

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Bulletin

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**June 2, 2023**



God so loved the world that  
he gave his only-begotten son.

John 3:16

**Most Holy Trinity Sunday**

## Fr. Ignatius Message

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**The Chosen Season 1  
Finale - Episode 7 & 8** on  
Sunday, June 4 at 1:30 pm.

Visit our website to RSVP  
<https://stgerards.ca/the-chosen>

Over the summer, watch The  
Chosen – Season 1 on  
**FORMED** then **COME and SEE,**  
**THE CHOSEN - Season 2 series**  
**coming in Fall 2023!**



## 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:**

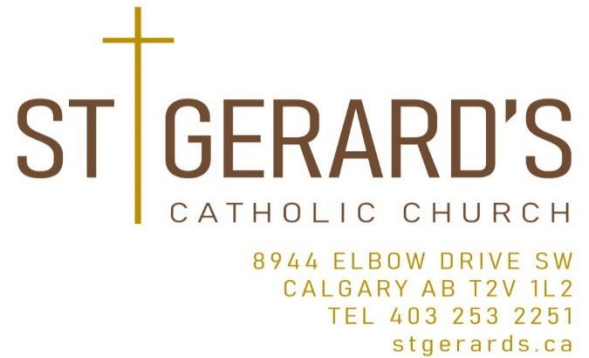
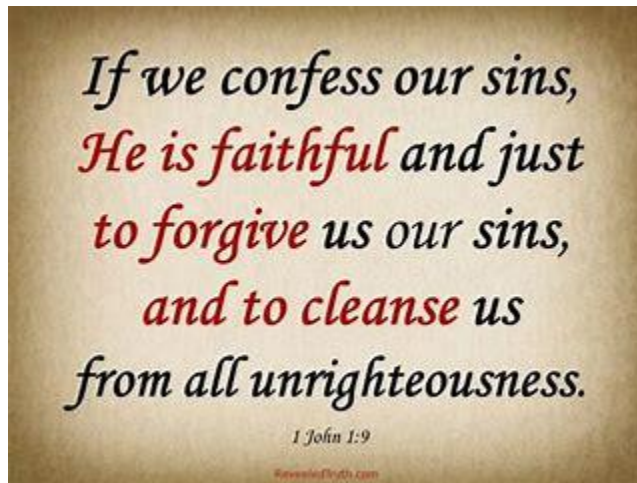
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

**Deadline for Parish Newsletter**

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

## Failure and Forgiveness



*God is the only one who can forgive us our failures so why should we go to confession to confess our failures to a priest? Why is that necessary? Our Christian Protestant brothers and sisters don't do this!*

Dear Friends,

How often have I heard this!

I'm not urging you to do something that I'm not doing myself. Yes, I too, like all priests, go to a priest for confession.

Why do I go to confession? Because that's the way God Himself has set it up. He wants us to go to a priest and confess so we can receive God's forgiveness and absolution.

Our God set it up this way. He wants His pardon and mercy *to pass through* His son, Jesus. Jesus then *passed that authority over* to His apostles. He made them the first priests and gave them the power to forgive or retain the sins of others.

If God had wanted us to **confess directly to Him, Jesus wouldn't have given His power and authority over to His Apostles to forgive sins. He wouldn't have instituted the Sacrament of Confession. But He did.** Why would He do that if **that's not the way He wanted it to be?**

When we sin, we fail God, we fail the person we have hurt, and we fail ourselves. Confessing one's failures to a priest has been present since the times when the Apostles were still alive. The priest represents God and the person we have hurt. He is there to listen and offer sound advice. It's not the priest who forgives our sins. The priest is human and also sins. Forgiveness comes from our God through the priest. We have *absolute assurance* that we

have been forgiven upon receiving the *sacramental absolution*. God knows that we are human and fail. He loves us so much that He gave us this sacrament so we can remedy our souls and begin fresh once again.

**God said, “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.” Hebrews 8:12**

The sacrament of Reconciliation comes to us directly from our God. It's a gift of pure LOVE to you. Will you accept God's gift?

## Fr. Ignatius Tran

### 40 Hours for Priestly and Religious Vocations - June 2-4

You are invited to take part in a 40 Hours Adoration at St. Anthony's Parish to ask the Lord for an increase of Priestly and Religious Vocations in our Diocese. Where: St. Anthony's Adoration Chapel, 5340 4th St. SW (entrance from the back of the church). When: Friday, June 2 at 3 pm to Sunday June 4 at 7 am. To receive the security lock code to enter the chapel, email [info@stanthonysyc.ca](mailto:info@stanthonysyc.ca) or call (403) 252-1137.

