

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Bulletin

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**May 14, 2023**



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## IMPORTANT OFFICE SCHEDULE IN MAY:

May 19 – Office Closed at noon;

May 22 – Office Closed for Victoria Day

May 29 – Office Closed for Staff Retreat

## The Chosen –

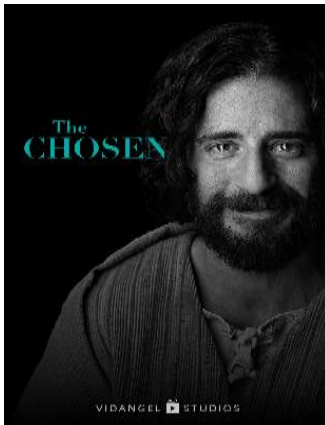
**COME and SEE Season 1**

**series, Episode 6 on**

**May 26 at 7:00 pm.**

Visit our website to RSVP  
and view upcoming dates:

<https://stgerards.ca/the-chosen>



## 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**

[fr.tran@stgerards.ca](mailto:fr.tran@stgerards.ca)

**Gay Abuan-Summers**

Pastoral Program Coordinator

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**Nicolette Eden**

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**Gordon Skaluba, Maintenance**

**WEBSITE:** [www.stgerards.ca](http://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

## Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of May 12, 2023:

**Collections Last Week – \$6,332.05**

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

**Weekly Break Even - \$8,184**

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

**SHORT - \$1,861.95**

**TIA (Together In Action) to date: \$6,480; 18% 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](mailto:Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca) ; please specify intended ministry if applicable- ie. St. Vincent de Paul, Mission Mexico, TIA, etc.

## Little Rock Scripture Study presents:

- **Galatians and Romans**; will resume on **May 17 at 9:45 am – 11:30 am**. Lesson 12 in the North Hall.

## Card Party Ministry every Wednesday

Bridge and Euchre game continues (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!



## Hike for Life - May 13

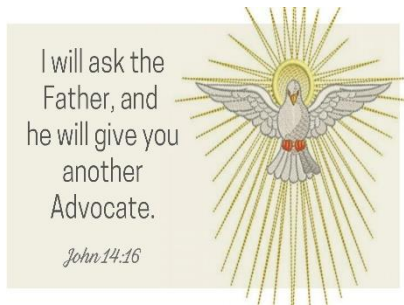
**The EMMAUS TEAM** (Noreen, Geraldine, Dianne and Erika) walk the 10K today.

Let's keep them in our prayers. Support them by visiting at [calgaryprolife.com](http://calgaryprolife.com),

accepting donations until **June 30<sup>th</sup>** and type in or using link below:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-pro-life-association/p2p/Hike-for-Life-2023/team/emmaus-team/>

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, CONFIRMATION



Join us and show your support, **May 13 at 1:00 pm** to **Congratulate 18 Confirmation Candidates!**

Special Thank you to Bishop William McGrattan for coming to officiate and Fr. Ignatius for concelebrating. Cake and fellowship to follow mass.

## PPC Presents: International Foodfest Fundraising Event

Tickets are on sale for our International Potluck/Food Fest Dinner and Dance on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the music from a live band will start at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the office. Seating is limited and all proceeds go to the St. Gerard's "**Formed**" program as well as our **Living with Christ** missals. So, come support our church in a fun way and bring your dancing shoes. We hope to see you there!

**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.



\* **Chefs/Server** - Sign up and bring your favorite dish to the table and **GET a discount** (Half off the ticketed event. ie. regular - \$20 person, \$30 per family).

**Can you help? What talents can I bring to the table?** Yes, I can share my talent and skills in cooking; cleaning/ set up; assist serve our guest. Please sign-up using link below or contact [pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca](mailto:pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca) ; Pick a category to join then click sign up!

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



Purchase your tickets through the parish office (M-F) or by e-transfer to [Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca), on memo - name the event: foodfest and dance and how many in your party?

### **MARK your calendar:**

#### **June 23 (Fri) at 7:00 pm, Wine down and Silent Auction Fundraising Event.**

Tickets are \$55 per person. Purchase the tickets through parish office (M-F). Also accepting payment by e-transfer [Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca) ; on memo - name the event: wine tasting.

Let's set the mood @ 6:30 pm with Live Jazz band. \*Now Accepting Donations for Silent Auction – contact the parish office. Proceed towards our Annual FORMED Subscription.

