry every Wednesday after 9:00 am mass:

- ❖ **Join us for 9:00 am mass** followed by fellowship and games – Bridge and Euchre (South parish hall). **Are you able to play?**

Flowers for the Altar

Please consider making a donation for the “Altar Flowers” using YELLOW envelopes found in your pew. **Thank you for your generosity!** in assisting our Environmental team make our Easter Season Special!



Knights of Columbus News:

Membership Drive, May 6 & 7

Calling all Catholic men, **18+ years to join the order that Pope St. John Paul II** referred to as the “**strong right arm of the church.**”

Live by our compass: *charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.* Meet like-minded Catholic men who practice their faith daily with passion and fraternity. **Join us** and experience the joy that comes with a life focused on charity. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Hike for Life - May 13

Sign up sheets in gathering area or Support us by visiting at calgaryprolife.com, accepting donations until **June 30th** and type in **EMMAUS TEAM** (Noreen, Geraldine and Erika) or using link below: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-pro-life-association/p2p/Hike-for-Life-2023/team/emmaus-team/>

Don't miss this chance to show your support for life and family.

Join a peaceful, prayerful, and family-friendly 10K Walk/Hike on Saturday, May 13 to celebrate and witness to respect for every life! Grandparents and elderly are invited too! Tables and chairs will be available. Enjoy live music, snacks, and a hotdog BBQ lunch after the walk! Funds raised will support four educational *Respect Life* programs in schools and the community.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

First Eucharist:

*Please bring a non -perishable food for SSVP for our activity.

Wrap up Retreat and Rehearsal - April 29 at 10:00 am to noon.

MAY 6 at 5:00 pm First Eucharist Celebration, RSVP NOW

for your seat at the dinner table after mass by contacting pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca



CONFIRMATION (Grade 6 and up)

Retreat & Rehearsal: May 6 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon)

May 13 @ 1:00 pm, Confirmation celebration (all including ESPP) Four (4) Altar Servers needed. Contact Owen if interested.



**PPC Presents:
International Foodfest
Fundraising Event**

Proceed towards our Annual
FORMED Subscription.

FORMED Stats: Our parish has
watched **474** unique videos
over **10,334** minutes; Top
watched content includes: The
Last Days and the Passion and
Death of Jesus Christ, Reborn and
Clare and Francis.

The music and band are set. **Now
time to gather the chefs and
hospitality team. Can you
help?** Yes, I can share my talent
and skills in cooking; clean/ set
up; assist serve our guest. Please sign-up using link below or contact
pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca to assist us in this event.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA8A92EA4F8C70-international>

**MARK your calendar: June 23 (Fri) at 7:00 pm, Wine down and Silent Auction
Fundraising Event.** Let's set the mood @ 6:30 pm with Live Jazz band.

*Now Accepting Donations for Silent Auction – contact the parish office.

Your help is needed! The Usher team is
looking for new members. We have returned to
the 'old' way of collections. This means we need
more Ushers to assist in passing of the baskets as
well as other duties.

If you think you would like to join the Usher team,
please either call Randy at 587-777-8925 or email
him at: randylangille@shaw.ca

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other duties.

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN OUR PARISH:

This Easter Season put on a discerning heart and a prayerfully intention.

Ask yourself - *Where are my talents needed today? How can I help build this ministry in our community.* **Yes, we need YOU!** Let us build our parish together with the future generation in mind. Are you interested? Please contact pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca

Volunteer Children's Liturgy Coordinator:

- Twice a month commitment for 9:00 am and 11:00 am mass if possible.

Volunteer Youth Coordinator:

- Once a month commitment.

MASS INTENTIONS –MAY 2023

Tuesday, May 2 @ 6:30 pm	Nazira Abi-Rached	SI
Wednesday, May 3 @ 9:00 am	Rosemary Kevany	RIP
Thursday, May 4 @ 9 am	Flora Sia Cruz	RIP
Thursday, May 4 @ 10:15 am Mayfair	Terry McParland	RIP
Friday, May 5 @ 9am	Bev & Joyce	RIP
Saturday, May 6 @ 5:00 pm	Arturo Gueco	SI
Sunday, May 7 @ 9:00 am	Douglas Helwig	RIP
Sunday, May 7 @ 11:00 am	Deceased members of Manongdo Family	RIP

This May: Devotion to MARY - every Wednesdays & Thursdays after 9:00 am mass

All are welcome to attend!

Every Wednesdays after 9:00 am mass. Join us in prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Every Thursdays – various Guest speakers on how we can enhance our Journey with Mary.



Journeying Together: Hope and Healing for Those Mourning a Child Through Miscarriage or Stillbirth;

Two-day workshop:

- Friday, May 5th, 7 pm to 9 pm at Ascension parish (Adoration, Healing Ministry)
- Saturday, May 6th, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Ascension parish (Talks, round table discussions, networking and support)

There is a registration form and fee to attend. Details in the poster.

Event Link: [HERE](#)

Journeying Together
Hope & Healing
FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILLBIRTH

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.
JEREMIAH 1:5

DATES
Day 1: Adoration and Healing Prayer Ministry
Friday, May 5
7 pm to 9 pm
All are welcome

LOCATION
ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH
1100 Berkshire Blvd NW, Calgary, AB

FEE
\$10 Per Person
\$15 Per Couple

Day 2: All Day Workshop
Saturday, May 6
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

CHILDCARE
Available Saturday only

MAIN SPEAKERS
• Keynote: Eunice Peterson, MA, RPsych
• Fr. Adrian Martens
• Dr. Ivan D'Souza
• Rikka Borras
• Mike Franco

REGISTER at
tinyurl.com/3wcavkf6
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Please complete your registration by May 1st
For more information, contact Anthony 403-218-5548

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary

National Family and Life Week 2023

National Family & Life Week
May 7-14, 2023 Love one another
www.cccb.ca

"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (Jn 13:34)

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate **National Family and Life Week 2023** on **May 7-14**, with the theme: **"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another"** (John 13:34). For more info and family resources, visit www.cccb.ca

KIDS Bulletin – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Kid's challenge this week: Living life to the full doesn't mean having all the latest toys or the coolest clothes or the biggest house. We are called to be the best person that we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use all our gifts and talents for the good of all. This week, think about the gifts and talents you have. What are you good at? Do you always make the most of the gifts that you have? Do you always try to be the best person you can be? (CAFOD)

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