### Ordination of Santiago Torres to Priesthood - June 16

Rev. Mr. Santiago Torres, a transitional deacon currently completing studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton, has been called to ordination to the Holy Priesthood on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. You are invited to attend the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood Mass on **Friday, June 16 at 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral**. Reception will follow at the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of Jun 2, 2023:

**Collections Last Week – \$8,209.03**

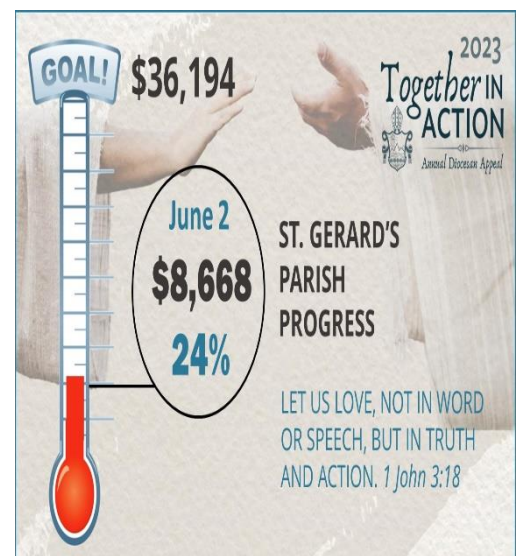
(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

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

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

**OVER - \$25.03**

**Welcome NEW parishioners!!** Sign up today to become a member of the parish.





## Chalice Sponsorship This 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.



CORPUS CHRISTI 2023

*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>

### Adoration time change:

Effective June 20, due to low volume of assigned adorers. Tuesday adoration time will start at 5:00 pm instead of 3:00 pm. Regular mass at 6:30 pm remains the same.



### Card Party Ministry every Wednesday

**Are you able to play?** Bridge and Euchre game continues (South parish hall).

## PPC Presents:



### LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE.

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 a Live Jazz music featuring: Queen and Aces band and very own St. Gerard's music ministry talents.

\*Now Accepting Donations for Silent Auction – contact the parish office. Proceed towards our Annual FORMED Subscription and Living with Christ missals.

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hike for Life – Accepting on-line donations until June 30

**Support** Our Emmaus Team On-line (Noreen, Geraldine, Dianne and Erika) has raised **\$1,525** (cash and \$110 on-line) from our parish!

Calgary Pro-life donations to date are **\$17, 843.00** out of **\$40,000 (Goal)**.

Accepting donations until **June 30<sup>th</sup>** using link below:

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

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

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

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Donna Quigley**

June 4: **Bernadette Smith**

June 5<sup>th</sup>: **Bob Kravosky, Joe Maloney** and **Ed Heslop**

June 6<sup>th</sup>: **George David** and **Carl Jordan**

June 8<sup>th</sup>: **Naomi Besseat**



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

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

Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 pm	George David	SI
Wednesday, June 7 @ 9:00 am	Lynn Dolmont-Ross	RIP
Thursday, June 8 @ 9:00 am	Francisca Enriquez	RIP
Friday, June 9 @ 9:00 am	Corazon Enriquez	RIP
Saturday, June 10 @ 5:00 pm	Maltby & Delaney Family	SI
Sunday, June 11 @ 9:00 am	Kerry Hope	RIP
Sunday, June 11 @ 11:00 am	Vincente and Marcosa Galon	RIP

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN OUR PARISH:

**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.

#### **Temporary 5 pm Pianist:**

- Are you able to play the piano? The 5 pm choir is looking for a piano accompanist. Practice starts every Saturdays at 4:00 pm. Contact office for details.

### 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)

## Free Spiritual Direction at the FCJ in Fall 2023

Would you like to receive eight months of spiritual direction free of charge? The current participants in the Spiritual Direction Training Program (SDTP), having completed one year of training, will enter into their practicum in the fall. They will provide individual spiritual direction to volunteers beginning in October 2023 and concluding in May 2024. It is a wonderful spiritual growth opportunity for people desiring to deepen their relationship with God. Space is limited so volunteers, please apply soon. For more information, and to apply visit the FCJ Christian Life Centre website at [www.fcjcentre.ca](http://www.fcjcentre.ca)

## Rosary of Reconciliation

On National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>), we encourage all to join in a Rosary of Reconciliation webinar at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Poster is at the end of the bulletin. Register for the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6782654566473493087>

## Catholic Schools around St. Gerard's:

Click link below to find out more:

**St. Stephen School** (Southwood, k - 9)

**St. Catherine School** (Canyon Meadows, k - 6)

**Our Lady of the Rockies High School**



**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



## KIDS Bulletin – Most Holy Trinity Sunday

- **Kid's challenge this week:** The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we might believe that God loves us and wants to give us eternal life. The Trinity is a way that we talk about how we experience God's love for us. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to help us with our belief that God is always acting out of love for us. Pray together the [Glory Be to the Father](#) (Loyola Press)
- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)





# **The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

**is offering a time for prayer, reflection and  
healing through praying the**

## **ROSARY of RECONCILIATION**

### **The Glorious Mysteries**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

"The Mysteries offer a focal point for your reflections; they center on key moments in Christ's life, as well as some moments centering on his mother, Mary. Each of the Mysteries comes with a specific spiritual "goal," called a Fruit of the Mystery, for you to contemplate as you pray. The Mysteries provide touchstones of our faith, to guide and shape us spiritually and help grow our faith" (The Catholic Woodworker).



Consider taking time in your day to pray and participate in the Rosary of Reconciliation. It will be a time for members from across Canada to raise their voices in prayer and meditation on the continuing need for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

**Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. CDT (Winnipeg)**

**Register online at**

**[attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6782654566473493087](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6782654566473493087)**

**This is an opportunity to spend time in prayer. The webinar is  
open to everyone—family, friends and neighbours.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**