#### **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.



#### **SCAMMER ALERT – FR. IGNATIUS**

BE AWARE and protect yourself, please ignore emails received from a gmail account using Father Ignatius' name. Delete email and DO NOT Respond. This is from a scammer pretending to be Father Ignatius.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS –MAY 2023** \*\*RIP – Rest In Peace; SI – Special Intentions

Tuesday, May 16 @ 6:30 pm	Maureen Barrie	SI
Wednesday, May 17 @ 9:00 am	Louie Godin	RIP
Thursday, May 18 @ 9 am	Bill McTeague	RIP
Thursday, May 18 @ 10:15 (Mayfair)	Colleen Monier	RIP
Friday, May 19 @ 9am	Jack Barrie, Senior	RIP
Saturday, May 20 @ 5:00 pm	Allan Skippy Cameron	RIP
Sunday, May 21 @ 9:00 am	Ricky Koke	RIP
Sunday, May 21 @ 11:00 am	Lou Palmer	SI

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



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

**Mark Banjavich** on May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Father Ignatius** on May 20<sup>th</sup>

*\*Come celebrate Fr. Ignatius' 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 21, Sunday with cake and fellowship after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.*

## Happy Anniversary to all May celebrants including....

May 15 - **Jim and Melissa Emmelkamp** (52nd Anniversary)

May 22 - **Javier and Colette Martinez-** (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

*Is your Wedding Anniversary or Birthday in May 2023? Let the parish office know and let's celebrate with you.*

## 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](mailto: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.

### New Ushers Needed

The Usher Team needs new members to help with collections and other duties.

Call or email Randy  
587-777-8925  
[randylangille@shaw.ca](mailto:randylangille@shaw.ca)



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](mailto:randylangille@shaw.ca)

## Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

Join this significant event's anniversary on **Saturday, May 13 at 5 pm** - Rosary followed by Mass and candlelight procession at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Calgary.

### A message from Bishop McGrattan

Together with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Bishop McGrattan is urging the faithful to continue to oppose the expansion of MAiD in Canada. The CCCB has just released an Open Letter to the Government of Canada and a Message to the faithful re: *Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide*. Read the Bishop's message at [catholiccyyc.ca/blog](https://catholiccyyc.ca/blog)



A MESSAGE  
from THE  
BISHOP OF  
CALGARY



” As the Bishop of Calgary I urge the faithful to continue to oppose the expansion of the legal access to euthanasia/assisted suicide in our country of Canada.

As a society we must be committed to address the social factors which adversely affect those most vulnerable and who will be forced based on their life's circumstance to consider MAiD - mental health, old age and infirmity, loneliness, marginalization, stigmatization, poverty, and abandonment.

As a society we must respond to these individuals and the condition of their lives in ways which demonstrate that they possess inherent value and **that they are loved.**

+ William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

May 9, 2023

- [CCCB - Message to the Catholic Faithful on \*Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide\*](#)
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## Chalice Sponsorship Weekend - June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>



chalice.ca

### Chalice Sponsorship Weekend

This June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, open your heart to child sponsorship.



*Chalice is coming to St. Gerard Parish! At the June 3-4 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.*

Learn more by watching this link: <https://youtu.be/Hs-4oAtAQfY>



### **CCEF Ignite the Spark Gala**

Please join the [Calgary Catholic Education Foundation](http://www.ccef.ca) in an evening of celebrating and fundraising at **Ignite the Spark** on June 1, 2023, at Telus Spark. Hosted by Michael Chiasson of Access52, you'll be dazzled all evening with live entertainment, inspiring stories, a decadent display of food & beverage, plus an online live auction & wine raffle. Tickets are on sale now and available at <https://bit.ly/Ignitethespark>. Proceeds support enhanced learning opportunities for students and schools in the Calgary Catholic School District.



# St. Matthew School

## REGISTER TODAY!

### Programs offered:

- Regular Kindergarten—Grade 9
- Early French and Late French Immersion Grades 7–9

All families are encouraged to inquire.



CALGARY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



### *Voting like a Catholic*

For Catholics, the voting process is simply a variation of the process we should use in making all of our life decisions: if we turn to God in prayer, He will open our ears and our eyes, and through us he will cause His justice to flourish. Isaiah 35:4-7a

This process will work particularly when the choices are tough.

*It is the moral duty of every Catholic to vote.* We pray that you make a prayerful decision in light of the gospel message and choose representatives who uphold justice, religious freedom, the common good and moral values. **Check out:**

- ["Voting Like a Catholic" guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Alberta party platform comparison](#)

## KIDS Bulletin – Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Kid's challenge this week:** It is often easy to show our love for those people who are close to us. We can be kind and generous to our friends, we can listen to our parents, carers and teachers. We can share with our brother or sister. But we need to do our best to show our love to all people, not just those who are close by. How do you think we can show our love for our sisters and brothers around the world?

(CAFOD)

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





THE CALGARY WOMEN'S CHORUS  
PRESENTS...

# *Cause When I Sing*

**Cody Obst**, Artistic Director  
**Antonina Cox**, Accompanist  
**With Bell Epoque Handbell Choir**  
**Annie Hergott**, Director

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 | 2:30 pm**  
(Doors open at 2 pm)

**ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Advanced Tickets: \$20 on Eventbrite**  
**Tickets at the door: \$25 | Students: \$10**  
**Children 12 and under: FREE**

**WWW.CALGARYWOMENSCHORUS.CA**

Knights of Columbus Annual  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Breakfast*

**MAY 14 AFTER BOTH MASSES**

**\$5/person \$20/family**

**Bring your mom and enjoy a  
traditional pancake breakfast!**



*Fun for  
the whole  
family.*

